

Spread *Love*
everywhere you go.
Let no one ever come to you
without leaving *happier*.
- Saint Teresa of Calcutta



Healing and Hope

MISSION DOCTORS ASSOCIATION

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St. Teresa of Calcutta reminds us that we are called to spread love. Mission Doctors have a unique way to share God's love in the world, and the doctors are able to do so because of YOU!

I am generally not one for a "Letter from the Director" in our newsletter, but before the end of this year, the year we are celebrating 60 years of Faith and Service, I need to say "thank you" to YOU.

As a partner with Mission Doctors, your generous support has made it possible for our doctors to care for thousands of our brothers and sisters around the world.

It is of your support that has enabled Mission Doctors to train local medical professionals in Africa and Latin America, ensuring that improved healthcare goes on long after Mission Doctors return home.



You have helped MDA provide opportunities for Catholic Doctors, Dentists, Nurse Practitioners, and Physician Assistants, from across the country, to gather and learn about serving with MDA.

In this Mission of Healing and Partnership of Hope, YOU care for our sisters and brothers around the world with your support of MDA; following Jesus' direction in Luke 10:9 "cure the sick and say to them, 'The kingdom of God is at hand,'" Mission Doctors bring the love of Christ to a world in great need.

Together we have much work to do, and with your help, 60 years will just be the beginning!

Thank you for providing love to the world and me!

Elise Frederick
Executive Director, Mission Doctors

Make a Difference

What you can Do Today

Sign up for our email newsletter at missiondoctors.org/newsletters

Become a member of our Vital Corps, our growing monthly giving program missiondoctors.org/vital-corps

If you are over 70½ or older, you may also be interested in a way to lower the income and taxes from your IRA withdrawals. An IRA charitable rollover is a way you can help continue our work this year.

Just in Time for the Holidays!

Support Mission Doctors Association while you do your holiday shopping.

Visit smile.amazon.com, select Mission Doctors Association as your charity of choice, and a portion of every Amazon purchase made through the site will go to MDA, without any additional cost to you!

Register on iGive.com and shop more than 1,700 stores that have partnered to support charity, and up to 20% of every purchase will go to support the work of Mission Doctors Association.

Thank You



Meet Your Missionaries

Missionaries don't go on Mission, they are sent.

Mission Doctors are sent by all of you who make their mission possible. Serving in response to their faith and sharing their professional skills, Mission Doctors are sent to be a sign of God's love.

We wanted to introduce you to Dr. Brian and Dr. Robyn Jennings and their two young children, Emily and Jack. The Jennings joined the formation program for long-term service this summer. We asked them a couple questions as they were packing to move to the Mission House in Los Angeles for the four-month formation program.

What motivates you to serve? When we think of the sacrifices and gifts Christ has given to us, we want to follow in his footsteps of service and help to build His Church.

Why did you choose to serve with MDA? MDA has a long history of sending Catholic physicians overseas, so we felt we could trust them to get us to an area that could use our help.

What do you hope your children will get out of your three years in mission? We hope our children will grow spiritually and learn to love all types of people.

What would you like to say to the supporters/donors of the program? Thank you for making it possible for us to say "yes," to God's call to missions. Thank you for caring for the healthcare needs of our brothers and sisters around the world.

We will continue to share with you the mission of this young family. Please keep them in your prayers.

Deo Gracias!

Five year old Lucas came to St. Luke's Hospital and Clinic short of breath, coughing and very weak. His mother held him in her arms and his face, hands and feet were swollen. She shared that some weeks ago he had a fever and headache, and didn't feel well.

After my examination, I suspected a kidney or heart problem. Fortunately, we had x-ray capabilities, a machine that had been donated and shipped from Health Partners in Wisconsin. Unfortunately, his chest x-ray revealed a large heart and fluid in the lungs. In addition, because of some generous donors, we were able to purchase ultrasound and laboratory equipment for St. Luke's recently and these tests revealed a kidney disorder called proteinuria. The main issue remained the enlarged heart, which is concerning and very unusual for a five-year-old.

I was able to take ultrasound video of the patient's heart and share the images and information on a WhatsApp consult group. The consult group has thirty American doctors who can look at images and see clinical descriptions of patients as posted. It is all confidential information and neither the patients personal information or picture is ever posted. This group is such a blessing.

We thank God for all of our donors and those who support us in so many ways.

Soon enough, I was contacted by a pediatric cardiologist in Texas and given some excellent direction about his care. We gave heart medications, steroids, and diuretics and soon the child was feeling much better. Through simple persistence, basic technology, the assistance of willing volunteer physicians, and the miracle of the Internet, little Lucas was able to go home in two weeks and back to his family.

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Mission Doctor Dr. Mark Druffner shared this story with us after returning home from Tanzania. Dr. Mark and Mrs. Molly Druffner have served in Tanzania every summer for the past ten years with their seven children. Their annual service has improved the care provided at Bwambo Clinic and supported the Parish and surrounding communities of the South Pare Mountains in Tanzania.

