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Looking back on 2016

HH-HH received a grant from [Kingdom Missions Fund](#) (KMF) in early 2016 that allowed us to purchase lab equipment for the recently opened Rapha Medical Center in Tuni, India. We purchased a semi-auto analyzer, laboratory microscope, lab incubator, and various lab consumables, all of which are critical components of a well-equipped lab.



The physicians at Rapha Medical Center have already treated thousands of patients, many of whom may not otherwise have received medical care were it not for the dedication of Dr. Sowmya Nuthulapaty and her peers who have devoted their lives to serving India's poor.

Before Rapha Medical Center and before having laboratory equipment, Dr. Sowmya regularly hosted medical camps under palm trees near the grounds of what would become Rapha Medical Center.



Our founder has participated in some of those medical camps during which Dr. Sowmya treated patients afflicted with severe fever, broken limbs and gaping wounds who using whatever rudimentary tools and equipment was available. The hospital and laboratory now provide a more sanitary environment for treatment and provide the tools needed to properly diagnose and treat ailments.

Rapha's staff continues to host regular medical clinics in addition to providing day-to-day patient care. Patients receive emotional and spiritual support from staff members while waiting for health care.



Many of these patients have no way to travel to seek medical treatment and no way to pay. During a recent camp, ailments treated included bone fractures, complications from diabetes, hypertension, osteoarthritis and rheumatoid arthritis. A number of children with various childhood illnesses were treated.



While the monthly medical clinics are free, the long-term goal for Rapha Medical Center is to provide excellent medical care that will attract patients who have the financial means to be discerning about their healthcare providers. The reasonable charges assessed to those able to pay will be used for operating expenses, salaries

and to offset the cost of treatment for patients not able to pay.

It's particularly exciting to us at HH-HH that Rapha Medical Center employs some of the former students from Light of Love Children's Home. Orphaned as children and cared for by Dr. Sowmya and others into adulthood, these young men and women are now paying it forward by helping others.

Hema, pictured below, was nurtured as a child at Light of Love Children's Home. After graduating from college she returned to Light of Love and is now a valued staff member at Rapha Medical Center. She also volunteers and mentors at Light of Love Children's Home.



Helping those who help

HH-HH is still 100% volunteer led...we don't pay administrative salaries and we have no overhead costs. We do, however, rely upon several trusted partners to oversee and manage the programs that we sponsor outside of the U.S. HH-HH donors provide ongoing support to three individuals in India who are responsible for the daily oversight and direction for programs sponsored by HH-HH and our non-profit partners. These individuals

have dedicated their lives to working sacrificially to help others. All of programs in India are hosted in rural communities, and our partners have to travel extensively over terrain that might qualify as off-roading in the U.S. These daily travels have taken a toll on the decrepit bikes they had used for years, and we were asked this year to provide funding for two new motor bikes. Those requests came to us when our coffers were nearly bare,

but we are so thankful to two faithful donors who very shortly thereafter gifted us with undesigned donations that allowed us to meet these critical needs. Our founder was able to present one of the motor bikes when she traveled to India in May. We are continually grateful to those who send designated gifts allowing us to meet the needs of our faithful partners, so that they can continue helping others.

Touching the Untouchable

HH-HH supporters continue to reach out to disadvantaged and disenfranchised. A designated donation allowed us to distribute basic necessities to a community of disabled lepers when we visited in May. Many times, small things make a big difference. This small thing allowed us to say to them, "You are significant; you matter."



Helping those in need

Undesignated gifts allowed us to meet several urgent needs during the year. Pictured right, several poor families lost nearly everything they owned when fire swept through their community. HH-HH provided clothing and basic food items to meet immediate needs. These people had no insurance, no savings, nothing. Uneducated and under-employed they were already struggling to survive day-to-day. We are



grateful that we were able to work with long-time NGO partner NASA-India to provide some small measure of relief to these wonderful people.

How YOU can HELP

By giving: When you give by check, 100% of your donation is used to fund charitable causes. Your tax-deductible donations to HH-HH can be mailed to P. O. Box 19381, Lenexa, Kansas 66285.

We also accept online donations at www.hh-hh.org. Please note, credit/debit card providers assess processing fees as follows: Visa and Master Card -2.5%, AMEX - 3.1%, Discover - 2.2%. You will be receipted for the full amount of your credit card contribution. However, HH-HH will receive your contribution minus the fees as indicated.

By volunteering: Email Darlene@hh-hh.org to sign up for updates about ongoing volunteer opportunities.

By praying: We believe in the power of prayer, and we solicit yours prayers for those we serve, for our volunteers who serve, and for our donors who make it all possible.

“The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention.”

-Oscar Wilde

Helping hands helping others

HH-HH continues to sponsor programs to educate and equip children and women in India and to enrich the lives of developmentally disabled adults in the U.S. Our volunteers also supported local non-profit partners during the year by participating in vari-

ous fund-raising and community events designed to benefit those who need a helping hand. We most often provide updates via Facebook and invite you to follow us. Find us on Facebook as “Helping Hands-Harboring Hope.”

You can also learn more

about HH-HH and what we do at www.hh-hh.org.

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