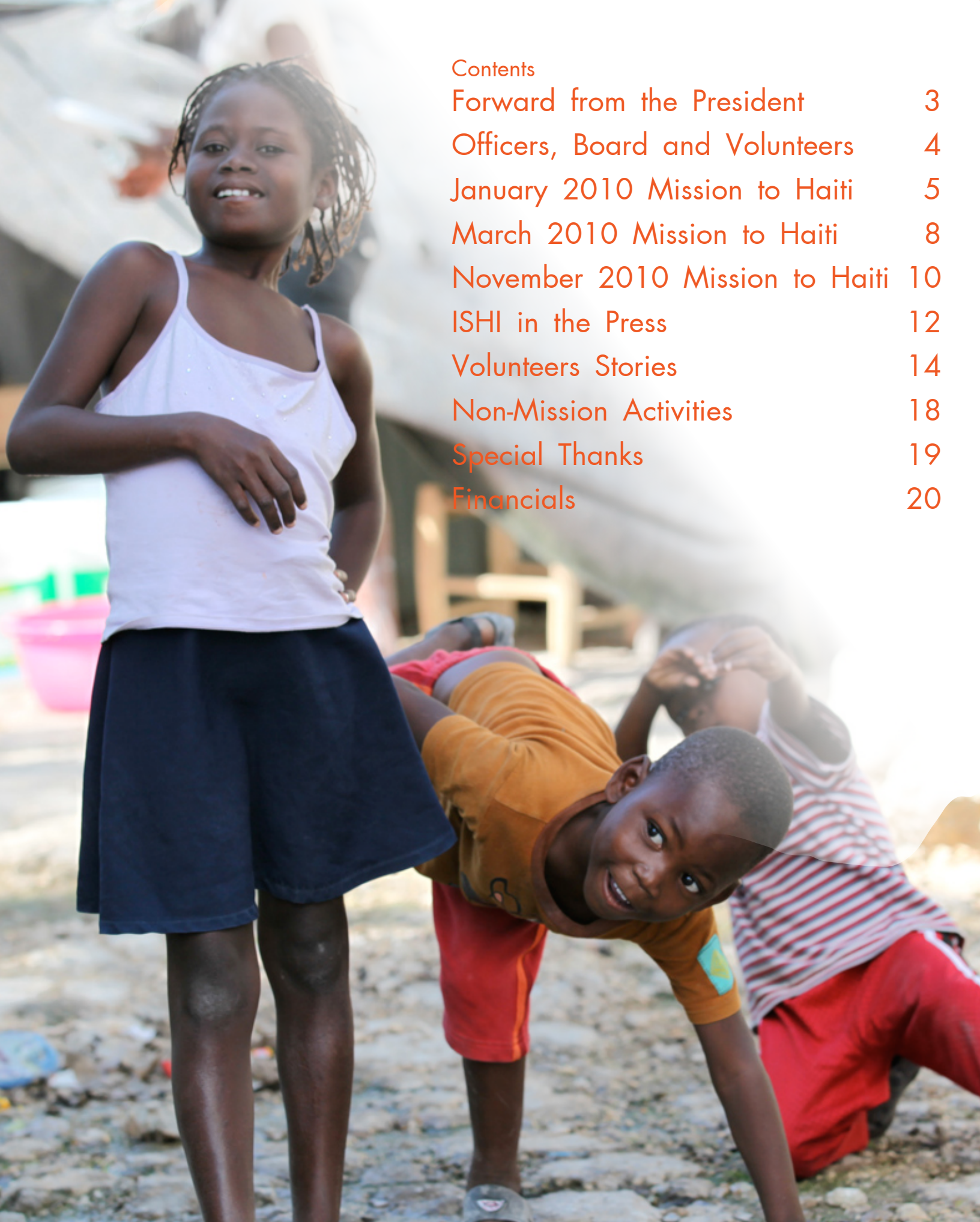


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Dear ISHI supporters,

I feel extremely fortunate to be part of an organization like ISHI motivated, dynamic, passionate, optimistic and growing.



With disasters such as the January 2010 Haiti earthquake that can strike at any time and anywhere, vulnerable communities such as Port-au-Prince find their already dire medical needs exacerbated. Deprived communities around the globe continuously find themselves in perilous conditions resulting from health disparities, economical decline, natural disasters or political dissension. This is why ISHI works with local communities to provide free surgical care and promptly responds to those in need.

