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littlest patients
in Uganda
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Healing and Hope

MISSION DOCTORS ASSOCIATION

Hello from Uganda! I wanted to give you an update on the Pediatric and Nursery for sick babies at St. Francis hospital. We have been working on projects over the last few years, trying to help this very much needed area of the hospital. Troubles in the past have been that it's overcrowded, the power has been unreliable, which has limited the type of treatments we could give. But in the last year, between the work of many people which includes the hospital administration, the medical and nursing staff here, Friends of Uganda, Mission Doctors Association and the friends of the Coda family-much help has been given!

Batteries now provide a reliable power source. Before, the power would cut out and infants that were dependent on oxygen would do without and some

would even die.

And, now that we have a reliable source, we can use incubators for the very small, the one to two kilogram babies. For those dependent on oxygen, they can have that now and have the help of specialized pressure machines, CPAPs. With this additional help of basic care, we have done much better. The staff at the hospital is encouraged, families are encouraged and I'm encouraged. So on behalf of all of us, thank you very much.

This came from Dr. Lou and Mrs. Martha Coda who have been serving for several months each year at St. Francis Hospital in rural Uganda, East Africa. Your support provides the loving hands, the machines and batteries leading to Tiny Miracles in Uganda.

New Year

Hospital San Carlos

We are excited to be starting a new Mission location in Mexico this year!

Dr. Robyn and Dr. Brian Jennings and their young family will start a new long-term (3 year) assignment serving the local indigenous population around Altamirano, Mexico.



Altamirano, Mexico

Today, doctors from across the country are coming forward ready to serve.

Your support today is providing the funds for this travel, the costs for their long-term formation, short-term training and so much more!

You are the ones that make this mission possible.

Thank you!



New Missions Partners

St. Anne and St. Joseph
Health Centers

Our Program Coordinator,
Amie Garcia and Veteran
Mission Doctor, Melanie
Elfrink recently visited Kalba,
Ghana.

We are looking into a new
Mission Partner with the
Diocese of Damango.

The Diocese has two health
centers in great need of
doctors.



Damango, Ghana



Prayer Cards

In December, Mission Doctors commissioned two more doctors for long-term service who completed the four-month formation program.

Dr. Zachary Gastelum joins Dr. Lucy Goh at Santa Clotilde Mission on the Napo River in Peru. Assigned to the Diocese of Kabale, Dr. Susan McNeil is also beginning a three-year assignment.

Please keep Dr. Gastelum and Dr. McNeil in your prayers as they begin their mission. If you would like to receive one of these prayer cards, please let us know!



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Gala



IN-PERSON GALA



CELEBRATE AT HOME

FEBRUARY 18, 2023

Join us in person at the exclusive City Club in Los Angeles or from the comfort of home for our first hybrid gala. Visit <https://bit.ly/MDAgala2023> to learn more, purchase tickets, and register for the virtual gala.

Upcoming Events

March 17-19, 2023: Retreat/Seminar

Catholic Doctors, Dentists, Nurse Practitioners, and Physician Assistants Needed! Explore your calling at our upcoming Retreat/Seminar weekend at Loyola Marymount University. Hear from doctors who have the experience of serving in the missions. Take the time to reflect on God's call to 'heal the sick', and discuss the practical issues of medical licenses, work permits, visas, and international health insurance. Visit our website or contact our office for more information and to RSVP.

April 21-23, 2023

Discernment Weekend

Doctors and their spouses interested in long-term (3 year) service with MDA are invited to a Discernment Weekend at our Mission House. The weekend provides an opportunity to meet with the formation team, learn about current service sites, and discuss the joys and challenges of mission life. Contact our office for more information.



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