Providing health care for lasting change

This is a year of celebration and looking back on God’s faithfulness over these 50 years of providing health care for lasting change. We have witnessed lasting change in the communities we serve as they develop medical capacity through health centers, one and two-week projects, and local initiatives.

We will experience in these pages the impact of Medical Ministry International as seen through the eyes of our project team participants. Whether it was their first project, or their twentieth project, all of them have experienced the joy of helping the hurting and the hope of healing.

Join us as we praise the God of yesterday, today, and tomorrow!

Leanne H. Ferris, IBSC, MBA
Executive Director

LEANNE FERRIS

GLOBAL IMPACT IN 2019

23 Countries
$27,765,915 Value of Project Services
15 Health Centers and Partners

EUROPE & ASIA
Australia, Cambodia, India, Rwanda, Thailand, Ukraine
PROJECT TEAM
7,665 Patients Served
$4,584,327 Value of Services

AFRICA
Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania
PROJECT TEAM
2,394 Patients Served
$2,344,452 Value of Services

SOUTH AMERICA
Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ecuador, Peru
PROJECT TEAM
2,204 Patients Served
$16,693,476 Value of Services

NORTH AMERICA
Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico
PROJECT TEAM
22,698 Patients Served
$11,472,454 Value of Services
50 YEARS OF MEDICAL MINISTRY INTERNATIONAL

“God has done amazing things through the ministry of MMI over the past 50 years. Through the leadership teams, country and project directors, staff, and the many participants who have all used their talents, abilities and heart to serve, compassionate care has been given to so many people in need in so many places. May God continue to use the ministry of MMI to share the Good News, the love of Christ, to the ends of the earth.”

Dennis Azuma, DDS

1969
John and Sheila Shannon lead the ministry from 1969 to 1985 beginning with projects in Dominican Republic (DR) and many at the compound La Posada in Bocas de Nigua, DR.

1979
Hurricane David is devastating for the growing DR ministry. Relief fundraising efforts provide seed funding to start building an eye hospital in Los Alcántaros, DR, which later opens in 1984 as “Hospital Dr. Elias Santana”.

1984
William T Hunter, Jr and Janice Hunter — Willie begins as General Director and leads the ministry for 28 years with project expansion, residency training programs in ophthalmology, and the building of permanent centers of service.

2001
Following a successful multi-million-dollar matching campaign, multiple health centers are built, including those in Azerbaijan and Ecuador, which build on the presence of the project team ministry.

2010
The Peru ministry launches a health center in a rental property to provide ongoing physical therapy and optical services in Arequipa. Later dental and OB-GYN services are added.

2015
Leanne Ferris begins as the Executive Director of the International ministry, following her leadership of the Canadian ministry since 2007 and her involvement on project teams since the early 1990s.

2019
Medical Ministry International celebrates its 50th anniversary by launching fresh branding and affirming our calling to provide health care for lasting change.
During those two weeks [in the Dominican Republic], not only did I learn more about medicine, but I also had the opportunity to grow under the guidance of some of the most caring medical professionals, develop a passion for surgery, and gain a deeper understanding of what it truly means to serve as the hands and feet of Jesus Christ.

Alyse Delcambre
Student from San Marcos, TX

MENTORING FOR TOMORROW

The Physical Therapy team went to Santa Rita, Peru to provide care to pediatric patients, where we gave out orthotics, wheelchairs, and various other assistive devices. Knowing that what I provided to these children will help them walk functionally and provide easier work for their caregivers meant the absolute world to me.

Jared Todorowksi
Physical Therapy Student from Gibbons, PA
Our Vision Care Program utilizes project teams to promote eye health and provide direct services.

71,362 Services Provided
26,610 vision screenings, 1,622 medical consultations, 2,486 manual refractions, 1,607 cataract surgeries, 84 strabismus surgeries, 6,926 exvastis disinserted, 51 prosthesis fitted, and much more.

26,719 Patients Served

$13,515,097 Value of Services

Sight Restored in Rwanda
We met an 82-year-old female named Julienne on our second-last post-op clinic day. It took 3 of us to help her down the hill into the post-op instruction room. When we removed her eye patch, she went from seeing hand motion only to being able to see us! All of us were truly amazed! Later, after receiving her post-op instructions we witnessed her leaving clinic, walking on her own without help for probably the first time in a long time, with the biggest grin on her face!

SOPHIA HOFFMAN
General Helper from Pembroke, ON
DENTAL CARE

Our Dental Care Program recognizes the need for education, prevention, and restorative care to reduce preventable extractions and thus save smiles.

23,839 Services Provided
3,776 consultations, 4,015 restorations, 2,465 fluoride treatments, 2,779 cleanings, 1,673 sealants, and 5,621 extractions.

7,643 Patients Served

$4,116,585 Value of Services

Pediatric Dentistry in Cambodia
I did whatever extractions were needed on patients that came to me but decided that a prime focus would be to see children, to do oral hygiene instruction and give fluoride treatment. We saw hundreds of kids, none of whom had ever had a fluoride treatment, and many of whom had never had a toothbrush given to them...What an honour it is that God would use us to share His love to the world through the ministry of Medical Ministry International.

DENNIS AZUMA, DDS
Dentist from Unitechka, ON
Our Primary Care and Prevention Program includes interventions essential to addressing the long-term health of the communities we serve.

93,127 Services Provided
17,286 consultations, 69,000 prescriptions filled, 4,000 parasite and diarrheal treatments, 1,548 lab procedures, 3,064 audiology screenings, 226 pap smears, 339 ear cleanings, 110 ultrasounds, and more.