Our international team of volunteers joined forces with very little notice or information three times in 2010 on emergency missions to Haiti following the devastating earthquake. These missions were a microscopic reflection of the actual needs of our underdeveloped global community as there is an overwhelming demand for basic and emergency medical attention and services worldwide. Grim health conditions do not have a history of improving rapidly and patients are rarely in a position to help themselves and in many cases there is a lack of sufficient support from government agencies. This leaves organizations like ISHI as an imperative component of aid to underprivileged regions.

Our volunteers are our most valuable resource; they are the backbone of our organization. They use their vacation time away from their families and manage to work in challenging and sometimes unsafe conditions to take part in our missions. With very little financial support, the allocation of every dollar is of crucial importance to ISHI and thus we are further grateful that our volunteers finance their travel arrangements. Their passion and dedication knows no bounds and deserves our deep gratitude. They deeply inspire us to broaden our commitment to reach and help more people. We have planned our first mission to the Philippines for January 2011. Also we are in the midst of planning our first ever nurse only mission to Guatemala for October 2011 and our first mission to Kabala in Sierra Leone later in the year.

We are thankful for all the support we've received throughout the year. A special thank you to the individual and corporate donors who have invested in ISHI's commitment to helping those in need through surgical missions. We are very thankful for these generous donations and remain cost conscious using every donated dollar to directly support our missions. We look forward to your ongoing support to continue with this much needed and immensely gratifying journey.

Dr. Ziad Sifri
President of ISHI



ISHI volunteer team in Port-au-princes, Haiti, November 2010.

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ISHI Volunteers at the Port-au-Prince airport in Haiti, in the aftermath of the devastating January 2010 earthquake.

ISHI SURGICAL MISSION TO: Eliazar Germain Hospital, Petion-Ville, Haiti, January 21-30, 2010

THE TEAM MEMBERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

This ISHI team was made of 6 volunteers: operating room nurse Mae Tingston, RN, nurse anesthetist Sue Walsh, CRNA, anesthesiologist Dr. Jean Daniel Eloy, general and oncologic surgeon Dr. Kevin Clarke, surgical resident Dr. Diego Reino and surgical resident and ISHI team leader Dr. Ziad Sifri. Our team joined 16 other volunteers from all over the USA including Miami, Houston and Hartford.



Dr. Diego Reino at the municipal stadium in Port-au-Princes. Many of the victims had infected wounds.

BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVE OF THE MISSION:

Anesthesiologist and president of S.O.S. – Children of Haiti Foundation- Dr. Saidel Laine of Mercy Hospital in Coconut Grove, Florida organized this mission out of Miami in collaboration with a national organizer of the medical relief effort in Haiti post earthquake Dr. Claude Surena who assigned ISHI to the Eliazar Germain Hospital. The 45-bed facility, relatively unaffected by the massive earthquake, was where we fulfilled our main mission goal of providing medical and surgical care to injured Haitians following the demolishing January 12 earthquake.

MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE MISSION:

Surgical Supplies and Equipment: The ISHI team carried 6 boxes of surgical supplies with them including medicine, mesh and wound care supplies. Dr. Saidel Laine organized all other mission logistics.

TRAVEL INFORMATION AND ARRIVAL TO THE HOSPITAL:

ISHI left New Jersey on January 21, joining the rest of Dr. Laine's team of volunteers in Miami. The mission took off from Fort Pierce's Port Saint Lucie International Airport, landed in the Bahamas to refuel, finally arriving to Haiti in the dark hours of early morning. Dr. Claude Surena's group greeted us at the airport and took us directly to Eliazar Germain Hospital where we met with medical director Dr. Yvette Fantal who gave us a complete tour of the facility. This tour allowed us to plan appropriately including announcing our arrival and ability to help patients via a nearby radio station.

The 2010 Haiti earthquake was a catastrophic magnitude 7.0 earthquake. It occurred on Tuesday, 12 January 2010. The Haitian government reported that an estimated 316,000 people had died, 300,000 had been injured and 1,000,000 made homeless.

SUMMARY OF MISSION AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

A Look into the Human Experience of the January 2010 Mission (9 days post earthquake)

"Ever since we saw the horrifying images on TV from Haiti, and the extent of the destruction, and the need for doctors to go and help, we had a strong urge to go and help."

Dr. Ziad Sifri – ISHI President

People keep asking me how was it [my experience in Haiti]? There's not a word, not one thing defines it. I can say it was great. I can't say it was awesome but awesome might be kind of a word. It was beyond comprehension. It's beyond description."

"It [what we did] was not enough. We didn't even take a bite out of what is needed there. If it's the head of a pin compared to the whole world, that's all we did and the biggest thing that I feel is my job right now is to urge anyone to do anything they can because the magnitude of what is needed is beyond comprehension."

