



Lifeline

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Editorial from Salah M. Hassanein

Dear Lifeliners, donors and supporters,

We have been busy. We undertook a gigantic task when we entered the Tsunami Relief effort and then the Katrina Relief effort which now includes the damaged areas affected by Rita. The results speak for themselves and I can only thank our sponsors and our very limited staff. Small as we may be, we did our share.

I would like to give you a brief update of Lifeline's operations in the year 2005:

- We have completed or plan to complete 18 missions during the year 2005, eight of which took place before the issuance of this letter and the remaining ten, listed on the back page of this newsletter, shall take place by the end of this year.
- 30 children from the Yucatan brought to Mercy Medical Center, Des Moines, for necessary heart surgery.
- 25 children from South America and the Caribbean brought to Corazon a Corazon Hospital in Colombia for cardiac surgery.
- 100 pediatric cardiac surgeries sponsored through the Save a Child's Heart program at East Wolfson's Medical Center in Israel.
- 12 children from the Caribbean brought to North Shore University Hospital for cardiac surgery.
- 10 children from Central and South America brought to Association Del Corazon Infantil in Guatemala for cardiac surgeries performed by the esteemed Dr. Aldo Castaneda.
- Over 250 children attended to at the University of Massachusetts Pediatric Feeding Disorder Clinic.

Lifeline has also been involved in the following relief efforts:

Lifeline Tsunami Relief Missions

Founded January 2005 because of the Tsunami disaster and achieved to date as follows:


- 49 Living Water Treatment Systems installed in Sri Lanka serving approximately 245,000 people.
- 10 Living Water Treatment Systems installed on the island of Simeulue, Indonesia, serving approximately 50,000 people.



Young girl gets water from one of the installed Living Water Treatment Systems™ in Kinniya, Sri Lanka.

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MISSION STATEMENT

Variety Children's Lifeline provides medical and surgical assistance to underprivileged children in developing countries, primarily in pediatric cardiac surgery and newborn intensive care. Multidisciplinary voluntary missions and/or partnerships with local hospitals are the key to our goal for these countries to achieve independence in their ability to provide appropriate medical care to their children. Variety Children's Lifeline brings children requiring highly technical care to appropriate facilities in the United States or elsewhere. 

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Variety Lifeline Katrina Relief Fund

Founded in September 2005 because of the hurricane disaster in the Gulf Coast, Lifeline partnered with Water Missions International and achieved to date as follows:

- 25 Living Water Treatment Systems installed in affected areas of Mississippi and Louisiana.
- Sent 10,000 flashlights and batteries donated by Vortex Vision Corp. to Jackson, Mississippi.
- Sent 400 sets of pots and pans donated by Dutch Mill Trading Co. to hurricane victims in Jackson, Mississippi and Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Lifeline would like to give special thanks to the following people and organizations for making our medical missions a continued success or for their cooperation in our recent relief efforts:

The Leaders of our Missions
The participating Universities
The Correspondent Hospitals
The Volunteer teams
The Lifeliners and donors
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and all of our volunteers, helpers, donors and supporters.

Yours sincerely,



Salah M. Hassanein
Chairman



Recovery photo of Sang Gao Yuan, 6 year old boy, successfully treated in Beijing in July 2005.



A mobile Living Water Treatment System™ combined with a Reverse Osmosis System in Pearlington, Mississippi, after Hurricane Katrina.

WATER TREATMENT SYSTEMS

Thank you

TO THE VARIETY KATRINA RELIEF DONORS:

Variety of Southern California Salah M. Hassanein
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 Jim & Glenda Bradley Peter Drummond
 Jim & Nancy Demetriades Ann Baker
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and to the donors of the Tsunami Relief Fund whose participation is being applied to the support of the Katrina Relief Fund.



Ten Living Water Treatment Systems™ being sent to the Gulf Coast.