18,652 Patients Served

$4,470,818 Value of Services

Primary Care in Bolivia

Our Primary Care team treated a wide variety of conditions including hypertension, diabetes, G.I. illnesses, dermatology, parasites, musculoskeletal disorders, and infectious diseases. We counseled patients and educated them extensively on their conditions...There were 2 children I took care of with extensive tinea infections. I discovered the cats and dogs in their family also had it so getting the animals treated should be very helpful in finally clearing this very persistent condition...The patients we cared for were so appreciative of our care.
Surgical Care in Bolivia

This 8-year-old boy had been living with an ostomy since early childhood, which meant going to the bathroom out of a hole in his abdomen. The surgeons were able to do an ostomy reversal on him and it was just amazing to witness his life change! What a huge impact this will make for him and his Mom who has been his sole caregiver. It was a privilege to care for them for several days! Just so amazing! He had been unable to play with other children because of the smell and being ostracized, and been unable to attend school. We watched him open his eyes to what real life will be like for him in the future. A life of independence and community.

LINDA DREW, RN
Registered Nurse from Kelowna, BC
Health Education in the Dominican Republic

People listened intently as various health issues were discussed and put such trust in me as I taught. I felt honoured to play this role in our mission. Health education helps people understand the medical conditions in their communities and provides practical ways of managing/preventing illnesses in the future. We also presented the Gospel while discussing the importance of having a healthy spirit.

BENJAMIN SCOTEN
High School Teacher
from Vancouver, BC

18,345
Health Education
27,928 health education group presentations and 845 private counseling sessions.

$1,164,564 Value of Services

Our Education and Counselling Program follows a model of integrated health to care for the whole person, including their emotional and spiritual needs.
A 48-year-old woman, who had a spinal tumour removed 9 years ago, and now a paraplegic, was able to receive a wheelchair! She had been essentially housebound for 9 years. Her husband carried her into the mobile clinic. This will bless their lives greatly!

AMBER KOSUBOVIČ
Physiotherapist from Dulcia, OH

I helped fit a posterior walker for a little girl who couldn’t walk on her own. She was filled with excitement the moment she touched the walker. She will now be able to explore her environment using this device.

KALA SVENSSON
Physiotherapy Student from Wiland, MO
HEALTH CENTERS & PARTNERS

Medical Ministry International establishes and supports health centers to increase access to affordable, quality health care. As centers become self-supporting, we assist with specific needs for land, buildings, renovations, equipment, and training, as we are able. Health centers have independent Boards of Directors who maintain oversight of local administrators, doctors, and staff to ensure compliance with local legal requirements. We also partner with existing local programs to accomplish specific health care objectives in communities.

Azerbaijan
Caspian Compassion Project

Bolivia
MMI Bolivia

Colombia
MMI Amazon & Clínica Leticia

Dominican Republic
CCM: Elías Santana Hospital

Ecuador
Hospital Cristiano de Especialidades

El Salvador
Eye Care International

Ethiopia
Sight for Souls

Ghana
Sight for Africa

Honduras
Centro Cristiano de Servicios Humanitarios de Honduras

India
Mercy Eye Center

Malawi
Good Hope Ministries

Mexico
University of Montemorelos

Peru
MMI Peru

Ukraine
Ukraine Compassion Project

United States
I Care San Antonio

Hospital Cristiano de Especialidades

Medical Ministry International began serving the people of Ecuador through project teams in the 1980s with the leadership of Sara Ross, Mesa Taveras and Francis Perez. In 2001, a health center was built with generous financial support and began operating for many years with the leadership of Dr. Robin Rios. Located in Milagro, Ecuador, about 40 minutes from Guayaquil, the Hospital Cristiano de Especialidades, FUNDAMISCI, MMI, now serves 20,000 patients each year with ophthalmology, dermatology, neurology, general surgery, urology, gynecology, and pediatric services.

MMI Ecuador Project Directors, Jone Hernandez and Dr. Susana Logacho, currently serve on the Board of Directors, with Jone Hernandez serving as Chair.
INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Our international leaders are responsible for providing oversight for the work of the Medical Ministry International in their countries.

Leaders:
- Respond to invitations from local communities
- Conduct local needs assessments
- Develop relationships with local health care professionals, churches, and community leaders
- Design programs to meet the determined health care need
- Execute 1 & 2-week Project Teams
- Establish health care centers
- Collaborate with pre-existing charitable efforts
FINANCIAL UPDATE

Medical Ministry International is thankful to report a strong financial year. After 14 years, our office and warehouse were relocated; this resulted in a deficit of $2,837 which was funded with reserves from prior years. We continue to be faithful stewards of the resources provided by generous donors, project participants, and volunteers.

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JOIN US IN MAKING LASTING CHANGE

For more information on these giving options, please contact us at giving@mmi.org

**Monthly Giving**
Monthly contributions to our Global Ministry Fund go directly to the ministry’s greatest need and help us efficiently utilize our resources.

**Matching Gifts**
You can multiply your donation by joining an employer matching gift program or donating during a matching campaign.

**Memorial Gifts**
These donations provide an opportunity to honor and remember loved ones while making a life-changing difference. (Acknowledgement cards are available)

**Gifts in Kind**
Donations of medical equipment, pharmaceuticals, computers, and educational supplies help reduce our financial expenditures while meeting the needs of our projects and centers.

**Planned Giving**
You can leave a legacy of compassion through gifts of securities and estate planning while considering your tax implications.

**Foundations & Corporate Giving**
Support from family foundations and corporations is vital to our growing programs.