

Hope for Haiti

“Amputations, dead bodies piled up on the streets, a decayed leg found on the ground, the pungent smell of infection and death, crying children in severe pain... To put it simply, today was a very long, hard and horrible day.”

These were the words of one MMI team member in Port au Prince, Haiti just days after the devastating earthquake shook the island.



MMI responded by funding rapid medical response relief flights that landed in the bordering country of the Dominican Republic. Trucks crossed into Haiti loaded with clean water, food and medical supplies and communication tools. These life-saving items were provided to MMI coordinators on the ground in the Jilmani region of Haiti.



The hospital in Jilmani, a twenty-three bed facility, treated more than 800 quake victims, many camped on the ground outside with no bedding. The medical staff

were overwhelmed with the number of earthquake survivors needing limb amputations. They had to resort to burning limbs just 500 yards away from the hospital.

Both the hospital director and medical staff expressed deep gratitude for our MMI relief efforts, which supplied the critically needed medicine, equipment and food for the overwhelming number of victims who had taken refuge in the Jilmani area.

“The truth is, I’m exhausted, running on pure adrenaline at this point... And yet so much work needs to be done...” concluded an MMI coordinator.



MMI—Providing Health, Healing and Hope to a Hurting World

Your donations are making possible:

- + Haiti
Rapid response relief flights for Haiti earthquake victims – food, water, medical supplies and equipment
- + Mobile Medical Clinics treating the vulnerable in Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Kenya
- + Eye Surgeries in isolated areas of Angola and Zambia
- + Children’s feeding programmes throughout Africa’s slums
- + Health Improvement Projects (HIP) – Hygiene and HIV Education
- + Water Wells providing life-saving drinking water for villagers in impoverished areas throughout the third world

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MMI Eye Surgeries Restore Sight

Medical Mission International recently sponsored more than 200 cataract surgeries in Harare, Zimbabwe. A team of more than eighty, physicians and volunteers, coordinated and performed surgeries in four different operating rooms over a three day period. Local news agencies and radio stations helped spread the word about the free operations. Patients, who arrived from all over the country, were screened for and received surgery the same day. "One woman specifically asked me to thank MMI for making this medical outreach possible," said one team member. The MMI team left extra medical supplies in Harare to allow local doctors to perform up to sixty more cataract surgeries.

"Thanks MMI for making my surgery possible."



Smiles all around thanks to MMI funded eye surgeries



The mobile medical clinics in Zambia and Angola targeted desolate areas. En route, the medical team was challenged by heavy rains, flooding, treacherous road conditions and fuel shortages. After driving for more than five days through fields and bush, the team arrived in Shangombo, Zambia. While the medical team screened and performed surgeries in Zambia, others

began the process of ferrying gear a three-hour boat ride up a maze of local rivers full of tall reeds, crocodiles and hippos, to scout and to prepare for the next phase of the medical outreach in Rivungo, Angola. In total, the team performed 66 eye surgeries and examined 300 patients with eye-related diseases, including trachoma, cataracts and glaucoma. In addition, close to 600 people were seen for general examination with issues like cancer, tooth abscess, dehydration, diarrhoea and malaria. In Rivungo, the medical team documented 120 cases of leprosy and extracted more than 100 teeth. +

Villagers in Southern Malawi Celebrate!

These villagers in Chataloma used to drink water from the same sources used by their farm animals— nearby ponds and swamps. The nearest river is five kilometers away. Historically, in this village, one out of five children under ten years old died from waterborne illness and other preventable diseases. Your donations helped to make this MMI sponsored community water well possible! +



MMI Mobile Clinics Serve Africa's Remote Regions

MMI mobile clinics are travelling throughout remote regions of Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Kenya treating the most vulnerable. The clinics provide services in areas where local people do not have access to treatment either because of cost or distance.

Most patients of the mobile clinics would typically need to travel a minimum of a day's journey by foot to reach the nearest medical facility.

For others, like one woman who lives in the community of Kochieng, in Kenya, medicines are not affordable. The woman walked a mile to the clinic to receive treatment for Sheril, her eighteen

month old baby girl. The baby was suffering from malaria and was extremely ill. The mother survives only by growing maize, beans and millet and had no money to pay the equivalent 1.97 EUR the government dispensary would charge for the baby's life saving medication. "I am very grateful that the mobile medical clinic has come to this community so close to my home," she said with a smile on her face. During the last three months, the Mobile Clinic in Kenya has treated more than 1000 people like Sheril

