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SRW/Casa Hogar Medical Mission 2007

by Annie Beinborn

Arequipa, a Peruvian city in the mountainous desert of the western Andes, was the site of the 2007 SRW/Casa Hogar Medical Mission. In late January 2007, a team of

thirteen (12 Wisconsinites and 1 Pennsylvanian) made the trek to this city, also known as "The White City" with its great volcanoes. Despite the challenges a new mission destination presents, as well as the debut of ENT (otolaryngology) procedures via mission site, it was an extremely successful and well received mission. The Peruvian people were gracious and appreciative of the efforts it took to make this mission a reality.

Immediately after our arrival day, screening was conducted in the ENT (otolaryngology) and ophthalmology departments of the Hospital III Regional Honorio Delgado. Pre-screening by the doctors and staff of their respective departments had taken place in the prior weeks. After screening 41 ENT (otolaryngology) and 52 ophthalmology patients, our surgical schedule was established for the upcoming week. During the course of the next five days, the pediatric ophthalmology team completed surgeries on 29 children for correction of strabismus. The otolaryngology team completed 27 procedures including tonsillectomies, adenoidectomies, tympanoplasties, mastoidectomies, PE tube placement, and ear keloid and pit excisions.

The work days were long and exhausting yet very gratifying knowing that each child helped was one less Peruvian child in need of a medical procedure he/she may never have received. It was heartbreaking to enter the hospital each day and see the long lines of people patiently waiting for medical attention via their medical system. Being a part of the SRW/Casa Hogar Medical Mission Team was an incredible experience which leaves one wanting to continue to do so much more for the Peruvian people and others like them.

On the morning of our final surgical day, the Hospital III Regional Honorio Delgado administration and department heads held an appreciation ceremony for the entire medical mission team. Personalized certificates as well as pins were formally presented to each participant. Based on this reception as well as patient and staff feedback, the SRW/Casa Hogar Medial Mission 2007 was very successful. Our team was invited back to Hospital III Regional Honorio Delgado for a future mission before we even left Arequipa.

Without the assistance and support of the Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II staff from Lurin, Peru,



big smile for everyone before surgery.

the SRW/Casa Hogar Medical Missions would not have been possible. A very special thank you to Father Sebastian and staff for making things happen from the Peruvian aspect of the mission. Your untiring efforts were/are remarkable. Thanks to the Diocese of La Crosse for funding the cost of shipping our supplies and to Gundersen Lutheran Medical Foundation for your generous donations. Also, thank you to Franciscan Skemp Mayo Medical Foundation as well as numerous vendors and individuals for your financial support and donations. Our mission could not have been accomplished without your help!

A personal perspective... As a newcomer and the only non-medical person on this team, I was overwhelmed by what I witnessed. I felt privileged and proud to accompany the 2007 SRW/Casa Hogar Medical Mission Team. Watching the skilled hands of our three surgeons performing life changing procedures on young, beautiful Peruvian children is something I will never forget. Realizing that medical mission groups are referred to as "teams" can not be more appropriate since it takes each and every person to make these missions successful. The doctors, anesthetists, nurses and operating room technicians simply can not operate (literally) without each other! The professional expertise and compassion of each team member were uncompromising. After learning about SRW a number of years ago, my husband and I have since been collecting and sending medical supplies to the SRW warehouse. To be able to see these supplies along with countless other supplies end up at a REAL destination in a REAL hospital to be used for

REAL patients was amazing! I have more admiration and respect for the people I traveled and worked with during the Arequipa, Peru medical mission than I will ever be able to express in words. Their intellect, skilled hands, and loving hearts have made a lasting impression in my heart. Please continue to do what you all do so very, very

2007 SRW/Casa Hogar **Medical Mission Team Members:**

Robert Bechtel, MD (Ophthalmology), Hollidaysburg, PA Annie Beinborn, Prairie du Chien,

Michael Case, MD (Otolaryngology), Onalaska, WI Mary Dowling, RN, Mt. Horeb, WI Mary Dudley, CRNA, Onalaska, WI Julie Hajewski, RN, NP, Sun Prai-

rie, WI Jennifer Herb, RN, Monona, WI Chester Hilton, RN, La Crosse, WI Jayne Prew, RN, Eastman, WI Jacqueline Proper, MD (Anesthesiology), Coon Valley, WI Judy Schmidt, CRNA, Edgerton, WI Brain Sieck, MD (Otolaryngology), La Crosse, WI Shelley Wilker, ORT, Madison, WI