**LIFELINE TSUNAMI RELIEF MISSIONS
 LIVING WATER TREATMENT SYSTEMS INSTALLED
 IN CONJUNCTION WITH WATER MISSIONS INT'L**

# OF UNITS	COUNTRY	LOCATION
1	Sri Lanka	Beliappa
1	Sri Lanka	Walgambiliya
1	Sri Lanka	Scenimodara
1	Sri Lanka	Godbelawel
1	Sri Lanka	Angunakolapelessa
1	Sri Lanka	Booriyage
1	Sri Lanka	Katupiti
1	Sri Lanka	Puchi Appu Judur
1	Sri Lanka	Udavatha Veva
1	Sri Lanka	Katupitiya Veva
1	Sri Lanka	Maha. Aaluthgam Ava
1	Sri Lanka	Vehuagala
1	Sri Lanka	Divevo
1	Sri Lanka	Dididento Veva
1	Sri Lanka	Kirinda
1	Sri Lanka	Komari 2 Refugee Camp
1	Sri Lanka	Pottuvil P6 Neighborhood
1	Sri Lanka	Pottuvil Hospital
1	Sri Lanka	Colombo
1	Sri Lanka	French Rotary
1	Sri Lanka	French Rotary
1	Sri Lanka	Komari 2 Refugee Camp
1	Sri Lanka	Pottuvil P6 Neighborhood
1	Sri Lanka	Pottuvil Hospital
1	Sri Lanka	Komari 1 Refugee Camp
1	Sri Lanka	Komari 1 Refugee Camp
2	Sri Lanka	Kinniya
10	Sri Lanka	Kalmunai
1	Sri Lanka	Kalmunai
10	Sri Lanka	Various Villages
4	Indonesia	Simeulue, Sinabang Town
1	Indonesia	Pulau Siumat Island
1	Indonesia	Pulau Teupah Island
1	Indonesia	Langi North Simeulue, Alafan District
2	Indonesia	Teluk Dalam, Simeulue Barat District
1	Indonesia	Lhok Dalam, Alafan District

**VARIETY LIFELINE KATRINA RELIEF FUND
 LIVING WATER TREATMENT SYSTEMS INSTALLED
 IN CONJUNCTION WITH WATER MISSIONS INT'L**

LOCATION	SYSTEM
New Orleans, LA	LWTSRO (2)
Gulf Coast Urgent Care, Bay St. Louis, MS	LWTS™
Coast Episcopal School, Long Beach, MS	LWTS™
Grace Lutheran Church, Long Beach, MS	LWTS™
W. Hancock County Fire Dept, Pearlinton, MS	LWTS™
Baton Rouge, LA	LWTS™ (2)
Baton Rouge, LA	20 kw genset
New Life Church, Long Beach, MS	LWTS™
Delisle, MS	LWTS™
Near Pass Christian, MS	LWTSRO
First Baptist Church, Bay St. Louis, MS	LWTS™
30 miles S of Chalmette, LA Breton sound dock	LWTSRO (2)
Hwy 11- 1 mile S of Slidell, LA	LWTSRO (2)
Seacoast Church	275 gal tanks (4)
Hospital Bay, St. Louis, MS	LWTSRO
Kiln, MS	LWTS™
Salvation Army, Gulfport, MS	LWTS™
Biloxi, MS	LWTS™
New Orleans, LA	LWTS™RO
Spare from Cajun Constructors	LWTS™
Pearlington, MS	LWTS™RO
Episcopal Cathedral in New Orleans	LWTS™
LWTS = Living Water Treatment System	
LWTSRO = LWTS + Reverse Osmosis	

By the end of the year 2005, Lifeline will have completed 18 missions. From January to October 2005, Lifeline completed eight missions to the countries of Nicaragua, Panama, Tibet / Beijing (twice), India, Bolivia, Ukraine and the Yucatan. The missions scheduled for the balance of 2005, ten in number, are listed on the back page of this newsletter. These include missions to Mexico City, Mexico; Ensenada, Mexico; Beijing / Tibet; Ecuador (cardiac and neonatology); the Yucatan; Lima, Peru; New Delhi, India; Jamaica and La Paz, Bolivia.

LIFELINE MISSIONS TO INDIA UPDATE

As part of an agreement Lifeline made with St. Stephen's Hospital in Tis Hazari, New Delhi, our correspondent hospital in India, Lifeline has paid 50% of the cost of an echocardiogram for St. Stephen's Hospital to be used during the Lifeline / Schneider Children's Hospital (Manhasset, NY) pediatric cardiac missions. Lifeline paid \$75,000 toward the total cost of the echo machine (\$150,000) and St. Stephen's Hospital raised the other \$75,000. This purchase is essential to the development of a long-term pediatric cardiac surgery program at St. Stephen's Hospital. In accordance with our agreement with St. Stephen's, Schneider Children's Hospital will send two pediatric cardiac surgical mission teams per year to St. Stephen's and St. Stephen's will dedicate this machine to use for the care of children with heart maladies and shall refuse no child for lack of financial resources. Our inaugural mission to St. Stephen's was completed in March of this year and in November we will be sending our second mission, again headed by Mission leader, Dr. Devyani Chowdhury, and Cardiothoracic Surgeon, Sheel Vatsia, of Schneider Children's Hospital, this time with the utilization of the new state-of-the-art echocardiogram. There will be a ceremony during the mission with a plaque presented to dedicate the echo machine in the name of Variety Children's Lifeline. Lauren Ina, a producer from NBC, has volunteered to accompany this mission to keep a video journal of our accomplishments.