Sue Walsh cRNA - ISHI Volunteer

"The most compelling moment for me was seeing the compassion of the doctors, the surgeons, seeing them do everything. Seeing them mop the floor, to cleaning wounds to changing wound dressings to lifting patients from a bed to the second floor . . . and hugging them when they're in pain. Just the compassion in the surgeons was amazing."

Mae Tingson RN - ISHI Volunteer

"We had a hard time over there from every aspect. It was emotional, heart-wrenching. Physically it was pretty tough having to work without equipment and sleep and work with the bare minimum. These people loved what we did for them, the smile on every patient to the way they felt as we were leaving saying this is the end of our mission."

Dr. Jean Eloy – ISHI Volunteer

ISHI IN COLLABORATION AND PARTNERSHIP WITH OTHER MEDICAL RESPONSE TEAMS:

1. Performed 82 major surgeries in one week, seeing over 1,000 patients.
2. Triageed over 500 patients in the Emergency Room for the week.
3. Traveled daily to Haiti's National Soccer Field Stadium Sylvio Cator, where more than 2,000 people were living in tents, to find patients in need of surgical care. Treated as many as eighty injured patients each day.
4. Surgically treated patients brought in from the Hospital of Diquini by the French team via helicopter or ground transportation and patients brought in by the Russian Field Hospital Group.
5. Insured the continuum of care by providing patients with the care of a group of 21 Filipino nurses who attended rounds and received reports on each individual patient.

MISSION SPECIAL THANKS TO:

- All the ISHI volunteers who joined this mission on very short notice and with limited information.
- Dr. Saidel Laine and Marie Michelle Sidney, RN who welcomed the ISHI team and coordinated the entire mission.
- Dr. Claude Surena for assigning ISHI to Eliazar Germain Hospital.
- Riviera Beach Mayor Thomas Masters and Commissioner Dwayne of Riviera Beach/Palm Beach County for sponsoring the round-trip flight with Missionary International.
- Mercy Hospital for helping with supplies and donating 4,000 dollars of anesthetic drugs.

Earthquake victim with ISHI volunteer. Port-au-Prince, Haiti, January 27 2010

Dr. Diego Reino attending an operation at Eliazar Germain Hospital, Haiti, January 24 2010

ISHI SURGICAL MISSION TO:

Medishare Tent Hospital, Airport Grounds Port-au-Prince, Haiti, March 1-6, 2010

THE TEAM MEMBERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

This ISHI team was made of nine volunteers: general and laparoscopic surgeon and team leader Dr. Asha Bale, surgical resident Dr. Leonard Mason, infectious disease and internal medicine Dr. Nina Regevik, nurse Cathy Blaskewicz RN-APN, nurse Emilia Wawszczyk RN, nurse Jhoselyn Ritto Thomas RN, nurse Mona Nelson RN, nurse Diana Eagen RN and scrub technician Yvette Jupiter.

BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVE OF THE MISSION:

Project Medishare, based at the University of Miami, is a nonprofit organization that has been working in Haiti since 1994. For many years, their work in Haiti focused on clean water programs, community health, vaccinations, nutrition programs and special surgery. When the earthquake devastated Port-au-Prince in January 2010, Medishare quickly set up a tent hospital at the airport grounds to care for the injured. This was possible because of Medishare's longstanding presence in the community as well as local governmental cooperation. This ISHI team, with the desire to assist in post-earthquake relief, volunteered at the Medishare Hospital. The objective of this mission was to assist with the medical and surgical care of the sick and injured post-earthquake at the Medishare Tent Hospital.

MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE MISSION:

ISHI did not have to bring supplies on this mission, as the hospital was well supplied through Project Medishare and University of Miami.

TRAVEL INFORMATION AND ARRIVAL TO THE HOSPITAL:

Each of the nine volunteers purchased airfare from NJ/NY to Miami, and from Miami we took a Medishare sponsored flight into Port-au-Prince.



Dr. Asha Bale, team leader of the March 2010 ISHI mission.

SUMMARY OF MISSION AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

This Haiti mission was unique in the sense that the team did not work as a "team" once we arrived at the hospital. Each team member had specific skills that were useful in specific areas of the hospital. Drs. Asha Bale and Leonard Mason worked in the operating room (OR), and when there were no cases, they volunteered in the ER or outpatient areas. Scrub technician Yvette Jupiter worked in the OR both with our team as well as other surgical teams from all across the country. Nurse Mona Nelson worked in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) as this hospital was the only one in the city equipped with ventilators. Nurse Cathy Blaskewicz worked in the outpatient area and nurses Emilia Wawszczyk and Jhoselyn Thomas worked in the emergency room or ER area. Dr. Nina Regevik and nurse Diana Eagen worked in the inpatient ward. On an average day, there were:

- 10 major surgeries
- 250 patients evaluated in the outpatient triage area
- 50 patients evaluated in the emergency room area
- 250 patients seen and managed in the inpatient wards

MISSION SPECIAL THANKS TO:

All ISHI team member volunteers who were able to join this team after many schedule changes and chaotic pre-mission trip organization due to the ever changing situation with flights at the Port-au-Prince airport.



