

"To the world you may be one person, but to one person you may be the world."

-unknown

VARIETY CHILDREN'S

Lifeline

FALL 2008

Editorial from Salah M. Hassanein

Dear Lifeliners and friends of Lifeline,

With a quarter of a century behind us, Variety Children's Lifeline can boast a stellar year in 2008. We have scheduled 40 missions in 2008 or one every 9 days – a spectacular achievement from humble beginnings.

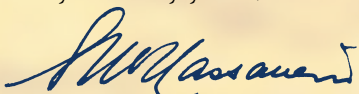
Aside from the number of missions that we have supported and approved for this year, the following are key developments:

- a) We received recognition from the Milton S. Hershey Penn State Medical Center for the role that Variety Children's Lifeline (VCL) has played throughout our ten year partnership in Ecuador. A two day event was held at the Medical Center in Hershey, Pennsylvania where VCL distributed 65 Certificates of Appreciation to the Penn State staff participants. VCL was also thanked for their donation of an anesthesia machine to the correspondent hospital in Guayaquil.
- b) We received recognition from the County of San Diego in the form of a Proclamation marking August 5, 2008 as a day honoring our international philanthropic work.
- c) With Water Missions International, Water for Life International, our sister charity, installed water treatment systems in Sierra Leone, Myanmar and China. The Sierra Leone units are operated through solar power, thereby minimizing environmental effects and eliminating the energy costs which the local population could ill afford.
- d) This year VCL's clinical missions to Sierra Leone and Burundi are expected to reach a total of 4,500 patients, the majority of which are children. We hope to substantially increase this number, since we have reformulated our 2009 plans to include two additional clinical missions. Our plans are ambitious but, with your help, they are achievable.

We believe we are Variety at its best, representing every member who has contributed to Lifeline. Your pledge in dollars is matched by our pledge to you in the number of lives reached.

I also welcome David George as Executive Director and Bree Del Sordo as Mission Coordinator. They already have proven to be of great help and share our passion for Lifeline.

Very sincerely yours,



Salah M. Hassanein
Chairman

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Salah M. Hassanein

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A WELCOME TO VARIETY CHILDREN'S LIFELINE NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Muriel Myerson

Muriel is the widow of Bernie Myerson, CEO and President of Loews Theatres. Bernie served as Treasurer for Variety International for over twenty years and was a strong supporter of Lifeline since its inception.

She and Bernie hosted many of our functions and were intimately involved in developing Lifeline relationships. Muriel is currently an ambassador and member of the Board of Variety International the Children's Charity. She is also a Board Member of the Variety Boys & Girls Club of Queens, the McCallum Theatre, the Palm Springs Art Museum, and the Palm Springs International Film Society. Muriel resides in both Palm Springs and New York where she devotes her time to philanthropic work.



Muriel Myerson

Lauren Ina

Lauren Ina is an Emmy Award winning television producer who has been documenting Lifeline missions around the world since 2000. She has produced videos of pediatric cardiology missions to South America, Central America, India and Cambodia. In addition, she also documented Lifeline's start-up AIDS project in Nigeria.



Lauren Ina

Lauren has been a producer at NBC News since 1994. She has worked at Dateline NBC, where she won an Emmy Award for breaking news. She currently produces for The Today Show and NBC Nightly News. Prior to becoming a TV producer, Lauren was a correspondent for The Washington Post and a graduate of Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism. ■

MISSION REPORTS – GLOBAL IMPACT: GHANA

GHANA

*Children's Hospital Boston /
Harvard Medical School*

Ghana has nine million children under the age of fourteen, yet there are only two pediatric cardiologists in the entire country, and not a single pediatric cardiac surgeon. In March 2008, twenty volunteers traveled to Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital in Kumasi, led by cardiothoracic surgeon Dr. Francis Fynn-Thompson of the Children's Hospital Boston.



Jessica

During their March mission, the team operated on eleven children. Among them was a twelve year old girl named Jessica. Jessica was diagnosed with Tetralogy of Fallot, a congenital heart condition that causes a lack of oxygen in the blood. Left untreated, the condition is fatal.

Jessica's surgery went very smoothly at first. She was taken off the breathing machine within hours of the end of her operation. But

it wasn't long before her oxygen saturation levels began to drop and her condition deteriorated. Jessica was put back on the ventilator and several team members began an all night vigil at her bedside. Fortunately, to everyone's relief, Jessica was taken off the ventilator early the next morning and the young girl recovered well. The Lifeline team will return to Ghana in October 2008.

We would like to thank Variety Tent 47 of Vancouver, Canada who donated \$50,000 for the start-up mission to Ghana in October 2007. ■

CAMBODIA

*University of California, San Diego /
Rady Children's Hospital, San Diego*

Having successfully completed the first medical mission to Cambodia in the summer of 2006, the team from San Diego was enthusiastic to return in October 2007 on a Lifeline mission led by pediatric cardiologist Dr. Paul Grossfeld and cardiothoracic surgeon Dr. Jolene Kriett.

For two years now the team has been traveling to the Angkor Hospital for Children (AHC) in Siem Reap to perform Patent Ductus Arteriosus (PDA) ligations. PDA is an abnormal opening between the two major blood vessels leading from the heart.



*Channa Vy, Susan Grossfeld
and Rachna Vy*

One of the most inspiring and memorable cases from the 2007 mission was of two sisters. The Vy family traveled for two days to reach the AHC so that their daughters Rachna, 4 years old, and Channa, 8 years old could undergo PDA ligations. Due to their condition the girls were only able to walk 50 meters before tiring.