Value of Peru Medical Mission

Value of services and medications for 56 patients who received surgery \$184,660 Value of supplies used and donated and equipment donated to local hospital \$59,700 Value of airfare, transportation, room and board for team members \$23,000 Total value of this mission..... \$267,360

Thank you to the following for support for this mission:

Americares Diocese of La Crosse/Society for the Propagation of the Faith Ed and Nancy Hengel **Gunderson Lutheran Foundation** Paul's Heating and Air Conditioning Vanguard Charitable Endowment



What SRW has provided to a new hospital and clinic in Honduras, built this year by Providence World Ministries. In March our medical/surgical orthopedic mission operated in this clinic — the first time it was used by anyone. Many lives will be touched and improved through this cooperative effort — the kind of effort SRW contributes to, in many locations, and on a regular basis.

OR table - Beaver Dam Community Hospital, Beaver Dam, WI OR light - Meriter Capital, Madison, WI (before demolition) Back tables - Gunderson Lutheran Hospital, La Crosse, WI IV poles - Meriter Hospital, Madison, WI

Tourniquet - UW Hospital and Clinics, Madison, WI

Suction - Midwest Biomedical, Madison, WI

Cardiac Monitors - UW Hospi-

tal and Clinic, Madison, WI Medical Supplies - Owens and Minor, Waunakee, WI

Cautery - Beaver Dam Community Hospital, Beaver Dam, WI

Anesthesia machine - Doctors Oxygen Service, Inc, Franklin, WI Hospital linen - Madison United Hospital Laundry, Madison, WI Miscellanious furniture – UW

Hospital and Clinics, Madison, WI Hospital beds (not visible in picture) - many Wisconsin nursing homes

Doors in this facility (not visible in picture) - Meriter Capital, Madison, WI (before demolition) Sinks (not visible in picture)

- Habitat for Humanity, ReStore, Madison, WI

Gurneys (not visible in picture) - St Mary's Hospital Medical Center Madison and UW Hospital and Clinics, Madison, WI

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Clumsy Dance

By Karen Myung MD

There is no insurmountable solitude. All paths lead to the same goal: to convey to others what we are. And we must pass through solitude and difficulty, isolation and silence in order to reach forth to the enchanted place where we can dance our clumsy dance and sing our sorrowful songbut in this dance or in this song there are fulfilled the most ancient rites of our conscience in the awareness of being human and of believing in a common destiny.

—Pablo Neruda, Nobel Prize in Literature speech 1971

Some events take on an influence when they are recalled, while others are influential in that very moment - and again and again as they are recalled. Remembrance of our work, our "clumsy dance," still brings tears, laughter, burden, and relief just as it did that week in Honduras. As travels go, the day of traveling there and then traveling here are long, to say the least. Yet traveling there, I sensed Worry over anticipatory excitement, mumblings about electrical power or the lack thereof, the shipment or the lack thereof, the floors, the roof....Rightfully so, as our operating room was still a "hardhat" zone (if they wore hard-hats) when we arrived in Siquatepeque. I still cannot glean to imagine how it had appeared to Marge and Gary who had arrived earlier. Yet, I remember going to the site for the first time after clinic on Monday, walking down the dirt hill from the bus and sensing and even seeing, if it can be seen, Worry again. However, Worry was outnumbered. So as the Hondurans were fending off a nearby forest fire, we made the decision to forge ahead and achieve what we had come to do, even if we had to build our own operating room. We had all day and all night after all. Most importantly, we had belief in a common goal and an affinity for teamwork. As soon as the decision had been made, and amazingly without specific allocation of tasks, it seemed as if we all knew exactly what to do. Helping truly is so easy, and I cannot figure out why the rest of the world makes it so hard sometimes.

