

A long look back and forward for M2H, one year in each direction

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2012

June 2—18 Return surgical mission to Central Africa Republic via Entebbe through Addis and chartering AIM Air into Zemio and Obo, CAR; Operating on multiple conditions including the first prostatectomies and cataractectomies in the “Pole of Inaccessibility” with a transect of the CAR rainy season rainforest, and collaboration with the US Special Forces in training medics at Obo. [described in the new book "Mission to Heal: Sharing Medical Knowledge at Africa's Pole of Inaccessibility"]

September 14—21 Mobile Surgical Mission from Cuenca Ecuador to Amazonas at Guadeloupe in the Province of Zamora-Chinchipe and return to Cuenca and Mitad del Mundo, Quito

November 7—10 Visiting Professor on Mission To Heal at Universidad del Azuay in Cuenca, Ecuador for the Crohn’s Symposium

December 26-- Launch the Global Circumnavigation 2012-13 from Derwood Packing Party through Europe to Port Harcourt Nigeria for Abia Province and Ozu Abam,

2013

January 1—February 17 Dedicate the new Upon this Rock Clinic at Ozu Abam, Abia Province Nigeria and operate at the Federal Medical College and Aba, North Abia Province Clinic, Inaugurate Upon this Rock Clinic; depart Nigeria via Lagos, Cotonou, Nairobi through Juba to PiBor for eventful mission to South Sudan, emergency evacuation by UN and AIM Air via Lokichoggio to Nairobi. Then, via Doha Qatar through Manila to Kalibo for Caticlan and Aklan Baptist Hospital, and Ati Village and Pandan in Antike of Panay Philippines, then transfer via Boracay to Manila and on to Banaue to Ifagao, Hangduan, N Luzon, Jacmal, Aguinaldo, Alfonso Lista, to Santiago and Quezon City, Villa Escudera, Manila and return to DC Derwood, completing yet another Circumnavigation

February 23—March 1 Mobile Surgical Mission to Cotopaxi Ecuador to Pujili, Latacunga via Cuenca through the first day of opening of the new Mariscal Sucre International Airport outside Quito, Ecuador; return via Panama City on Copa

May 31—June 16 Medical/Surgical Mission to Upon this Rock Clinic in Ozu Abam, Abia Province and the Federal Medical College, Umuhuaia, Abia, Nigeria with ten volunteers

June 16-18 Scouting trip to Ghana, via Accra to Tankard to Esikado to prepare for forthcoming med/surg mission in one month with Radio Silver broadcasting opportunity for free surgical care and Esikado City Manager and Assemblymen promoting the mission under the aegis of Queen Mother Aunt Anne in the matrilineal Ghanaian hereditary chiefships

FORTHCOMING MISSIONS BOOKED AND FURTHER PLANS

2013

June 18--31 Return to Ghana for Med/Surg Mission in Esikado Western Province from Accra, Cape Coast and Tankard.

August 1-15 Re-entry into the Himalayas and trek into the Spiti Valley where we will set up surgical clinics with my prior mission mates Drs. Laji and Sheila Varghese and a volunteer group of fourteen including surgery residents and nursing students

*September 7 -10 Southold, NY. Speaking at Peconic Landing and First Presbyterian Church of Southold; book signing in Southampton.

September 20-28 Into the Amazonian Ecuador with a permit to enter the zones of the indigenous Schuar peoples on a mobile surgical mission with my colleagues Dr Edgar Rodas and CinterAndes Foundation with Mission to Heal.

October 6-10 attend American College of Surgeons 100th Anniversary Clinical Congress in Washington DC and host reception at Derwood for M2H with participants and ambassadors recruited for the teaching of surgical techniques in the forthcoming mobile surgical M2H units circumnavigations

October 11-17 Attend the WHO Congress of GIESSC (Global Initiative for Emergency and Essential Surgical Care) Services in Port o Span for recruitment of personnel in participation with presentations by M2H and CInterAndes Poster Session

2014

December 26--January 9 The next Circumnavigation begins on December 26 Boxing Day to Nigeria, to operate at Ozu Abam in Upon this Rock on its first anniversary of our dedication of it

January 9--25 to Ghana for further development of the Esikado med/surg mission and Calvin Interim with M2H

January 26--Feb 5 Eastward to Philippines for two successive weeks, with MMI operating in each of two islands in the remote Philippines

February- March Possible launch of the M2H Mobile Surgical Operating Units through Sonora Mexico to Ecuador, where missions will be conducted in Andean, Amazonian and then Galapagos Ecuador with the M2H mobile surgical Unit towed by sea-going tug to Galapagos, for a surgical mission and then across the Pacific to the Philippines for a mobile surgical mission along the route of Philtranco inter-island access to remote sites for missions along the "docking site clinics" previously set up

May ? Asian mobile surgical missions with an objective to return to Nepal to restore the discredited Humla Clinic and operate in Kathmandu with prior associates in remote Himalayan village sites

June ? Potential return through the sites of Ghana, Nigeria, Chad and CAR and possibly a return to South Sudan at a new site for a mobile surgical clinic that will include an "Eye Camp" facility for cataractectomies and ophthalmologic procedures in addition to general surgery, with interval teams of volunteers joining the mobile mission at access "nodes"

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