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MISSION DOCTORS ASSOCIATION

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Sixty years ago, a Catholic priest named Father William Wasson rescued a starving street orphan from a Mexican jail after he'd stolen money from the alms box at Fr. Wasson's Church to buy food. This humble missionary priest didn't know it at the time, but his simple gesture of love would soon become Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos (Our Little Brothers and Sisters), a Catholic foundation that today operates nine orphanages throughout Central and South America. I recently returned from their Honduras orphanage, which is home to nearly 500 children.

Most of us, when we think of an orphanage, conjure images from a Charles Dickens novel or a Bing

Crosby movie — children born into loving homes, in good health, whose parents died too young.

But in Honduras and elsewhere, the reality is very different. Many of the children who come to this orphanage were abandoned by parents who themselves are scarred by drug use and prostitution, and among these children are several with severe physical and mental disabilities. Virtually every child arrives with deep emotional wounds. They have suffered in ways that only a fellow orphan can understand.

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Doctors on Call for Doctors in the Field

Often times while serving, our Mission Doctors run into a case where having a specialist's opinion would be very helpful. For a family practice physician providing care for a young patient with a rare skin condition, an e-mail from a dermatologist made all the difference.

We are working to establish a cadre of physicians in various specialties willing to act as consultants to physicians on mission via e-mail, telephone or video conference.

The time commitment will be based upon your availability and the requests from the doctors serving.

If you are interested in serving in this important way from your home, sign up to receive questions from our dedicated short and long-term mission doctors. Thank you to those who have already signed up, your time is greatly appreciated. Your expertise can save a life and provide support to Mission Doctors in the field. Contact Elise Frederick, efrederick@missiondoctors.org, to be part of this team of home physicians.

A Great Time for a Great Cause! Your support made a World of Difference.

Friends and supporters from across the country joined us to celebrate the lifesaving work of Mission Doctors at the City Club, Los Angeles. Mission Doctors Dr. Mark and Mrs. Molly Druffner were honored with the 2018 Msgr. Anthony Brouwers Award for their faith-filled service. Attendees enjoyed fine food, drinks, dancing and amazing city views all while supporting Mission Doctors.

Mission Doctors' Executive Director, Elise Frederick, shared **"Thank you for your support in both patron donations and event tickets. Your support saves lives. And, a big thank you to the wonderful hardworking members of the Benefit Committee! This elegant evening would not be possible without these dedicated women and men."**

Did you miss this year's 'Heart for the World' Gala? Next year is our 60th Anniversary, you won't want to miss this celebration! Mark your calendars now - February 23, 2019.

If you made it to the City Club, we shared a slide show of the night on our website.

Visit our website and see if your photo made it!



Doctors Association (MDA) enters this story. By whatever journey these children arrive at NPH, they require long-term medical care — far more than overburdened social service agencies and underfunded government healthcare systems can provide. Many children arrive with life-threatening conditions like tuberculosis, HIV, or sexually transmitted congenital infections. Others arrive with physical deformities and debilitating medical conditions that will require intensive medical care throughout their lives.



Dr. Phil Hawley, Jr. caring for young patients during a previous mission trip to Peru

I met the boy in this photo (on the cover) one afternoon when I heard a child crying outside my clinic door. I found him alone, sobbing. His caregiver had been called away by an urgent matter and left him there, figuring I would find him. Things happen differently in the mission fields.

So let me say: thank you, thank you, thank you! I offer my thanks knowing that words will never adequately express how grateful we are for the many ways you support MDA — through your service, your financial contributions, and, especially, your prayers.

After tending to his immediate medical needs, I picked him up and held him for almost an hour. God may have arranged this time for us — I don't know — but the clinic is always busy in the afternoons... except on that particular day, when time stood still and it was just the two of us.

There's a lot to this boy's backstory. He carries burdens that Olympic weight lifters would find difficult to lift, let alone carry on their shoulders every day, and he bears his cross with a grace that can only be explained by Christ's love. This boy is one of many thousands of children that MDA serves every year in the mission fields of Africa, Central America, and elsewhere, and we are able to do this work only because of your support.

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Philip Hawley, Jr., MD

Thanks to your support of Mission Doctors, Dr. Philip Hawley, Jr. has been able to serve in Honduras, providing compassionate care to children living at Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos.

Thank you for being our partner in this Mission of Hope and Healing.

Thank you for providing lifesaving medical care for patients like little Eunice.

You made it possible for Mission Doctors to be there when Eunice and her mother needed it most.



Thank You

Upcoming Events

September 28-30, 2018: Fall Retreat/Seminar Doctors and their spouses considering short-term service are invited to attend a Retreat/Seminar at Loyola University Stritch School of Medicine in Chicago. Take the time to reflect on God's call to 'heal the sick' and discuss the practical issues of medical licenses, visas, and international health insurance. Visit the MDA website for more information.

November 4, 2018: White Mass

In recognition of the dedicated work of Catholic Health Care Professionals, the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and Mission Doctors Association invites all Catholic medical professionals to the celebration of a White Mass at Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels. Visit www.CatholicWM.org for more details.



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Following Christ's call to heal the sick, Mission Doctors Association provides lifesaving medical care for the poor and training for local healthcare professionals around the world.

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