Nurse Esther Franklin (Intensive Care at Palm Beach Gardens Medical Center, Florida) is comforting a 7month old baby found abandoned at the door of Hospital ELIAZAR GERMAIN during the mission. The baby after being fed and cared for, was handed over to a Haitian adoption agency. January 28, 2010.

ISHI SURGICAL MISSION TO:

Kings Hospital, Port-au-Prince, Haiti, November 13-20, 2010

THE TEAM MEMBERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

This ISHI team was made of ten medical and non-medical volunteers: general and laparoscopic surgeon Dr. Asha Bale, surgical oncology fellow Dr. Cha-Chi Wang, anesthesiologists Dr. Chantal Pyram and Dr. Leslie Osei Tutu, team leader and general and trauma surgeon Dr. Ziad Sifri, logistics translator and photographer Charlie Khoury, emergency room and recovery room nurse Emilia Wawszyk, general and oncological surgeon Dr. Kevin Clarke, photographer Vishnu Hoff and logistics and translator Zeina Wakim.

BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVE OF THE MISSION:

Lumiere Medical Ministries or LMM is a not-for-profit American organization that runs missions at Kings Hospital in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. LMM's need for surgical teams was identified on the American College of Surgeons (ACS) website as described in Operation Giving Back. There was one pre-mission meeting with both medical and non-medical team members to discuss the goals and objectives of the mission.

The three main goals of the missions were:

1. Provide surgical care to Haitian patients at Kings Hospital
2. Deliver cholera supplies to medical NGOs working in Haiti
3. Give out holiday gifts collected by ISHI volunteers to Haitian children prior to the holiday season

MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE MISSION:

Cholera Supplies: The cholera outbreak was still in its initial phase in November 2010 when we arrived but progressed and overwhelmed the resources of medical teams on the field rapidly. Logistical coordinator for Medical Team International Alex Areces requested these supplies for distribution Northwest of Haiti where cholera camps caring non-stop for victims. ISHI was able to help fight the growing threat of cholera by providing, carrying and delivering donated supplies without difficulty or extra cost. The mission team brought (6) large boxes of cholera supplies which included: (34) 100ml NS packets, (400) 20g IV's, (300) 22g IV's, (3) boxes of IV extension ports and IV tubing, (150) rolls of tape, (16) hand sanitizers, (50) sanitizing wipes packs, (3) Chux, (4) boxes of medium gloves, (1) box of large gloves, (22) 5 liter buckets, (43) 1 liter buckets and (4) plastic tarps.

HOLIDAY GIFTS FOR HAITIAN CHILDREN:

Over 150 presents for children were donated to ISHI including chess games, puzzles, jumping ropes, tambourines and crayons.

SURGICAL SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT:

ISHI did not have to bring any surgical supplies or equipment as Kings Hospital had a fully equipped operating room.



Girl at one of the Port-au-Prince orphanages. The 2010 earthquake exacerbated the orphans situation in Haiti.

TRAVEL INFORMATION:

ISHI left JFK Airport November 13, 2010 and returned November 20, 2010. All 10 volunteers paid for their own airfares, completed the 10-day mission safely and without any health issues.

MISSION SPECIAL THANKS TO:

All ISHI team member volunteers who chose to join this mission during a very troublesome time in Haiti.

Friends of ISHI who generously collected and donated over 150 presents for Haitian children. The children at Kings Hospital orphanage.

SUMMARY OF MISSION AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- ISHI successfully performed 20 major surgeries (short of our anticipated 30-50 patients)
- ISHI successfully performed 3 hysterectomies (gynecological surgery) for the first time on an ISHI mission
- ISHI delivered cholera supplies to Medical Team International and NGOs treating cholera in Haiti
- ISHI met with the main MTI mission representative to orchestrate future ISHI missions outside of Port-au-Prince
- ISHI offered to relieve MTI's overworked staff who was dealing with cholera
- ISHI conducted (3) didactic lectures to hospital staff
- ISHI conducted (4) educational lectures to the orphans at Kings Hospital
- ISHI gave out 150 holiday gifts to Haitian children at (2) different orphanages



Dr. Ziad Sifri and Charlie Khoury with Kings Hospital orphans. November 17, 2010

ISH IN THE PRESS in 2010

January 2010

ISHI volunteers Ziad Sifri, MD and Diego Reino, MD featured on WABC-TV's Tiempo with Joe Torres, NEW YORK, NY

WABC-TV weekend evening news anchor Joe Torres interviewed ISHI volunteers Ziad Sifri, MD and Diego Reino, MD before 5.3 million TV households in New York and New Jersey about ISHI's inaugural mission to San Juan Sacatepéquez, Guatemala where fifty-four surgeries were completed in collaboration with Partners for Surgery (PFS) to help patients in the local Mayan community.