LIFELINE PEDIATRIC NEUROSURGICAL MISSIONS

We are very excited about how fast our Pediatric Neurosurgical Program is growing. Thanks to the tireless efforts of the Lifeline Neurosurgical Mission coordinator, Dr. Rahul Jandial from the Division of Neurosurgery at the University of California, San Diego, site evaluations have been completed in Kiev and Dnepropetrovsk, Ukraine, Mexico City and La Paz, Bolivia. Our second mission to Lima, Peru, is planned for November 5-13 and will again be led by Dr. Michael Levy, Chief of Pediatric Neurosurgery at Children's Hospital San Diego. After the success of the recent site evaluations, inaugural missions have now been set for La Paz, Bolivia, for December 4-10 to be led by Dr. Peter Nakaji from Barrow Neurological Institute in Phoenix and the Ukraine for May 2006 to be led by Dr. Michael Levy. A cranial-facial mission to the Ukraine is also planned to coincide with the neurological mission and will be led by Dr. Jeffrey Moses.



Xia Zhen Ming and Xia Zhen Qiang, 7 year old boy and 9 year old girl, brother and sister both to have procedures in Beijing, October 28-29.

LIFELINE IN TIBET / BEIJING

Lifeline continues its partnership with Touching Hearts in Tibet and Children's Hospital in Pittsburgh to benefit the children of Tibet with congenital heart disease. In April 2005, over 30 children were found with congenital heart disease in Southeast Tibet. Some of these children were treated during a mission in July and the others will be treated during the upcoming mission on October 19-30. These children will be treated by Dr. Toshio Nakanishi (from Tokyo Women's Hospital) and Dr. Brad Keller (from Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh) and by the teams from People's Regional Hospital of Tibet and Anzhen Hospital, Beijing.



Grateful mothers with their children after surgery during Lifeline Neurosurgical Mission to Lima, Peru.



LIFELINE MIDDLE EAST

In June, Lifeline, with the help of Variety Israel, completed 100 pediatric cardiac surgeries through the Save a Child's Heart program at East Wolfson's Medical Center in Israel. This fulfills our agreement with Variety Israel and Save a Child's Heart for the May 2004 – May 2005 year. We are now working on renewing the agreement with Variety Israel under the same terms (Variety Israel responsible for 25% of the cost and Lifeline responsible for 75% of the cost) to sponsor 100 more pediatric cardiac surgeries for this upcoming 2005 – 2006 year. This program services children from Iraq, Palestinian Authority, Jordan, Kenya, Nigeria, China, Egypt, Zanzibar, Russia, Somalia, Ethiopia, Sri Lanka, Ghana, Eritrea and the Congo.



In April, one year old, Grace, from the Congo successfully underwent heart surgery in Israel.

VARIETY MEDICAL MISSIONS TO THE PACIFIC (LIFELINE NEW ZEALAND)

Update from Peter Drummond and Wayne Adsett, Lifeline New Zealand Co-Chairmen

Variety Medical Missions to the Pacific just had their fundraiser on October 5, a Gala dinner and auction, honoring pediatric surgeon Dr. Percy Pease. The event was very well received and raised a total of NZ \$51,000.00. Variety Medical Missions to the Pacific recently completed another medical operation on an 18th month old baby boy in Fiji with club feet.

We look forward to hearing the results of the Medical Missions Radiothon being held on November 15 and 16, 2005.



Anjali Kumari, one year old girl, received cardiac surgery during Lifeline mission to India in March.

VARIETY CHILDREN'S LIFELINE AUSTRALIA (VCLA)

Update from Penny Docherty, Lifeline Australia Chairlady

VCLA continues to support children in the Asian/Pacific regions and has also made surgical intervention possible for Heeba Mouzakza (a young Lebanese girl from a very poor family in Beirut). She is 12 years old and if the surgery is successful she will enjoy bladder control plus legs and feet that can support her, for the first time in her young life. Our thanks must go to Elham Hasham and Dr Ziad El Khoury in Beirut who are working with us and it is heart warming to know that Heeba's family have found help, after years of desperation because of the love and support of Lifeline Australia.

Our project, "These feet were made for walking", in Vietnam is a huge success. To know that more than 75 children will be walking this year because of our funding is only the beginning of our work in Vietnam!