The poet is not a "little god". No, he is not a "little god"....I have often maintained that the best poet is he who prepares our daily bread: the nearest baker who does not imagine himself to be a god. He does his majestic and unpretentious work of kneading the dough, consigning it to the oven, baking it in golden colours and handing us our daily bread as a duty of fellowship. And,



Kathy takes Miguel into surgery.

if the poet succeeds in achieving this simple consciousness, this too will be transformed into an element in an immense activity, in a simple or complicated structure which constitutes the building of a community, the changing of the conditions which surround mankind, the handing over of mankind's products: bread, truth, wine, dreams....Only in this indispensable way of being ordinary people shall we give back... the mighty breadth which has been pared away from it little by little in every epoch, just as we ourselves have been whittled down in every epoch.

> —Pablo Neruda, Nobel Prize in Literature speech 1971

In the next twenty-four hours, the site underwent a transformation. For those of us who were there, it now seems unbelievable. Immense amounts of equipment and supplies, including anesthesia machines, hospital beds, surgical supplies, furniture, and linens, were transported from the warehouse to the hospital. The distance was only an eye-shot away, but unfortunately separated by a hard clay trench spanned by a leftover 2-by-8 plank on which our ability for tandem gait and balance was tested. Assembly and cleaning of the hospital beds was reminiscent of a carwash - assembly, power rinse, wheel rinse, pre-clean, bleach-clean, finalclean, and dry. Meanwhile, in the hospital, cheers rang through as the operating room lights were installed, and we had finally achieved electrical power. Select plumbing and select toilets started working. Doors to keep the persistent sawdust out were constructed next, while our Honduran family practitioner, her daughter, and the nurses assembled the patient room. This simple beautiful room epitomized the essence of maternal love. At last, final cleanings must have been done by angels that night, such that on Tuesday morning, we were able to hold hands in prayer and begin our first surgery.

During the construction, on Sunday and Monday morning,

Founded in January 2002, Sharing Resources Worldwide makes surplus and recycled medical supplies, durable medical equipment, and related items and activities available to needy populations around the world. SRW endeavors to improve the health and quality of life of its recipients and to empower them to live with increased dignity, independence, and hope.

We do this through three areas medical missions, shipping and the wheelchair project. All donations are tax deductible. Please make checks payable to Sharing Resources Worldwide.

Sharing Resources Worldwide is incorporated in the state of Wisconsin and is a tax exempt charitable 501 (c) (3) organization.

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part of our team saw patients and their families in a makeshift clinic in downtown Siquatepeque. We interviewed and examined 66 patients with the assistance of indispensable translators and volunteers. Some patients had traveled hours to be seen. Additional patients, who had also traveled hours, were seen at the hospital during the week. I will never forget the small frame of a father carrying his child with cerebral palsy, who might have outweighed him, up the long flight of stairs into our clinic. Even a wheelchair had been inaccessible to this family. As the day wore on, Cathy, our translator Nikita and I would be crying in consolation with the fatigued mother of a child with cerebral palsy one minute or laughing with the innocent glee of a friendly child waddling with Blount's disease the next minute. Yet the excitement of recognizing a child that we could help with surgery on this trip was always quelled by the child that we could not help on this trip, for example our patients with complex upper extremity issues in need of a hand surgery team. I am humbled by those children that we were unable to help and children that were unable to come to be seen.

The operating room environment was phenomenally complete, with the exception of air

conditioning. We completed nineteen surgical cases as well as cast changes. Surgeries encompassed a wide range of cases from simple polydactyly (extra digit) excisions to complex foot reconstruction cases.

The environment was held to the utmost surgical standards and post-operative care was impeccable.

Most of the week, we worked well into the dark hours of the night, backing up the bus uphill in the dark. The first night that we were actually leaving the hospital in daylight hours was late in the week. For the first time, the bus ride home was populated with normal daily Honduran life, children running about, women cooking, men on bicycles, boys on horses, gatherings here and there.

I stride along with calm, with eyes, with shoes,

with fury, with forgetfulness.

I pass, I cross offices and stores full of orthopedic appliances, and courtyards hung with clothes on

underpants, towels and sheets which weep

slow dirty tears.

—Pablo Neruda,

from Walking Around

I remember that at dinner that night, we all talked to each other, really talked, about anything and everything. It seemed to strike us all at once that we had been working so hard. Yet it did not seem hard, as labors of love are not.

Traveling back to here was filled with mixed emotions. There is so much more that should be done. Yet there is so much that we can achieve. There is so much hope and so much sadness. On the bus back to San Pedro Sula, I left realizing that we must return.