February 2010

ISHI volunteer Asha Bale, MD featured in the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ) – New Jersey Medical School's Pulse Magazine, NEWARK, NJ

Chief of the division of Minimally Invasive and Bariatric Surgery at NJMS Asha Bale, MD was featured in the article "With a Stroke of Her Scalpel." Written by Mary Ann D'Urso, the article explored Dr. Bale's passion for surgery – both in her daily work at University Hospital and traveling on humanitarian surgical missions with ISHI, which she helped to co-found with Dr. Ziad Sifri and photographer Vishnu Hoff in 2008.

March 2010

ISHI volunteers featured in "Compassion is Universal" article published by The Jersey Journal (Vol. 27, Issue 11), NEWARK, NJ

Trauma surgeon and assistant professor of surgery at UMDNJ Medical School Dr. Ziad Sifri, surgical oncologist and former UMDNJ Medical School professor Dr. Kevin Clarke, UMDNJ surgical resident Dr. Diego Reino and anesthesiologist and Haiti native Dr. Daniel Eloy joined nurses Mae Tingson and Sue Walsh in discussing their experience in Haiti with victims of the devastating earthquake and the impact the patients had on them.

April 2010

ISHI volunteers featured on MyCentralJersey.Com, PERTH AMBOY, NJ

The article, written by Suzanne C. Russell, tells the story of the second team of ISHI volunteers to Haiti including Dr. Asha Bale, UMDNJ surgical resident Dr. Leonard Mason, UMDNJ nurses Jhoselyn Thomas, Mona Nelson and Emilia Wawsczyk, Dr. Nina Regevik and ER nurse Diana Eagen, both of Raritan Bay Medical Center in Perth Amboy and their experience in Haiti with Perth Amboy High School teacher Stacy Slomko and students of her Advanced Placement Language and Composition class who formed a joint blog writing project with volunteers that allowed students to see what surgeries were performed, how Haitian children were affected and how the volunteers were personally affected by their interaction with disaster survivors.

April 2010

ISHI Nurses featured in online article by UMDNJ discussing their training, experience in Haiti NEWARK, NJ

The article focuses on ISHI volunteer nurses Jhoselyn Thomas, Emilia Wawsczyk, Mona Nelson and Cathy Blaskewicz and their experience working in temporary tent hospitals while treating hundreds of patients without standard equipment in Haiti post earthquake.

August 2010

ISHI Volunteers Thanked in The University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ) – New Jersey Medical School's Pulse Magazine (Vol. 8, Issue 2) NEWARK, NJ

Pulse Magazine dedicated a thank you page to all ISHI volunteers who traveled on one or more surgi-

cal missions to Haiti in response to the devastating earthquake that affected the small Caribbean island.

The Philadelphia Tribune interviews ISHI volunteer and UMDNJ surgical resident Dr. Leonard Mason III about his experience in Haiti PHILADELPHIA, PA

The Philadelphia Tribune interviewed ISHI volunteer Leonard Mason, MD about his experience in traveling with ISHI to Haiti to help victims of the earthquake. Written by reporter Larry Miller, the article explored Dr. Mason's experience in Haiti and how he felt about the people he encountered during the short medical mission.

September 2010

ISHI co-founder and volunteer Vishnu Hoff interviewed by The Rhode Island School of Design Magazine PROVIDENCE, RI

The Rhode Island School of Design (RISD) Magazine featured an article on photographer Vishnu Hoff and his experience in documenting the patients, families, local medical staff and people he has met while traveling on surgical missions led by the International Surgical Health Initiative.

October 2010

ISHI Discusses Haiti mission on WRHI – 94.7 AM Radio Haiti Internationale show "The Voice of Haiti" An audience of over 1 million listeners in the New Jersey, New York, Philadelphia and Haiti asked questions of ISHI volunteer Ziad Sifri, MD about ISHI's plans for their upcoming mission to Haiti during a radio interview with Daniel Desrivieres conducted in French. The 24-hour program broadcast in Creole, French and English is a sub-carrier of WFME Radio in New York.

