

Global Medical Volunteers Newsletter 2015



Figure 1

Hà Nội, Vietnam - December 2014

Dr. Franklin Kasmin (Fig.1) and Dr. William Brown conducted a symposium in Hà Nội on advanced endoscopic surgical procedures at the 108-Hospital. This consisted of both didactic lectures and hands-on practice on surgical models (Fig.2). Gastroenterologists from Hà Nội and the surrounding communities were able to learn how to perform complicated surgical procedures through endoscopes. The participants were awarded certificates documenting their ability to perform these procedures.

At this symposium I was able to contact the Vice Director and the Chief of Surgery of the Ministry of Health E-Hospital, which is another large Medical Center. They were eager to establish a relationship with our foundation. We are planning to return to the hospital in October or November of this year with experts in advance surgical techniques for the liver, pancreas, colon, rectum, urinary tract stone disease, and prostatic surgery.

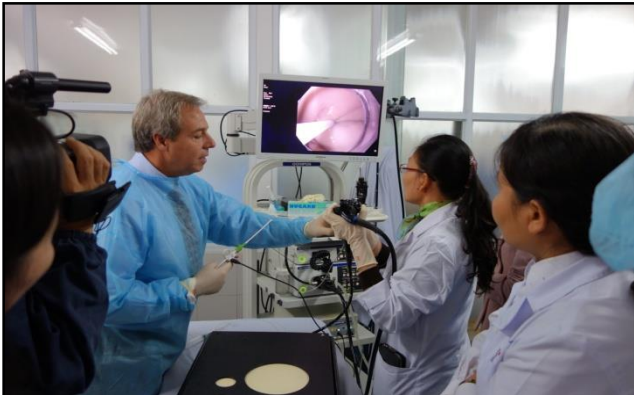


Figure 2



Vietnamese Doctors Attending Lecture

Nha Trang, Vietnam - December 2014

We then went to Nha Trang where Dr. Kasmin and Dr. Brown performed and taught the same advanced endoscopic surgical procedures at the Khánh Hòa province hospital.

I introduced a new type of prostatic surgery called the "Button TURP". This allows prostatic surgery to be performed on an outpatient basis instead of a 4 to 5 day hospitalization. This is much safer for the patient and with far less complications. We donated the necessary equipment to the hospital and Dr. Son, the Vietnamese urologist, was easily capable of mastering this technique.



Dr. Zelikovsky demonstrating the "Button TURP" procedure in Nha Trang

Present and Future Programs

Hồ Chí Minh City, Vietnam - December 2014

I then went to Hồ Chí Minh City and met with the Chief of Urology at Chợ Rẫy Hospital, which is the largest hospital in Vietnam. It is a 2,000 bed hospital which usually has 2,500 patients. This means it is not uncommon to have two patients per bed. The main problem that was presented to me, is the enormous number of patients with urinary stone disease.



Dr. Brown and I met the Chief of Gastroenterology at Cho Ray Hospital in Hồ Chí Minh City



Patients in Chợ Rẫy Hospital

The equipment that they had to treat these patients was substandard or lacking. I am planning to revisit this hospital at the end of 2015 to donate the needed equipment. I will also bring with me an international authority in the use of this equipment and the treatment of these patients.

Haiti - April 2015

I visited a city in Haiti, two hours from Port-Au-Prince, to see if we can establish a program there. I was approached for this project by a charitable foundation founded by Haitian nurse practitioners who organize a health fair to screen the poor and underserved population of this community once a year. I assisted them in evaluating 750 people on a very hot and humid day (Fig.3). I met with the director of the local



Figure 3



Underserved of Haiti Waiting for Medical Evaluation

government hospital and toured the facility to determine their needs. I was saddened to find out that all medical and surgical patients have to pay for their treatment and some of the population we had screened would be treated, as they had no means of paying. The government health care system of this city had no established system to treat these citizens. I am in contact with a foundation whose aim is to build a private clinic that would cater to local Haitians. I would be willing to return to Haiti and establish an ongoing, multispecialty program.

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In October and December I will be returning to Vietnam with two friends, Dr. Ronald Chamberlin & Dr. Nasrin Ghalyaie, who are experts in advanced Laparoscopic surgery of the colon, liver, pancreas, and the most complicated surgical procedures of the abdomen.

Myanmar

We're arranging a meeting with the minister of health of Myanmar to build and donate a medical clinic to service the population on the islands of the Indian Ocean that presently have no medical care system. We will also be establishing a program in the remote border areas throughout Myanmar in March of 2016. The locations we are looking at include Bago.

Equipment Donations and Orphanages

In 2014, I also donated equipment to the hospital in Nha Trang and visited orphanages.



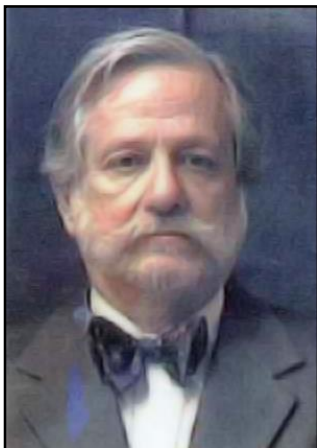
Orphanage in Nha Trang



Catholic Orphanage



Global Medical Volunteers have established programs in cities highlighted in red



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