Lastly, I wish to say to the people of good will, to the workers, to the poets, that the whole future has been expressed in this line by Rimbaud: only with a burning patience can we conquer the splendid City which will give light, justice and dignity to all mankind.

In this way the song will not have been sung in vain.

—Pablo Neruda, Nobel Prize in Literature speech 1971

This medical/surgical mission took place at the new clinic built by Providence World Ministries in Siguatepeque, Honduras. We thank them for the priveledge of being a part of this program and to be able to help them realize their goals of helping Hondurans with their medical needs.



Our SRW Honduras medical mission team 2007.

Members of our SRW Medical Team to Honduras in March of 2007 were:

Marjorie Abegglen, RN - Fall River, WI

Mary Dowling, RN - Mt Horeb,

Toby Haines, RN - Madison, Wi David Mann, MD - Madison, WI Maggie Mann, Assistant - Madison, WI

Kathy Sweeney, LPN - McFarland. WI

Patricia White, CRNA- Middleton, WI

Bonita Steinback, RN - Mayville,

Sally Schroeder, CRNA - Mt Horeb, WI

Karen Myung, MD - Madison, WI Michael Sweeney, Photographer-Mc Farland, WI

Gary Haefer, Biomedical Engineer- Evansville, WI

Thank you all for a great job well done, you each are very special!



Did you notice our new logo on the cover? This will help make us easier to recognize and remember.

Coming on Board With SRW

Sharing Resources Worldwide is guided by an awesome Board of Directors, and we want to welcome two new members to the team; Kaye Lillesand and Richard Thompson. They are both filled with ideas, energy, and enthusiasm and they bring many talents and experiences to the table.

Kaye Lillesand is a longtime nurse leader, and a champion of nursing causes and concerns. She is well- known in the world of professional nursing in Wisconsin and beyond. Kaye is president of Nursing Productions of America, and editor for NursingMatters, a monthly publication of Capital Newspapers, dedicated to supporting and fostering the growth of professional nursing and mailed monthly to the homes of all registered nurses in Wisconsin.

Kaye writes: I became involved with SRW about three years ago when they made a presentation at a "Peace and Social Justice" committee that one of my co-workers was attending. She said to me, "Kaye, you have to see what these two nurses are doing." So, always being a strong advocate for nurses, I made an appointment with Lisa to have her describe what it was that SRW did. I got so excited that I asked her to write an article for

NURSINGmatters, a newspaper for Wisconsin registered nurses. That conversation led to my spending a day at the warehouse helping to load a container for shipment. I met several of the regular volunteers and saw what a tremendous job these two nurses were doing. When I saw a few before and after photos, I was hooked. I knew I had to become a part of the organization.

The first thing I did was include their story in my annual Christmas letter and asked for donations. Although Mary and Lisa and all the volunteers are unpaid, it does cost about \$5000.00 to ship one container. At that time they were shipping 15-20 containers per year. They needed help raising money to get the items shipped. In addition, I contacted many of my nurse friends about donations of equipment and supplies. SRW uses almost everything that comes through their doors.

Last year when Mary asked if I would consider serving on the SRW Board of Directors, I was honored to say, "Yes." I hope to use my fundraising, budgeting and marketing skills to help further this wonderful cause. I hope to accompany them on one of their missions this year. I know that

I will receive much more than I will give. I look forward to being a more integral part of SRW.

Richard Thompson is a lifelong Madison area resident with a UW-Madison degree in Economics, and a long history of experience in banking and investments. He currently runs an investment consulting business, while raising two young daughters with wife Kendra. He is carrying on a family tradition of giving and volunteering to help others.

Richard writes: I learned about SRW through my parents Al and Carol Thompson as they have been active in raising funds for SRW through their Rotary Club for several years. My Mom told me about SRW's interest in expanding their board membership and after I learned more about their mission I became immediately interested. Admittedly, the timing was right as I was looking to get more involved with a local charity. I currently serve as a board member for the CFA Society of Madison (Chartered Financial Analyst is a professional designation I earned), volunteer time through the Community Meal programs Luke House and support my wife's active involvement in our church. While these efforts

support our local community I was drawn to the idea of helping out internationally.