December 2010

Planet FM Radio 104.7 FM hosts interview with ISHI volunteers Asha Bale, MD and Ziad Sifri, MD Jean Robert Estime of planetfmradio.com interviewed ISHI volunteers Asha Bale, MD and Ziad Sifri, MD about their surgical mission to Haiti in response to the earthquake that affected so many on the Caribbean island located south of Cuba.



ISH VOLUNTEERS STORIES



CATHY BLASKEWICZ, APN (Emergency Room)
MARCH 2, 2010

UMDNJ has prepared us for anything. I work in triage, practically out on the airport tarmac, airplanes and helicopters landing right next to me. It's about 90-95 degrees. I'm seeing 35-40 patients a day. Most with back pain, body aches, acid reflux, hypertension & headaches. The anxiety of living outside in the damp compounds everyone's illnesses. The patient's are so happy to have someone show concern and smile. In triage, our job is to weed out the really sick patients and send them to the ER. So far we've sent in a pneumothorax, multiple fractures, wounds, and those with severe dehydration. We have adults and babies lined up drinking Gatorade. So much anemia here, everyone goes home with vitamins with iron. I'm lining up surgeries for Dr. Bale and Dr. Mason. Huge hernias usually get turned away because they treat emergencies first. I tell them, wait a minute; I have a surgeon for you! Find me Dr. Bale. ISHI ROCKS! We are getting a great reputation here. Everyone works so hard, so eager to help, so much kindness to share.



EMILIA WAWSZYK, RN (Emergency Room)
MARCH 3, 2010

3/3/10: Haiti is a place I definitely want to return to...I can't believe I didn't come here sooner...the last two days have been just incredible...I did not expect to feel so comfortable in my nursing shoes here...the people of Haiti are so grateful and so welcoming...they believe that we can cure any and every illness...a few patients today have come from many miles away, some drove for 10 hours to see if we can help them....I guess I didn't realize that people would be coming here for reasons unrelated to the earthquake (DUH I know)...people still get sick, and people still need to deliver their babies (9 months of cooking is enough)...somehow word got out that we have a neurosurgeon on board....and every neuro patient from the half of this Hispaniola Island decided to come on over....

Today for the very first time I witnessed an exorcism...a lady came in; she was clearly having some psychotic episode...blank stare, throwing herself all over the stretcher...naturally and instinctively I called for 5 and 2...a term which we use in UMD ER quite frequently for patients who are acting this similar way....we gave her this cocktail of vitamin H and vitamin A....and nothing....It didn't even touch her...I was quickly made aware by our translator that this is not a medical or psychiatric problem...this is the problem of the devil or the evil spirit that is now inside this woman... A Haitian nurse came over, put the patient on her stomach and crossed her hands behind her back...and began to pray.... The woman was still throwing herself for a while... after which point she calmed down, got up and walked away... The Amazing Power of Prayer....I prayed that night...before going to sleep....I found myself praying quite frequently before and after this trip...



MONA NELSON, RN (Intensive Care Unit)
March 3, 2010

I feel very fortunate to work in a place like UMDNJ to allow me to take this trip with Dr. Bale and her team (ISHI). I left Haiti 20 years ago, and this was a reality check. We take things for granted in America.

I had a 5-minute orientation and then began working immediately. I received some type of report, and then began running around crazily. The portable vents were beeping, and there was no respiratory therapy available. What do you do? Figure it out!!

I and the other nurses were the primary care providers. We had different types of patients with disease processes from MI [myocardial infarction] to pedestrians involved in motor vehicle accidents. In the ICU, there are only five beds. The space between them is so limited that the nurses constantly bump into each other. Because supplies are limited, we have to be very resourceful. For example, one patient had a Foley urinary catheter, but no collection bags were available. We had to use an empty IV bag to tape to the Foley with a clamp. Normally, vasopressors are given with a pump however we made it work without one. The patient responded well to the treatment, and then was finally extubated successfully.



LEONARD MASON, MD (Surgery)
March 4, 2010

Day 4...It was a long day yesterday. We received two patients from General Hospital located in downtown Port-au-Prince. I assisted Dr. Russ, a general surgeon with a private practice in Chicago, in exploring a patient who had an intra-abdominal abscess developing from stool that poured in his belly via his colostomy. His initial injury was a gunshot wound to the abdomen. He was transferred to our hospital because he was septic needing an operation. Our team drained his abscess, irrigated his abdomen thoroughly with saline, and then revised his colostomy so that it would drain appropriately into a bag. Within 24hrs, the patient was extubated

successfully, and transferred from the SICU to the floor as his condition improved substantially. If not for the quick thinking from the doctors at General Hospital, he would have died slowly. Dr. Bale operated on a 20-year-old male who developed an ileal perforation secondary to typhoid enteritis. This disease is very rare in the U.S. however very prevalent in Haiti. One of the reasons why I'm excited I came is that I have had to learn to think outside the box. The diagnosis is not always clear. Acute localized right lower quadrant pain associated with fevers, chills, nausea, and vomiting is not always acute appendicitis. I do not know how many times I have had to look up certain diseases specific to Haitian population. Nevertheless, Dr. Bale repaired the perforation, and he is currently stable in the SICU.