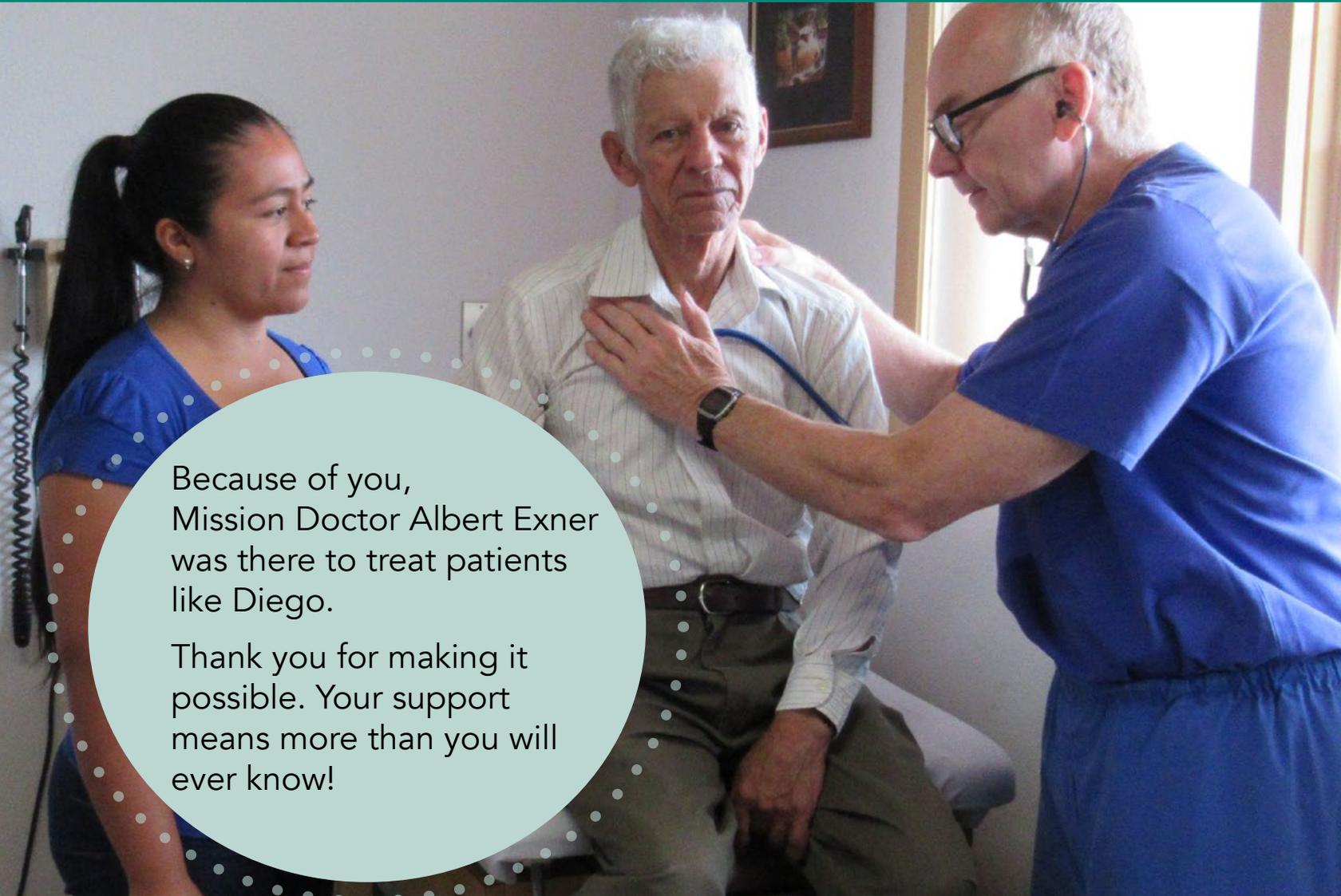


Mission Doctor Mark Druffner celebrates the newly assembled digital X-ray. Visiting and local doctors will now be able to share X-Rays with colleagues around the world.



Because of your support, young patients like Grace in rural Tanzania are now receiving the care they need.

BRINGING YOU CLOSER TO THE LIVES YOU SAVE



Because of you,
Mission Doctor Albert Exner
was there to treat patients
like Diego.

Thank you for making it
possible. Your support
means more than you will
ever know!

Upcoming Events

November 6, 2019: Card Party

Join the members of the Mission Doctors Auxiliary for a day of bridge, kings in the corner or the game of your choice. The day also includes the sumptuous lunch that was the hit of last year's event. Do you need to be a card master? Not at all, come and learn a new game, have a good time — all for a good cause.

March 27-29, 2020: Spring Retreat/Seminar

Doctors and their spouses considering short-term service are invited to attend a Retreat/Seminar at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles. Take the time to reflect on God's call to 'heal the sick' and discuss the practical issues of mission service and obtain CME credits for attending.

Mark your calendars!

Heart for the World Gala - March 7, 2020



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and training for local healthcare professionals
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