

*Happy Moms and Healthy Kids  
Because of You*



*Healing and Hope*  
MISSION DOCTORS ASSOCIATION



Mission Doctor, Dr. Goh provides care for a young patient in the HSC outpatient department. Your support of Mission Doctors makes her service possible.

***“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him and he will make straight your paths.”***

Mission Doctor Lucy Goh is entering her second year of service at Hospital Santa Clotilde (HSC), the rural Catholic hospital that serves more than 22,000 people along the Napo River in the Peruvian Amazon region of Loreto.

She shared that this verse from chapter three of Proverbs “helped me to live life one day at a time, to be aware and be grateful to Him for his many blessings, to offer up whatever is worrying me, e.g., about the challenges I face, about my patients, about depressing news of outbreaks of war, natural disasters, gun violence, and the horrendous suffering endured by innocent people.”

Like Mission Doctors serving around the world, Lucy is often faced with the challenges of caring for our poor brothers and sisters with limited resources “The big clinical challenge we face is trying to diagnose and treat patients with the limited laboratory and diagnostic resources available. We do the best we can with what we have here.”



Doctors gather for morning rounds at HSC. The doctors trade-off presenting different patients during rounds, working collaboratively to provide the best care possible.

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This hospital is the head of a network of 12 health units (or postas) along 250 miles of the Napo River and serves 100+ villages and a population of over 20,000. Mission Doctors serving at HSC primarily treat infections, anemia parasites, malaria, malnutrition, and tuberculosis, as well as trauma.

We reached out to the Hospital Administrator, Gabi Filonowicz about Lucy’s service ***“For nearly two years, we have had Dr. Lucy among us who, silently like a little ant, cares for the little ones of the Napo River every day. Jesus has said whoever receives the least of these in my name receives me. So, this is how our Lucy fulfills God’s will every day - curing the children who come to the hospital in Santa Clotilde.***



Dr. Norberto (missionary doctor from Spain), with Mission Doctors Zach Gastelum and Lucy Goh and Sr. Yanabel in front of the hospital ambulance.

*What joy must be in the sky of every smile of the healthy child cared for by Dr. Lucy. Thank you for this great service at Santa Clotilde.”*

Dr. Goh shared that she does not do this work alone “We are very blessed to have our young, dynamic long-term MDA volunteer, Dr. Zach who arrived in February 2023 (btw, he is also an excellent cook and baker), along with several volunteer doctors from Spain and the USA, either volunteering their expertise, or as residents fulfilling their global/rural health rotations. We also had 2 medical students from Rio de Janeiro for a month. Thus, I am continually being kept on my toes with many heads contributing which is way better than only one. Besides sharing their expertise, these visitors or volunteers also bring donations of medicines, medical equipment and supplies.”

**Lucy wanted to share a message with you, the supporters of Mission Doctors “I’d like to extend my heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to all our MDA supporters, prayer warriors, and beneficiaries. Without each and everyone of you, I wouldn’t be here. May God richly bless you all always!”**

**Your support of Mission Doctors, like Dr. Lucy Goh, remains crucial today as they follow Christ’s call to heal the sick. It is your support that makes this ongoing mission possible!**

We are witnessing an increasing number of requests from Bishops, Religious Sisters, and Hospital Administrators. Your generous contributions empower us to respond with a resounding “Yes!”—facilitating life-saving Catholic healthcare initiatives worldwide. Thank you for your invaluable support.

## *Kay and Tom made a Legacy*

At Mission Doctors, we believe in the power of legacy – the extraordinary ripple effect that transcends time, ensuring our mission endures for generations to come. Our Executive Director, Elise Frederick sat down with Kay Minahan a dedicated supporter and advocate of planned giving. Planned giving, often referred to as legacy giving, is a meaningful way to leave a lasting imprint on the causes dear to your heart.

Kay first became involved in Mission Doctors through the incredible dedication of Rita Mason, a former President of the Mission Doctors Auxiliary. Mrs. Minahan continued supporting MDA because as she said “The doctors give up so much and receive so little when they serve. Being part of this is something wonderful. I’ve told many people!”

Kay also shared about making a planned gift to Mission Doctors. She originally considered it after an invitation from Elise and found it easy to set aside funds to ensure the future of MDA. Kay and her husband Tom let their children know about their gift and documented it. Before ending the conversation, Mrs. Minahan wanted to share something with you if you are considering making a planned gift and becoming part of the MDA Legacy Society - “you can know that the doctors are giving up so much and we can make their service possible.”

Thank you to Kay Minahan and all the members of the Mission Doctors Legacy Society for your thoughtful and generous planned gift is a testament to your enduring commitment to our mission. We are deeply grateful for your lasting impact and support.

If you’d like information about setting up a planned gift, contact Elise Frederick, on her direct line 213-368-1875 or email her at [director@missiondoctors.org](mailto:director@missiondoctors.org).

# A HEART FOR THE WORLD VIRTUAL GALA



We will celebrate 65 years of hope and healing, on February 24, 2024 at our annual 'Heart for the World' Gala.

Join us from the comfort of home to bid on silent auction items, learn more about our organization, and enjoy the evening's entertainment.

We are proud to be honoring Mission Doctors, Jim and Roberta Guzek with the Msgr. Anthony Brouwers Award for Faith and Service.

Additionally this year, we will be honoring the founders and members of the Mission Doctors Auxiliary. The Auxiliary have supported the work of Mission Doctors since its founding.

Visit [www.MissionDoctors.org/Gala](http://www.MissionDoctors.org/Gala) to learn more and register.

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## *Upcoming Events*

### **Spring Retreat/Seminar**

**March 8-10, 2024**

Doctors and their spouses interested in short-term service are invited to a Retreat/Seminar at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles. Take the time to reflect on God's call and discuss the practical issues of medical licenses, visas, and international health insurance. Email Program Coordinator, Amie Garcia at [agarcia@missiondoctors.org](mailto:agarcia@missiondoctors.org) to learn more and reserve your spot!

### **Appreciation Mass and Brunch**

**March 10, 2024**

Friends of MDA are invited to join us to celebrate our annual Mass at Loyola Marymount University, in Los Angeles, followed by a lovely brunch at St. Robert's Hall, and an opportunity to meet the doctors who have come together for the Retreat/Seminar.

Contact our office for more information and RSVP at [info@missiondoctors.org](mailto:info@missiondoctors.org).



## **MISSION DOCTORS ASSOCIATION**

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

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