

## January 2016 report of Medical/Surgical Missions

We were involved in the following missions in India.

- I. January 9 to 12 - Bidada Hospital, 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual camp  
We worked long hours on four days and were involved in a total of 85 cases. They were general surgical cases on 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> and cases were of ENT (Ear, Nose & Throat) on 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> January. Dr. Jay Shah and Dr. Patrick Leiter were Anesthesiology residents from Loma Linda University.
- II. January 17 – Valiya Polytechnic College, near Bharuch  
This was a one day medical camp (10 am to 3 pm) where in, we show 550 people, screened 18 patients for surgery and referred them to Vyara for operations. Local medical and surgical specialists volunteered their time. Tarsadia Foundation (Mr. B.U. Patel) helped with the medicines while Mr. Prakash Shah coordinated the event with Valiya Sugar Factory Chairman Mr. Sandip Patel and his staff.
- III. January 18 – Maroli Sugar Factory, near Navsari  
This was our 2<sup>nd</sup> one day camp and was held only for 2 hours (10 am to 12 noon) due to limitations of local physicians availability. We show 210 patients and 4 patients were referred to Surat METAS Hospital for surgery. Tarsadia Foundation sponsored medicines and Mr. Prakash Shah coordinated the camp with Maroli Sugar Factory Chairman Mr. Pravin Solanki and his staff.
- IV. January 19 – Rajpipla Sugar Factory, near Bharuch  
This was our 3<sup>rd</sup> medical camp. It was from 10 am to 3 pm and we show 735 people and had to turn away more than 50 people due to time constraint. Patients here are unbelievably poor and needy. Local physicians and surgeons volunteered their time. Tarsadia Foundation provided medicines while Mr. Prakash Shah coordinated with Chairman Mr. Patel, Managing Director Mr. Narendra Patel and staff of Rajpipla Sugar Factory.
- V. January 20 to 24 – 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Vyara Medical & Surgical camp  
We had women’s care camp on 20<sup>th</sup> and eye examination on 21<sup>st</sup>. Dr. Dinesh Shah provided consultation for Rheumatic problems on 22<sup>nd</sup>. Dr. Shahsin Shah (Pediatrician) and Dr. Aruna Shah (Physical and Rehab Medicine) consulted patients

on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. Surgical camp was held from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> January. Dr. Suzanne Hyun and Dr. Rajeev Samuel, Anesthesiology residents from Loma Linda University attended January 20, 22 to 24. We operated on 95 patients to perform 112 total surgeries. Patients with Hernia, Hydrocele, Hysterectomy and small tumors etc, were helped. Local surgeons and Anesthesiologists volunteered their time. Dr. Ajay Desai, Dr. Hitesh Tamakuwala and Kalidas hospital Staff coordinated the camp. A donor recognition function was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> January. Mr. Vijay Cheda was the chief guest of the event that was attended by donors Mr. B. U. Patel, Mr and Mrs. Ashok and Madhu Patel, Mr. and Mrs. Bhula and Shanti Patel (Parents of donors Bipin and Hina Hira and Ms. Nayna Patel), Dr. Bharat Patel along with many local dignitaries attended the event.

- VI. January 25 – 28, Surat METAS Adventist Hospital  
Dr. Suvas Desai (Urologist from Kentucky) and Dr. Jayprakash Shah (Orthopedic Surgeon from Upland, CA) conducted the clinic on 25<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Philip Ross and Dr. Carlos Sandoval were Anesthesiology residents from Loma Linda University helped with Anesthesia. On 25<sup>th</sup> Drs. Samuel, Hyun, Ross and Sandoval spent time in OR to familiarize with the equipment and drugs. January 26 to 28 total of 27 surgeries were performed. 6 Total Knee and 2 total Hip replacements, 7 urological procedures and 12 general surgical operations were performed. Dr. Anil Kumar, VP of the hospital coordinated the camp. Mr. Nishith and Mina Chokshi, Drs. Bharat and Nina Patel Foundation and Orthopedic group of Dr. Jayprakash Shah donated for the camp.

Drs. Desai, Ross and Sandoval also enjoyed the wedding festivities of Bhavik & Afee (Dr. Nitin Shah's nephew) on 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> January.

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