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Serving long-term at a mission hospital takes a village of helpers.

This is what Dr. Albert Exner, a family practice physician currently serving in Ecuador, has learned over his years of service. There are family, friends, and supporters. A doctor serving at a mission clinic or hospital does not go alone. **Donors like you make all the difference – YOU make Dr. Exner's mission possible.**

Imagine traveling hours by foot in rural conditions, often in heat or rain. You are heading to a doctor who can treat you, but you may need to make a much longer trip because you've arrived at a clinic.

That was the case for many years in the area where Albert is now serving. **But thanks to donors like you and the dedication of the local Catholic Church, there have been changes to the facility that have expanded the care that can be provided here.**

The Hospital del Dia Virgen de Guadalupe has now been designated as a Day Hospital. Dr. Exner is serving as Medical Director here in a very rural part of southern Ecuador. The patients, many indigenous farmers, may walk hours to be seen by a doctor. Some even arrive by horse.

Albert's arrival here means that the
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7 Tips for Great Travel Photography

With tips from Michael Paluska, Emmy Award-winning journalist



Looking to improve your photography? We've created a free ebook with tips to help!

We were lucky enough to have contributions from Michael Paluska, an Emmy Award-winning journalist. Michael has been a reporter since 2006, both behind the camera and in front of it, and he gave us his very best advice.

The ebook features information about photography equipment, shooting techniques, and the best time to take photos outside. We've compiled tips from our best photographers here at Mission Doctors, and putting them to use will ensure that the photos you take on your next mission or vacation are perfect.

Once you start using the 7 Tips for Great Travel Photography, you'll be shooting photos you love in no time! You can download it at www.MissionDoctors.org. Happy photographing!

Dr. Bill Eddy Dedicated Donor shares his love of Mission Doctors

On a recent visit with longtime friend of Mission Doctors, Dr. Bill Eddy, I took the opportunity to ask him how he originally learned about the work of MDA. Bill told me that in the early 1960's, there was a large active group of Catholic Doctors in Long Beach that met every month in support of the work of Mission Doctors and they often heard from our founder, Msgr. Anthony Brouwers. Bill said when it came time for the annual Auxiliary Gala, the group would hire a bus and he and his wife Joan would join the group to celebrate the life-saving work at a venue in Los Angeles. It was always a special evening out for the parents of seven!

While he and Joan traveled and were avid long distance cyclists, Bill's busy OB-GYN medical practice kept them in Long Beach, for which his patients and their families are very grateful! "I never went to the mission field to serve as a Mission Doctor, so I felt obligated to support the other Catholic Doctors who did go," Bill shared. Dr. Eddy also served on the Board of Directors for 10 years, lending his leadership and support. "I also value the personal connection to the organization. The one on one relationship and the personal 'thank you' I receive really matters."

We talked about how things have changed for younger doctors today. "When I went to New York Medical College, the annual tuition was \$800 and I was able to get a meal for 70 cents. With the GI Bill, this was affordable." I shared how MDA is working to assist young doctors serving long term with loan repayment through the Dr. James Carey Memorial Fund, as most young doctors now graduate with loans in excess of \$130,000. "When I graduated in 1952, I had no school debt."

I asked Bill if there was anything he wanted others to know about Mission Doctors and he said simply "They are doing such an excellent job!"

We are grateful to Dr. Eddy for his tremendous support of the work of Mission Doctors and as we prepare for the 60th Anniversary Celebration in February 2019, I told Bill that I really hope he will join us again! We want all those who support the work of Mission Doctors to know whether you've been a supporter for 60 years or 6 months, YOU are our partners in this mission of healing!

Elise Frederick, Executive Director



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change from rural clinic into a day hospital is properly staffed and more advanced procedures will be done. Because of this, the rural farmers in the area will have access to similar resources and care that others living in more urban parts of the country have. They will be able to get the quality care they deserve.

“As the Day Hospital grows, there are many obstacles that will need to be overcome, and I am confident in not only his professionalism, but also his faith and kindness to make all the difference,” says Elise Frederick, Executive Director of Mission Doctors, who has just returned from Ecuador. “The donors of Mission Doctors have really made Dr. Exner’s service possible.”

“ This will mean a huge leap forward in the level of care that these patients receive, a transformative opportunity for the community. It is important to note that this medical care wouldn’t be possible without donors like you. ”

In this community, the most common issues are the many conditions that stem from a lifetime of physical labor as well as all the issues that come along with lack of access to health care and aging. Thanks to Albert’s presence and the expansion to a Day Hospital, patients will be able to seek medical care more easily.

Additionally, Dr. Exner’s presence makes it possible for teams of eye surgeons, dental groups, and other surgical teams to serve at Guadalupe. **This will mean a huge leap forward in the level of care that these patients receive, a transformative opportunity for the community.**

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Your donations to Mission Doctors Association fund the lifesaving work of Dr. Exner and other Mission Doctors serving around the world. Thank you!



View of Parish Church at Guadalupe in the beautiful Ecuadorian Andes



New sign at Hospital del Dia Virgen de Guadalupe



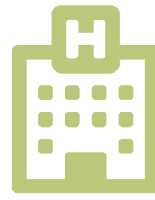
Dr. Exner caring for one of many of the patients, happy to make their way to Guadalupe

Thank you

we couldn't do it without you!

in 2017

YOU brought Mercy
brought Healing
brought Hope



medical
professionals
trained in
twelve Hospitals
and Clinics

12

Mission Doctors donated over 8,000 hours

8,000



30,000

over 30,000 patients
served in 2017



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. 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.

November 4, 2018: Annual Mass for Healthcare Professionals

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 Annual Mass at Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels. Visit www.CatholicWM.org for more details.

Mark your calendars!

60th Anniversary Gala- February 23, 2019



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