



GlobalDentalRelief

Progress Report #8

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What We Accomplished

Many thanks to our supporters who, in 2009, allowed us to reach record numbers of children. With a steady growth in volunteers, we provided 9,044 children with dental care in Nepal, India, Vietnam and Guatemala.

Our 2009 milestones:

Children:

- Served 9,044 children in four countries with first-time and ongoing dental care
- Provided 18 percent more dental care than previous years: 1,394 cleanings, 6,679 fillings/composites, and 1,824 extractions!
- Delivered a toothbrush and oral hygiene instruction to every child at every clinic

Volunteers:

- Averaged 5.2 working dental chairs per clinic, meaning more children received more care at each dental camp
- Hosted 42 dentists, 14 hygienists, and 72 non-dental volunteers for a total of 128 remarkable volunteers



- Held ten large and seven remote dental camps -- in Nepal, Vietnam, India and Guatemala

Global Dental recalls each population of children every two years to deliver continuous care. Within 4-6 years, the results are clear – extractions are rare, restorations small, and children are aware of the important role of oral hygiene in their overall health.

This is the sustainable legacy we strive to leave with every child we treat.

Putting Your Dollars to Work

Global Dental Relief spends \$7 for each child we treat. For this cost, each child receives an average of \$207 in direct dental care (US equivalent).

In 2009, every donated dollar provided \$30 in direct dental care to a child in need.

Dental Care for Kids 2000 – 2010

Children Served: 44,000
Donated Care: \$8.2 million
Volunteers: 612

It's for Everyone

Our work is possible because people join in so many ways. Make 2010 your year of action! Here's how you can help:

- Join a trip! We need dental professionals to deliver care. We need non-dental folks to work with children and handle camp logistics.
- Pitch in at home – U.S. volunteers are needed to staff conventions, help with mailings, pack supplies and assist on many other projects.
- Be a party host and commit to inviting your friends to support our work.
- Give the gift of dental care by donating in someone's name for their special occasion - see page 3 for an example.
- Donate today – every \$10 you give provides \$300 in donated dental care to children in need.



Looking Ahead: 2010 – 2011 Clinics

For 2010, we have 10 exciting trips planned. We welcome several new volunteer staff members who join with Laurie Mathews, Kim Troggio, and Mark Lisagor in leading our intrepid volunteers.

Shown below are 2010 Dental Clinic dates which include travel time and optional sightseeing extensions. Actual camps are typically seven days in length.

Guatemala

July 16 – 25, 2010
July 23 – Aug 1, 2010
Nov. 19 – 28, 2010

Nepal

April 18 – May 8, 2010
May 1 – 21, 2010
Oct 20 – Nov 9, 2010*
Nov 5 – 25, 2010*

*Remote clinic add-on may be available.

India

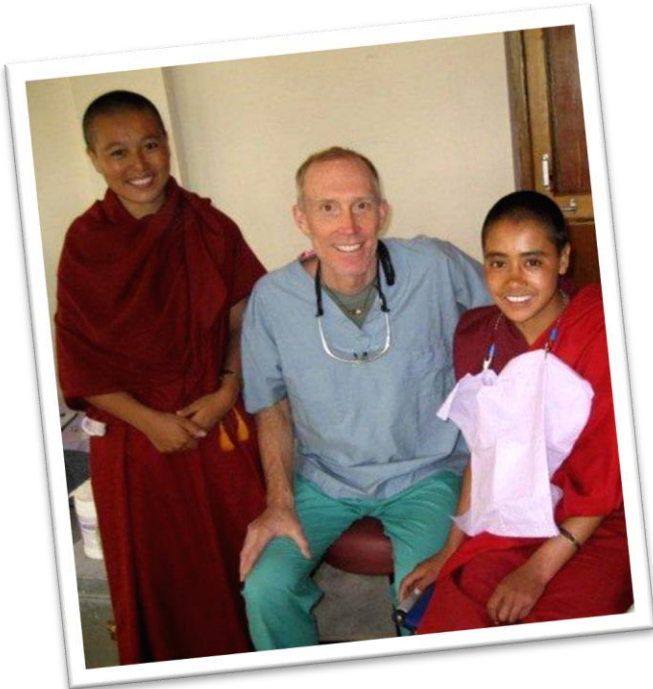
May 15 - 30, 2010
Sept. 11 – 27, 2010

Vietnam Feb 25 – March 13, 2010

2011 trip dates will be published on our website in May of this year.

Give the Gift of Dental Care

Dr. Brian Hart and the team at Puget Sound Oral Surgery discovered a new way to give holiday gifts this year. Instead of sending holiday treats, they donated to Global Dental Relief in the name of each referring office and other valued clients.



Recipients received a personalized card, acknowledging Puget Sound Oral Surgery's gift in their name and explaining the intent of the donation – to provide dental care to children in need.

Consider making this gift of compassion in 2010.

Recipients receive a holiday-specific (birthday, Christmas, anniversary) card acknowledging the donation made in their name. Inquiries please email katyshaw@comcast.net.

Supplies Needed

Caring for 9000 children each year requires vast quantities of supplies. We are always in need of anesthetic, disposables, fluoride varnish, restorative and extraction instruments and many other items.

Please email us for a full list of supply donations: lauriemath@globaldentalrelief.org.

Annual Global Dental Party

Save the date! Put aside August 26, 2010 to join us at our annual Denver celebration. Help us celebrate this work, meet other supporters/volunteers, and raise funds at our Annual Celebration and Silent Auction.

The photos in this issue highlight how volunteers are involved -- donating dental care, knitting scarves for patients, managing lines of children, and teaching tooth brushing. We salute the hundreds of volunteers who have joined this effort.



Our Mission—Dental Care for Children

Global Dental Relief brings free dental care to impoverished children in Nepal, northern India, Guatemala and Vietnam, in partnership with local organizations. Volunteers deliver treatment and preventive care in dental clinics that serve children from charity schools, orphanages and remote villages.

Travel and logistics for volunteers are coordinated by **Global Dental Expeditions**, dedicated to humanitarian journeys to serve children in need.



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