

Impact Statement

2015



*Delivering compassionate
healthcare and the Gospel to the
most needy in the developing world*





HELPING HANDS Medical Missions **Impact Statement 2015**

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November 2015

Dear Fellow Missionaries in Christ,

For 19 years Helping Hands Medical Missions has been a constant force for good throughout the world. From our humble beginnings and first missions in Mexico to our groundbreaking missions in Itacoatiara, Brazil (Amazon) and Ghana (West Africa), HHMM has served on all the continents except for Australia and Antarctica. Through the countless sacrifices and unwavering determination of our missionaries, tens of thousands of souls have been the recipients of your heartfelt prayers, words and actions.

Now we have completed our 19th year as a medical missionary organization. I am so grateful for the countless gifts that the Lord has bestowed on us: the healing, both physical and spiritual, the projects that have been so beneficial that still impact the poor today, years after they were begun, the friendships and the challenges; I am grateful for them all. Each year gives us the opportunities to build on the things that we are doing well and improve on the things that need improving.

Your mission work has resulted in so many amazing moments this past year: the record turnout for the Philippines Mission, the help we provided to Fr. Sosa in Ateos, El Salvador, and the impact we had on the community in San Cristobal de las Casas, Chiapas. You can read about these and our other missionary adventures in this year's "Impact Statement".

Finally, I would be remiss if I did not mention something about the Year of Mercy. As many of you may know, Pope Francis has called for 2016 to be a Year of Mercy. The Extraordinary Jubilee will run from December 8, 2015 to November 20, 2016; this Jubilee, which has at its center the mercy of God, will be a Holy Year of Mercy. We want to live in the light of the word of the Lord: "Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful" (cf. Lk 6:36). The celebration of God's mercy, he [the Pope] said, is "linked, first and foremost, to the sacrament of reconciliation and to the celebration of the holy Eucharist with a reflection on mercy. It will be necessary to accompany these celebrations with the profession of faith and with prayer for me and for the intentions that I bear in my heart for the good of the church and of the entire world."

For you, fellow missionaries, those of you that have an ongoing, almost daily encounter with the sick and suffering, you will be able to pass on God's mercy in a special way through your blessed professions. You are already doing so much in the way of mercy, but I challenge you in the Year of Mercy to live it with even more intensity and love towards your patients and those you encounter on a daily basis.

I thank all of you, missionaries, active and inactive, benefactors and prayer warriors for your incredible generosity given in during these past 19 years. As we begin our 20th year of missions we look forward to another great year of service to the poor and the opportunity to extend mercy to all those we encounter in our lives, either on the missions or at home.

May God continually bless you in doing His work and may Saint Luke, Patron of Physicians and Surgeons, Saint Agatha, Patron Saint of Nurses, and Saint Therese, Patron Saint of Missionaries watch over all of you, both now and always.

Sincerely in Christ,



Lupita Assad, RN

Foundress and International Missions Coordinator



Spotlight On The Missions 2014-2015

Copainala Chiapas, Mexico

Date: August 9-17, 2014 Number of Missions: 4

The missionaries presence led by Dr. Stefan Haller, is greatly felt in the poorest state in Mexico.

Copainala is a steady growing mission.

Patients treated: 850

Missionaries :16

San Salvador, El Salvador

Date: October 24-November 1, 2014 Number of Missions: 14

Besides treating thousands of patients each year, the San Salvador Team, led by Christine Hunter, RN visits local orphanages and the Cerebral Palsy Center delivering many necessary items for each location.

Patients treated: 2,276

Missionaries: 39



Santiago Texacuangos, El Salvador

Date: October 31 - November 8, 2014 Number of Missions: 16

This mission is a wonderful example of friends inviting friends.

The friends inviting friends culture was developed by past mission directors and is now being sustained by Dr. Peter Danis. Thousands of people are being helped each year thanks to the many generous missionaries.

Patients treated: 3,250

Missionaries: 50

Santa Maria de Jesus, Guatemala

Date: November 7-15, 2014 Number of Missions: 9

This mission team serves a large Mayan population. The efforts of Dr. Michael Brezinsky and Ellen Miller, RN and team members have provided the local people new water filters and the teachings of Natural Family Planning.

Patients treated: 1,732

Missionaries: 20

Tanauan, Philippines

Date: February 12-21, 2015 Number of Missions: 9

Since 2005, the people of Tanauan have been the recipients of medical care from a number of great HHMM missionaries. A mission that was almost cancelled indefinitely, due to lack of participants is now one of the fastest growing HHMM missions, which included 12 missionaries from the same family! Thanks to the efforts of Dr. Eddie Jimenez who has led the team for the past 6 years.

