

# Global Medical Volunteers Newsletter 2016



Hospital in Mon State, Myanmar



Dr. Chamberlin & Dr. Ghalyaie demonstrating abdominal surgery

## Hanoi, Vietnam - October 2015

Dr. Ronald Chamberlain and Dr. Nasrin Ghalyaie and I visited the general hospital, Hospital-E.

Dr. Chamberlain conducted a symposium on advanced techniques of laparoscopic abdominal surgeries that the Vietnamese surgeons were unfamiliar with.

Dr. Chamberlain demonstrated complicated applications of these techniques to the Vietnamese surgeons. Dr. Ghalyaie is an expert in laparoscopic colorectal surgery and performed practical surgical techniques as well.

I donated a generator and surgical equipment necessary to perform advanced techniques in prostatic surgery. I did several cases with the Vietnamese urologists and I am confident that they will become proficient in these techniques. I will be following up in one year to determine their proficiency.



Dr. Zelikovsky demonstrating new prostatic surgery technique



Dr. Zelikovsky donating urological equipment to Hospital-E

## Present and Future Programs



Hospital at Oak Po

### Myanmar (Burma) - March 2016

At the suggestion of the Border Area Development Association, a foundation made up of retired Burmese physicians and ambassadors, we visited 2 hospitals.

They identified two Buddhist hospitals that wish to expand their surgical capabilities and asked if I could visit these facilities to give my opinion on how they should proceed. These two facilities are in small rural areas, about five to seven hours respectively from Yangon, in Mon State and Oak Po. Each of these hospitals are funded by Burmese industrialists who will finance the project. We suggested plans on how they can increase the number of operating rooms, expand their laboratory, and blood bank. Each hospital lacked experienced surgeons. Once their development of their facilities are complete, I will try to furnish surgeons of different specialties to give on-site training at these two locations.



Hospital in Mon State

## Present and Future Programs

### Archipelagos, Coast of Myanmar

At the request of a charitable foundation of the Lampi Island National Wildlife Preserve, I visited an island in the archipelagos off the coast of Burma. This island has a population of 1,000 with absolutely no medical facility or care available. They had arranged the construction of a small dispensary and living quarters for a nurse practitioner to come from the mainland. We discussed the medical problems that she saw and the medications that she would need. We then went to the mainland and purchased all the medical supplies that she had identified.

In addition, the school on this island had no desks or benches for the children. I arranged for these to be constructed and they have been delivered to the school.

I am pleased that Vietnam has made remarkable progress as far as medical and surgical capabilities. Myanmar is a large country with very poor medical facilities outside of Yangon. I hope to increase Global Medical Volunteer's progress throughout this country.

### Future Programs

In April of 2017, I will return to Vietnam and am planning to return to the hospitals in Myanmar in October.

I hope to recruit new doctors whom specialize in various surgeries to accompany me so they may demonstrate their surgical techniques for the ever growing staff in Mon State and Oak Po.



School and students on the Island of Bay of Bengal



Donated new desks and benches



School children on Island of Bay of Bengal

## Southeast Asia



Myanmar



Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia.  
Locations in red indicate locations for medical training.



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