We continue to partner the magnificent work in Klibur Domin, East Timor, and also to support the children of Siem Reap Angkor, Cambodia. We are in regular contact with Geraldine Cox who tells us that Roth Hak Sary's operation has been a huge success and sends her thanks to VCLA for the necessary funding. The response to the water purification plants placed to assist with Tsunami relief has been phenomenal and our support of Lifeline's efforts is ongoing with this vital initiative.

UPCOMING MEDICAL MISSIONS

COUNTRY	HOSPITAL	DATES
Mexico City	Univ. of California, San Diego (Pediatric Neurosurgical Site Evaluation)	September 2005
Ensenada, Mexico	Thousand Smiles Foundation (Cranial-facial / Dental)	October 7-8, 2005
Beijing/Tibet	Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, Co-sponsored with "Touching Hearts in Tibet" (Pediatric Cardiac)	October 19-30, 2005
Ecuador	Penn State (Neonatology)	October 31-Nov 7, 2005
Ecuador	Penn State (Pediatric Cardiac)	November 9-22, 2005
Yucatan	Mercy Medical Center, Des Moines (Pediatric Cardiac)	November 4-10, 2005
Lima, Peru	Univ. of California, San Diego (Pediatric Neurosurgical)	November 6-12, 2005
India	Schneider Children's Hospital (Pediatric Cardiac)	November 3-13, 2005
Jamaica	Chain of Hope Joint Mission (Pediatric Cardiac)	November 10-20, 2005
La Paz, Bolivia	Univ. of California, San Diego (Pediatric Neurosurgical)	December 4-10, 2005
Panama	Doernbecher Children's of Portland (Pediatric Cardiac)	January 2006 (pending)
Dominican Republic	Children's Hospital of Michigan (Pediatric Cardiac)	February 3-13, 2006
Chile	Univ. of California, San Diego (Pediatric Cardiac)	March 2006 (pending)
Nicaragua	Duke University (Pediatric Cardiac)	March 2006
Kiev, Ukraine	Univ. of California, San Diego (Pediatric Neurosurgical)	May 2006

LIFELINE CORRESPONDENT HOSPITALS

CORE HOSPITAL / UNIVERSITY	CORRESPONDENT COUNTRY / HOSPITAL
Asociacion Del Corazon Infantil	Guatemala, S.A.
Brooklyn Medical Center	General Hospital, Port au Prince, Haiti
Children's Hospital of Michigan (Detroit)	Clinica Corazones Unidos, Dominican Republic
Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh (Co-sponsored with SEAPC)	Peoples Hospital, Lhasa, Tibet Anzhen Hospital, Beijing, China
Corazon A Corazon Hospital	Bucaramanga, Colombia
Doernbecher's Children's Hospital (Portland)	Hospital del Niño, Panama
Duke University Medical Center (Raleigh)	Heodra Hospital Escuela, Nicaragua
The E. Wolfson Medical Center, Israel (Co-sponsored with Save a Child's Heart)	Jordan, Ethiopia, China, Iraq, Egypt, Somalia, Palestinian Authority, Nigeria, Congo, Eritrea Zanzibar, Russia, Ghana, Sri Lanka, Kenya
Thousand Smiles Foundation	Hospital General de Ensenada, Mexico
Imperial College of Science, London (Co-sponsored with Chain of Hope, London)	Egypt, Morocco, Mauritius, Mozambique, Jamaica
Mercy Hospital (San Diego)	Jalapa, Veracruz & Zamora, Mexico
Mercy Medical Center (Des Moines)	Hospital O'Horan, Yucatan, Mexico
North Shore University Hospital, NY (Cornell)	Instituto Del Corazon, Colombia Caribbean, Jamaica, Trinidad, Guyana
Schneider Children's Hospital, NY	St. Stephen's Hospital, New Delhi, India
Penn State Hershey Medical Center	Hospital Pediatrico, Ecuador
Penn State Hershey Medical Center	Hospital Gineco-Obstetrico & Children's Hospital, Guayaquil, Ecuador
Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Barbados	Caribbean, St. Lucia, Guyana
University of California San Diego	Hospital Roberto del Rio, Santiago, Chile
University of California San Diego	Maria Auxiliadora Hospital, Lima, Peru
University of California San Diego	Hospital del Niño, La Paz, Bolivia
University of California San Diego	Institute of Neurosurgery, Kiev, Ukraine Dnepropetrovsk Pediatric Hospital, Dnepropetrovsk, Ukraine
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*One hundred years from now...
it will not matter how much money
I made, the kind of car I drove or the
size house I lived in, but the world
will be a better place because I was
important in the life of a child.*



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