Today, Dr. Bale and I decided to venture to the General Hospital in downtown Port-au-Prince where we received those two patients. We were able to see first hand the devastation caused by the earthquake. Multiple dwellings were leveled to the ground. Their capital, the Palace, is completely destroyed but they almost appear unfazed by the devastation. One of the translators lost his mother and three cousins, but you would never know that because he always was smiling and laughing. I really admired him for that because I don't know if I could be so emotionally strong so quickly. The Haitian doctors have resumed control of the hospital trying to let everyone know that we are here to help our own. In the end, it will be mainly the Haitian people that will overcome and rebuild their nation. From what I saw today, I think they are ready.



YVETTE JUPITER, Surgical Scrub Technician

March 4, 2010

My day began at 6am. I felt good and ready to start working. At 7:30 am we had an orientation, where we found out what the rules are and also what to expect. We were told that this would be different than what we were used to, and that at times it would be challenging. At 8:45 am we started in the OR. I did four cases. This day was a day to remember! But with my experience at UMDNJ, especially the trauma experience, I got to survive this day! I did a case with Dr. Bale and Dr. Mason, and three cases with a team from Chicago. Everyone works well as a team. The OR is different from the US. The OR table does not move, there are no OR spotlights, so we use headlights. Today the generator went out in the middle of the case so we used flashlights! Luckily, the anesthesia machine and ventilator continued to work, but the surgeons had to use flashlights until the electricity came back about 5 minutes later. We use fewer instruments, but the surgeons use whatever I give them! It is really a great experience. Everybody is so thankful and appreciative. I'm ready for tomorrow!



Jhoselyn Thomas, RN (Emergency Room)

March 4, 2010

I am so grateful to be here. Being a nurse in one of the busiest hospitals of NJ (UMDNJ) has definitely helped my transition to working in the University of Miami Medishare hospital in Haiti. I feel that our nursing training is excellent. We are truly prepared for anything and if we are not we definitely know how to make it work putting the patient first. There have been many sad moments, especially when a 13 yr old boy walked up to me looked me in the eyes and asked me to adopt him. What can you do? I wish I could take him home with me, I wish I could take all of the people that have touched my heart home with me. But in a way I know I am, I know that our team (ISHI) has made their life a little better, has given them a glimpse of hope and a bit of light at the end of this long tunnel. As far as the boy all I could do was hug him, give him some food and cry my eyes out. But that's enough of that. ISHI is getting to be well known here and we all mention where our training comes from - UMD is the place to train if you want to be able to do anything anywhere no matter what you are given.



Asha Bale, MD (Surgery)

March 5, 2010

Saturday was our last day in Haiti at the Medishare tent hospital. I packed my things and made one last trip to the ICU to see our post-op patients. Over this 4-day period, the surgeons here did about 40 cases, including general, orthopedics and plastic surgeries. Over 250 patients were seen and treated daily in the ER, triage area and wards. I am proud of the compassion and skill that my team demonstrated this week. Half of the volunteers leave the hospital today and the rest will leave on Sunday, as new volunteers arrive to fill our shoes.

We have learned that our translators are homeless and are sleeping in tents at the old airport, which was damaged by the earthquake, so we give away our bedding and any other things we think they can use. They thank us and say, "God Bless you for coming to Haiti." As I look around the grounds people are exchanging contact information and taking group photos. Then I see a young boy about 11 years old at the door of the tent crying. Some volunteers are hugging him and trying to comfort him. I find out that he has been living in the hospital since the earthquake. His father had died when he was young and his mother died during the earthquake. I am told he is crying because he wants to be adopted. He watches all of us load our bags onto a truck and then climb onto the back of another truck headed for the airport. We wave goodbye to the boy and the volunteers. It was heartbreaking. This tragedy has left so many children homeless and without parents. I can't stop thinking about this boy- how he will probably never be able to leave Haiti, and how every week he will become attached to the volunteers, and then have to go through this again and again. What will happen to him? Will he ever find a family? What will happen to the others who live in the tent cities?

