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Message from the Founders

THANKS TO ALL YOU FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS OF AHHF:

The 2009 year was an amazing and productive one made possible by you! We held a strategic retreat in August, further strengthened our Board of Directors, collected and sent nearly **\$2 Million** of refurbished medical equipment and supplies to Tanzania, Kenya and Rwanda, initiated rebranding of our newly designed logo (courtesy donation of Falk Harrison Creative, the largest graphic design group in Saint Louis) overseen by Board Members Jan Devine and Barry Horn. In addition we had a very successful trip to Rwanda with

members of our Board and a group of wonderful friends from TriMedx Corporation, a generous biomedical equipment repair company and foundation. We also continued our development efforts in Rwanda, Kenya, Tanzania and expanded our reach to those in need in East Africa.

We offer our warmest thanks to each of you for making these life and health giving efforts a success. In your own way, each of you has improved the lives of those you will see in these pages. As others have lamented wasted aid to developing world countries we hope you will see that your contributions of time, effort and dollars have gone directly to recipients. We accomplished all of this for less than \$70,000! More than

97% of all donations went **directly** to processing and delivery of badly needed supplies. We thank those of you who have delivered enormous in kind efforts to make this all possible!



Spring AHHF Update

2010

Visit to Rwanda!

As mentioned above, members of our Board as well as leaders and family of Trimedx Foundation visited Rwanda in March. We all spent time with the PEACE Coalition Ministers (see photo), and met with Bishop John and our friends from Bridge2Rwanda, where we also had members of our team visit the Imbibazi Orphanage and the Shiyra Hospital. We had the pleasure of attending Church Services celebrated by the primary school students of Bishop John's Sunrise School in the Musanzi District of Rwanda where future leaders are being nurtured.

Jan Ranger and her sons Ben and Sam also spent a great deal of time with children of the CALM Orphanage while in Kigali, courtesy of founders of the institution, Chantal and Laurent Mbanda. Laurent Mbanda is now the new Bishop of the Musanzi region, filling the shoes of Bishop John, and we wish them both blessings as they transition.

We met with governmental officials as well as the Partners in Health leadership to strategize moving forward. The trip to Shiyra Hospital, far atop a mountain in northern Rwanda was a highlight, and equipment is already being gathered to help Dr's Caleb and Louise King in their efforts to improve health in this area of the country. Caleb and Louise are both Harvard trained doctors who are raising their children and revitalizing a hospital in remote Rwanda.



Carol Weisman also spent time with Dr. Jacobson's wife, Linda, at the 'plaster house' for burn and orthopedic patients in Tanzania on the trip., and Mary is hatching plans to help change the village of Longido as it builds it's distict infrastructure, clinic and hospital.

THE FUTURE:

The needs for basic health equipment for East Africa are basic but essential. Through all of our efforts great progress is being made! As we plan the future, we will need to build internal AHHF capacity in order to expand our work, and we are actively pursuing such help. As we apply for grants and encourage support, we continue to gather equipment .

[Lend a Hand!](#)



Children at the 'plaster house of Arusha, where orthopedic injuries and burns are attended (above and left), and patients and beds at Shiyra Hospital in Rwanda (below and left)



We completed our major shipment delivery to Kibuye Hospital in Western Rwanda, part of the PEACE initiative. This 40' container, pictured at right, was full of equipment refurbished by our wonderful friends at TriMedx Foundation. TriMedx also performed similar work on the shipments to Murgwanza, Tanzania, and the equipment en route to Partners in Health Rinkwavu Hospital, Rwanda. The shipments were generously processed by Global Health Ministries and by Hospital Sisters Mission Outreach, who also donated supplies along with our major donor, BJC Healthcare. The cargo containers are completely packed (RIGHT) and carefully logged for delivery, and below you will find some photographs of items received by the hospitals and schools to whom your generous help has gone. We thank each and every individual involved in these efforts, from our cash donors to our volunteers!



We are preparing an exciting ambulance refurbishing project, readying currently supplies for Shiyra Distric Hospital in Rwanda, and assessing needs in a hospital in Southern Uganda. We are also deciding on locations to which to send equipment and beds kindly donated by SSM Health and Albericil!

From: rick warren

Date: Mon, 18 Jan 2010 14:28:02 -0800

To: Jeffrey Rose, Jill DiSalvo

Subject: A million thanks!

Dear Jeff and Jill,

I just wanted to personally say thanks to you for your help with the PEACE plan efforts in Kibuye. You guys are an answer to prayer. You are angels in my book! We are all so grateful.