Welcome Richard and Kaye! We are so glad and grateful to have you on board!

Exciting Developments at SRW We Need You More Than Ever

SRW has been able to accomplish much over the past several years, and we are deeply grateful for all the support we've received from individuals like you. Our success has lead to an increased demand for our services, and in order to maintain our commitment to serve we must improve our organizational structure. The changes we expect to be making include; organizing a capital campaign, hiring a support staff person, and upgrading our database management system. Your ongoing contributions have and will continue to be vital to the many shipments and missions SRW makes each year. An increased gift this year will help us to accomplish our goals and to ensure our longterm stability. Your support has never been more important than it is right now. Thank you again.

For more information on Sharing Resources Worldwide, check out our improved website at www.sharingresourcesworldwide.org

This from a missionary doctor in Quito, Ecuador: "I am happily swimming in supplies! I cannot turn around in my cubicle, but happy nonethe-less. Thanks again-a million-for all you did."

He received basic medical supplies from SRW that were carried to him by others going to assist his efforts in Ecuador.

Influences

by Mary Dowling

You get up and begin your day, a day seemingly like many others. Little do you know whom you may influence—or how. We rarely give a thought to our effect on the thinking and choices of others. But hindsight sometimes affords a clear view of the privilege we had to influence someone else for good.

Several years ago, while in Nicaragua on a medical mission, I met a young woman serving in the Peace Corps there. She had graduated from college with a degree in a non-medical field. Our lives intersected only briefly. But she did not forget me. Recently she

SRW Video Available

Thanks to a generous volunteer, you can now view a short video of our surgical mission to Honduras in January 2006. Please contact Mary Dowling if your group would like to view this informative video and learn more about our missions.

SRW also has an eight-minute general-information video available for viewing by your group, or you can see it online at www. sharingresourcesworldwide.org.

If your group is interested in a presentation by one of our directors, please contact Mary Dowling (608-445-8503) or Lisa Fernandez (608-445-8504).

called to ask about volunteering for SRW here in Madison. After several years' service in the Peace Corps, she had returned to the States and enrolled in nursing school. She has been a nurse for only six months. She told me she chose nursing after working with several medical mission teams that served in Nicaragua while she was stationed there with the Peace Corps.

I personally know of two young people, one in Nicaragua and one in Peru, who chose medicine as a career after working as translators for our medical/surgical mission groups. Both are nearly finished with their medical residency in surgical specialties in their own countries.

A young Peruvian dentist now goes into the under-served jungle areas of her own country and does dental missions. She told me she does this because of the influence of working with our medical/ surgical teams in Peru for the last several years. She has found a way to serve her own people.

SRW mission teams go to other countries to serve the medically needy. But our service has a "side effect." Without words or persuasive arguments, we influence others as they observe the joys and rewards of service. Thus, SRW creates ripples of hope and motivation which change people's lives for the better in unexpected ways.

Businesses contributing inventory (supplies and equipment), services, and support to SRW programs:

Beaver Dam Community Hospital **UW Hospital and Clinics** Wheelchair Recycling Program **Bruker AXS** Madison United Hospital Laundry Froedtert Hospital, Children's Hospital of Wisconsin-Sunny Hill Nursing Home Placon St Mary's Hospital Praire du Chien Memorial Hospital Midwest Biomedical Judy Patendaude JAM Graphics Grey Horse Studio Spectra Print **Genesis Painting** Family Heritage Care Center Roy Neuenschwander Charisma Foundation

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Shipment and supply destinations:

2002

Since our beginning in 2002

TOTALS

Russia

85
Philippines
Sierra Leone
Nicaragua
Cuba
Ghana
1,291
Haiti
Guinea
Honduras
Niet Nam
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New Orleans
Shelters

Thus far in 2007 shipments and supplies have gone to:
Haiti
Local homeless shelters

Panama Honduras

Cuba

Nicaragua Ethiopia Ghana

| | 85 | 1,291 | \$9.5 mil | |
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|) | 16 | 270 | \$1.8 mil | |
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| | 19 | 281 | \$2.1 mil | |
|) | 16 | 192 | \$1.9 mil | |
| 100 | 12 | 180 | \$1.2 mil | |
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Final stats for 2006