Checking in at the airport and boarding our plane which is headed to Miami becomes a six-hour long process, but we are looking forward to a real shower and a comfortable bed. As I reflect on my visit to Haiti I have mixed emotions- proud because my team was able to accomplish so much and truly provide life changing care, sad because there are so many more people who need help, unsettled because we can't help everyone who needs help, worried because the rainy season is approaching and so many people are homeless. I can't help but feel guilt- I will be leaving Haiti to find the comfort of my home and family, while so many people here have trouble finding food and water, have lost their family and are truly suffering. But in the end, I am happy that I came to Haiti and did whatever I could to help in this relief effort. My team and I agree that we will return to Haiti again. We board the plane and head for home, content that we did what we came to do and ready to share the bittersweet stories of our experiences.



ISHI volunteers at Kings Hospital. Haiti, Port-au-Prince. November 17 2010

ISHI Non-Mission Activities

March 12, 2010

ISHI Haiti Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
Jersey City, NJ. Haiti Teams 1 and 2 and ISHI
volunteers and officers.

December 10, 2010

ISHI Fundraiser and Dinner
ISHI fundraiser and volunteer appreciation dinner held at Cryan's Pub in
South Orange NJ.

June 29, 2010

ISHI Fundraiser.
Event held at the Frying Pan in NYC. "Speak Easy"
themed fundraiser held to support future ISHI surgical
missions.



May 22, 2010

ISHI Certificate of Appreciation.
ISHI delivers to certificate of appreciation to Dr.
Saidel Laine and Nurse Sidney in Miami, FL. The
certificates were a symbolic thank you for inviting
ISHI to join the mission to Haiti in January 2010
and to thank our hosts for housing and feeding all
6 volunteers

July 18, 2010

ISHI Volunteer Appreciation Picnic
Event held at Liberty State Park. 28 ISHI
volunteers and their families attended the
event sharing stories, surgical mission ex-
periences and meeting new people.



September 23, 2010

ISHI Gets Established in Canada
ISHI is established in Canada as a
federally registered charity.



ISHI *Special Thanks*

Our Mission Volunteers

- All of our mission volunteers, who generously contributed their time and skills

Our Individual Supporters

- All of our donors who generously contributed toward our missions
- Dr. Saidel Laine and Michelle Sidney for their efforts in coordinating our January Haiti Mission
- All of the ISHI supporters who donated toys distributed to orphanages in Port-au-Prince, Haiti
- Americares for donation of surgical supplies
- Bariatrix in Canada for their donation of energy bars during the January Haiti Mission
- Raritan Bay Medical Center in Perth Amboy, NJ for their donation of hospital supplies
- MAP International (Medical Assistance Programs) for donation of surgical supplies

Corporate and Foundation Sponsors

- Johnson and Johnson for their generous donation to ISHI
- Raritan Bay Healthcare Foundation for their generous donation to ISHI
- Perth Amboy Board of Education and the students and teachers at Perth Amboy High School for their generous donations and support of ISHI missions to Haiti
- Woodbridge YMCA for their generous donation to ISHI

Hosting Hospitals

- Eliazar Germain Hospital, Petion-Ville Haiti
- Medishare Tent Hospital, Haiti Airport Grounds in Port-au-Prince
- King's Hospital, Port-au-Prince, Haiti

Legal support

- Perkins Coie, LLP for free legal advice
- Me Myriam Brahimcha, Nault et Associes, for her generous legal advice



ISH Financials

Consolidated Statement of Financial Position December 31, 2009 and 2010

Statement of Financial Position	2009	2010
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalent	\$3,857	\$12,887
Total assets	\$3,857	\$12,887
Liabilities		
Liabilities	\$0	\$0
Total liabilities	\$0	\$0
Total net assets	\$3,857	\$12,887
Total liabilities and net assets	\$3,857	\$12,887

Consolidated Statement of Activities Year ended December 31, 2010

Statements of Activities	2009	2010
Public support and revenues		
Donations from individuals	\$9,885	\$10,635
Donations from volunteers ⁽¹⁾	\$7,576	\$25,713
Corporate donations	\$-	\$5,009
Total public support and revenues	\$17,461	\$41,357
Expenses		
Administrative	\$600	\$1,946
Fundraising activities	\$-	\$4,443
Mission expenses	\$13,004	\$25,938
Total expenses	\$13,604	\$32,327
Change in net assets	\$3,857	\$9,030
Net assets (beginning of the year)	\$-	\$3,857
Net assets (end of the year)	\$3,857	\$12,887

(1) Donations to cover mission airfare and travel insurance.

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Volunteers on their way to work to Eliazar Germain Hospital in Petion-Ville Haiti. January 24 2010.