God bless you!

Rick

Rick Warren

P.E.A.C.E. Coalition



Through the kindness of Wiggins School District in Colorado, the shipment to Bazi Kanani 's family village of Niamyaga, Tanzania (packing above) arrived at the Murgwanza Hospital (see unloaded below). It also contained many school supplies donated for the impoverished students at the village schools (see below left).



The Arusha Lutheran Medical Center (ALMC) CT Scanner

AHHF introduced TriMedx Foundation and their Executive Director, Tim Moss, to Global Health Ministries, and they generously sent biomedical engineers to Arusha, Tanzania to install the donated CT Scanner as volunteers. They did a superb job under difficult circumstances and got everything in place; they are returning to finalize installation of the machine in June! Careful balancing of the machine gantry, replacement of a number of computer control boards, and protection from electrical surges that are the norm in East Africa were applied. A brand new CT tube (which generates the images inside the gantry) and several replacement or upgrade items were donated by TriMedx and Global Health Ministries for the effort. Some parts were even hand carried in luggage by travelers to and from Arusha over several months!



ALMC Director Dr. Mark Jacobson (above) happily awaits finalization of the CT installation at his hospital in Tanzania. His will be one of only three 'operative' such machines in the entire country. The photograph was taken by one of our Board Members, Carol Weisman, when we visited East Africa with her and our Board Secretary Mary Colacurci, and Annie Horn, daughter of Board member Barry Horn, in March of this year.



Other Activities:

The shipment readied for the Rinkwavu Hospital, part of Dr. Paul Farmer's efforts in Rwanda, will equip a neonatal unit for Dr. Sara Stulac (left). Our entire group (Jeff, Jill, Carol Weisman, Mary Colacurci, Annie Horn, Members of Trimedix Foundation—Greg Ranger and his wife—Jan and two children—Ben and Sam, and Executive Director Tim Moss) visited the Rinkwavu facility.

The Ranger's and Mr. Moss were so touched by the efforts and their 'home visits' that they actually purchased and arranged for a prosthetic leg for one patient, and bought a livable home for a terribly unfortunate family with fatherless children struggling with AIDS, sleeping on concrete and suffering in the rains of their completely dilapidated home (left). There is nothing more moving than seeing the impact one can have on the lives of others.



Leadership:

Jim Morrison, MBA, has joined our Board as Treasurer, and along with volunteers Betsy and Tom Meier and Connie Nash have created our donor software program and labored intensely to populate QuickBooks with all of our financial data for reporting. Our Form 990 is in the process of being filed by Rubin Brown (thanks John Butler) and a special thanks goes out to David Powell and his attorney group in Denver who have rewritten and simplified our Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws and reviewed our new logo for Trademark (thanks Jan and Barry!). We also thank Christin Pryor and Bruce Hanan as well as Sherre Waggoner who are helping with grant proposals, Vicky McMonagle, and all our Board members who are personally supporting us financially (and in particular the Davis's for the wonderful party they held to AHHF benefit in December)!

The donations in kind from BJC Healthcare, Falk Harrison Creative (special thanks to Jan Devine and Barry Horn), Alberici, SSM and our many volunteers are deeply useful, important and appreciated. And none of this work could be done without each of your ongoing donations and financial support.



Our group with the members of the PEACE Coalition outside of Kigali

New Hospital and Clinics for Partners in Health, Butaro, Rwanda

A new hospital intended to be a flagship effort for Rwanda rises (see photos below and email from [Dr. Farmer](#), right) in the northern area of Rwanda. They are in desperate need of all kinds of medical equipment, and we are working with the government of Rwanda and with TriMedx and PIH to add our heft to this work.



Dear jeff and jill

Thanks for this great news. Am in haiti these days for obvious reasons but Rwanda is no less in my heart. And equipping the hospitals with first-rate, serviceable stuff is always on my mind. We are especially glad you understand the special challenge of Butaro: its really our flagship effort for the past couple of years (even though, worldwide, we are working in about 50 hospitals) and wed like everything to look perfect.

Butaro needs to be the example of what a world-class hospital in rural africa should look like and we can't pull that off without partners who are committed to making things run smoothly over the short- and long-term
Am copying peter and ted so they'll share this good news
Gratefully
Paul



A student at the service in the chapel at Bishop John's Sonrise School in Musanzi (left), and our group (right) gathered around Bishop John along with our friends from Bridge2Rwanda.