Patients treated: 1,614

Missionaries: 37



Bringing the Gospel of Life to the Poor



Escuintla, Guatemala

Date: February 27 - March 7, 2015 Number of Missions: 13

Dr. Alma Levy has been successfully directing this mission for 12 years. Through Alma's determination and loving care for the people of Escuintla they have also begun the planning of a new church building for the community.

Patients treated: 1,224

Missionaries: 21

Ateos, El Salvador

Date: March 13-21, 2015 Number of Missions: 1

An amazing 1,500 patients were treated on this mission thanks to the efforts of Dr. Michael Kloess, and a well-organized ground team. We look forward to future missions at this site and amongst the grateful people of the region. The local parish priest, Fr. Leopoldo Sosa Tolentino prayed for help for many years and now it has arrived in the form of generous HHMM missionaries.

Patients treated: 1,500

Missionaries: 16

San Cristobal de las Casas, Chiapas Mexico

Date: May 22 – 30, 2015 Number of Missions: 3

The community that HHMM serves is located in a mountainous region. The missionaries were especially touched when arriving at the Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine, they encountered, at the same time the pilgrimage from the three Dioceses of Chiapas as they were entering for their special Mass at the main altar. The work of the HHMM missionaries in the Diocese of San Cristobal de las Casas has been a blessing from heaven for both patients and missionaries themselves.

Patients treated: 919

Missionaries: 24



Living the Mission Experience – 20th Anniversary Calling ALL Missionaries, Past and Present

In January 2016, HHMM will begin its 20th year of bringing the Gospel of life to the Poor. To commemorate this milestone, we would like to hear from you, our faithful missionaries. Our goal is to have at least one story from each of the 20 years. We will highlight one (or two) stories each month in the Living the Mission Experience Newsletter.

We look forward to hearing from you.



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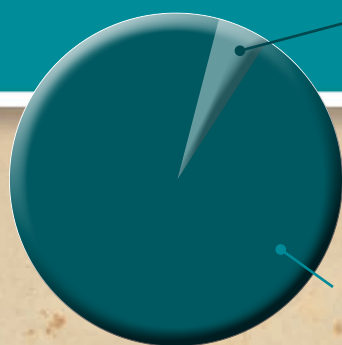
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HELPING HANDS Medical Missions provide a unique life-transforming experience for doctors, nurses, medical and non-medical personnel. We have missions almost every month of the year. Serving some 2,000 poor patients per mission, our missions last from 7–10 days, depending on geographic location.

Mission Statistics

Below are some of the 2014-15 mission stats and all-time stats over the past 19 years.



Only 8 Cents of every dollar goes toward fundraising and management

92 Cents of every dollar given to HHMM goes toward program services

Medical Missions Completed

Total Since 1996 – **129**

Mexico.....	46	Philippines	9
El Salvador	31	Ghana	6
Guatemala	23	Venezuela.....	3
Brazil.....	10	Dominican Republic	1

Mission Participants

Total Since 1996 – **3,707**

2015	223	2005	227
2014	260	2004	203
2013	207	2003	147
2012	181	2002	132
2011	217	2001	174
2010	270	2000	180
2009	205	1999	91
2008	273	1998	79
2007	316	1997	50
2006	235	1996	37

Surgeries Performed

Total Since 1996 – **3,411**

2015	182	2005	182
2014	173	2004	189
2013	142	2003	198
2012	113	2002	179
2011	148	2001	206
2010	261	2000	166
2009	165	1999	144
2008	229	1998	107
2007	270	1997	74
2006	189	1996	91

Dentistry Patients

Total Since 1996 – **15,291**

Ophthalmology Surgeries

Total Since 1996 – **154**

Selected Financial Information

Complete Audit Report Available Upon Request

Independent audit conducted by Carlos Reynoso, CPA

OPERATING REVENUE

	2013-14	2014-15
Mission Fees	\$ 161,201	\$ 131,640
Donations	\$ 89,347	\$ 136,937
Medical Volunteer Services	\$ 953,195	\$ 957,745
Total Operating Revenue	\$1,203,743	\$ 1,226,322

OPERATING EXPENSES

	2013-14	2014-15
Program Services	\$ 1,111,703	\$ 1,127,722
Administrative and General	\$ 78,845	\$ 94,430
Fundraising	\$ 16,809	\$ 15,480
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 1,207,357	\$ 1,376,632

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Mission Schedule 2016

LOCATION	DATE
Philippines: Tanauan-Batangas	February 11-20, 2016
Guatemala: Escuintla	March 4 -12, 2016
El Salvador: Ateos	March 11-19, 2016
Mexico, Chiapas: San Cristóbal	May 27 - June 4, 2016
México: Zacatecas: Tlaltenango	June 3-12, 2016
México, Chiapas: Copainalá	August 12-20, 2016
El Salvador:	
•San Salvador	October 21-29, 2016
•Santiago Texacuangos	October 28-November 5, 2016
Guatemala: Santa María de Jesús	November 11-19, 2016

Contact Information

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