SRW shipped 16 - 40-foot containers from our dock to various worldwide destinations Nearly 300 tons was saved from local

Medical Surgical Mission to Honduras

Four missions were completed • Medical Surgical Mission to Peru

Eyeglass mission to GuineaWheelchair mission to Nicaragua

Five Years of Hope and Healing: A History of SRW

It was late 2001. Americans were getting used to a new kind of life, following the September 11 terrorist attacks. It was dawning on us that international travel and relationships would never again be the same. No longer would people naively expect the best from each other. We would be a little more savvy and suspicious as we interacted with strangers in our travels and business transactions. The world scene would be affected by a new awareness and defensiveness between nations. There were

rumors of war. As America entered this new world order, Sharing Resources Worldwide (SRW) was born in Madison, Wisconsin. Two nurses, Lisa Fernandez and Mary Dowling, pooled their resources, their knowledge and their international-service experience, to found SRW on January 1, 2002. They rented warehouse space on Madison's east side, right next to another nonprofit, the Wheelchair Recycling Project (WRP), an organization with which they would collaborate to deliver newfound mobility to thousands of disabled people in under-served areas of the world.

Henry Bassett, then a volunteer for WRP and now a long-time SRW volunteer, recalls those days and his early impressions of our two intrepid R.N.'s (Mary and Lisa).

Imagine that for several months you've been busy raising funds, arranging for donations of medical supplies and equipment, personally picking up and hauling donated items in your van, and stocking your new warehouse space. Imagine that you've just completed work at your day job. Your personal business is deferred for later. You are alone in your new warehouse, and pretty much alone in your new venture. Behind you, warehouse space is filled with pallet after pallet of the medical supplies you've collected. You'll spena the rest of the aay searching through unsorted items to meet the specific needs of the recipients for whom you're preparing a shipment. You fill boxes and place them on pallets; 1,080 boxes later, you'll have enough to fill a shipping container while still leaving plenty of airspace to stuff walkers, crutches, wheelchairs, biomedical equipment and plastic bags full of sheets, blankets and surgical scrub suits. Tomorrow a truck will arrive with a container to collect and haul the shipment to its overseas destination.

That's how it was then. Today there are many volunteers involved in sorting, packing and loading the tons and tons of equipment SRW saves from landfills each year and sends to appreciative recipients.

Though a Board of Directors advises and oversees the organization's work, Mary and Lisa still arrange for each shipment, prepare for each shipment and supervise the loading of each shipment. Goods and services from SRW have been given new life in 28 countries: Nicaragua, Guatemala, Philippines, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Honduras, Ecuador, Peru, Afghanistan, Nigeria, Haiti, Mexico, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Iran, Nepal, Uganda, Bolivia, New Orleans, Panama, Kenya, Panama, Russia, Moldova, Ghana, Guinea, Israel, and a South Dakota Indian Reservation. In addition, SRW has sent medical mission and eyeglass teams to Nicaragua, Honduras, Guatemala, Peru and Guinea (West Africa).

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Since SRW's founding:

10 medical/surgical missions and eyeglass missions have served needy communities in other countries;

5 wheelchair missions have brought mobility into the lives of more than 1,000 disabled people;

90 shipments have left the SRW loading dock;

1,351 tons (or 2,702,000 pounds) of surplus medical supplies and equipment have been saved from Wisconsin landfills;

\$10,000,000-worth of services, supplies and equipment have been donated to medically needy parts of our world;

4,484 children and adults have been screened for eye problems on eye missions

3,551 have received eyeglasses; 829 children have been screened on medical missions;

422 children have received surgical treatment by SRW teams.

SRW's impact on the world is multi-faceted. Through our shipments, we provide a way to share America's plenty with our neighbors in other countries. Our medical missions bring hands-on love and care, touching lives in a personal way and enabling American medical professionals to benefit children and families everywhere. Our concern for faraway people builds bridges between nations and expresses the concern and support we should share as a global community.

community.

Much as we'd like to, we cannot erase September 11, 2001, from the history of our nation. But SRW, and likeminded organizations, remind us that most people, in most countries, wish to live in peace, to care for the needy and share resources as equitably as possible. After five years of hope and healing, SRW has done what most people wish to do—made friends and brought hope and healing to others, regardless of where they live.

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