With the help of Lifeline, UCSD and Rady Children's Hospital, Rachna and Channa were finally able to get the lifesaving operations they needed. After successful operations both girls were playing in the courtyard with their appreciative parents looking on.

This past year the San Diego team treated children that traveled from as far away as the Vietnam border, a distance of over 400 miles. ■

PENN STATE HERSHEY HOSPITAL AWARD

On February 14-15, 2008 Variety Children's Lifeline celebrated a "Decade of Pediatric Heart Missions to Ecuador" in collaboration with the Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center. The visit to Hershey began with a reception held at the home of Dr. Devyani Chowdhury, the 2007 Sir James Carreras Award recipient. Lifeline Board Members Fred Friedman, Salah Hassanein, Luis Da Silva, and Susan Sullivan were all present, along with the 65 members of the Ecuador mission team.

Variety Children's Lifeline was commended for its "life saving service to children around the world." To honor Lifeline's longstanding commitment, the Hershey Medical Center presented its award to Salah M. Hassanein, our chairman, for "his leadership, support and many contributions to the Variety Children's Lifeline Program." For ten years Dr. John Myers has been leading missions to Guayaquil, Ecuador. During these missions, nearly 200 Ecuadorian children underwent heart surgery.



*Nesa Hassanein, Salah Hassanein
and Zandra Rhodes*

When Dr. Myers and his team first started missions to Ecuador in 1998 there was only a dilapidated hospital in existence. They were forced to operate out of huts with little equipment. Since then the Lifeline/Hershey Medical Team has contributed to the creation of the Hospital de Niños, now serving the nearly two million people that populate Guayaquil.

In particular VCL would like to thank: Dr. John Myers, Dr. Steve Cyran, Dr. Kerry Rosen, Dr. Linda Pauliks, Dr. Brian Clark, Dr. Pat McQuillan, Dr. Ken Saliba, Dr. Stephen Kimatian, Dr. Steven Lucking, Dr. Gary Ceneviva and Warren Smith.

Longstanding board member Susan Sullivan has volunteered to join our next trip to Ecuador in November. She states: "Working with Variety Children's Lifeline for more than ten years has been an amazing experience and I look forward to becoming more involved and to see the work first hand." ■

UKRAINE

Tri-City Medical Center, Oceanside, California / Smiles International Foundation

In May 2008 another very successful children's cleft lip surgical mission to the Mechnikov Hospital in Dnepropetrovsk, Ukraine was completed by Dr. Jeffrey Moses and his team at Smiles International Foundation. Cleft lip and palate deformities are not only devastating in a child's outward appearance which makes them the target for cruel and inhumane treatment by their peers in school and in their community, but also severely affects their eating abilities, hearing, and speech communication.

It has been a common practice in the Ukraine for children born with facial deformities to be abandoned to orphanages. During



the mission Dr. Moses, along with the Director of the Regional Medical Center and the Ukraine Regional Medical Deputy of Health, held a news conference in order to educate

the citizenry that treatment is available. Dr. Moses related the story of an orphan who underwent corrective surgery and was



ultimately reunited with his parents. The team has devoted itself to teaching surgical practices to the host surgeons so that the work can continue in their absence.

The Smiles International team has undoubtedly made an impact in Dnepropetrovsk, where over 195 children have been seen and over 90 children have been operated on within the last year and a half. ■

PERU

Doernbecher Children's Hospital, Oregon / CardioStart International

In March 2008 Dr. Aubyn Marath lead a complex mission to various communities in Peru. This was the most ambitious and comprehensive assistance program to date, in which four teams worked in different locations throughout the country to provide cardiothoracic surgery and outreach services to both children and adults.

With an alarmingly high infant mortality rate, the healthcare need for this region continues to be a pressing requirement. Over 50 percent of the people of Peru live in dire poverty; preventative healthcare is very limited, as is pre and post natal care for expectant mothers. Adults, and especially children, with cardiac problems usually do not

survive.

Team One provided pediatric heart surgery at the Children's Hospital in Lima, Peru which is the only center in Peru performing heart surgeries on children.



Sebastian Untara Alvarez underwent a closure of VSD

Team Two provided adult cardiac surgery at the Honorio Delgado General Hospital in Arequipa, while assisting the development of more complex procedures.

Team Three introduced simple bypass pediatric heart surgery to the surgeons of San Juan de Dios Hospital, also in Arequipa. The first ever pediatric open heart surgeries in Arequipa were

performed on this mission.

Team Four completed the development of the ER facilities at the outreach community in La Joya, an isolated town in the mountains of the Andes. This clinic is comprised of a fifteen bed hospital which serves a population of approximately 40,000 people.

Lifeline will support Dr. Aubyn Marath and his team's return to Peru in September 2008. ■

COSTA RICA

Tri-City Medical Center, Oceanside, California / Smiles International Foundation

Costa Rica is seeing itself inundated with patients from all over Central America. Since the shutdown of medical services in the neighboring country of Nicaragua, a large number of parents have turned to the hospitals of Costa Rica to avail themselves of the "free medical services which cannot be refused for any child, documented or otherwise, appearing at the hospital for any care under the age of 18, instituted by Costa Rican law." With the exception of one very small hospital in Guatemala, the Hospital Nacional de Niños in San Jose is the only available facility to treat specialty cases for pediatrics in all of Central America.



In June 2008, Dr. Jeffrey Moses along with pediatric cardiologist Dr. Lon Sherman and anesthesiologist Dr. Mark Landon led a team

to Hospital Nacional de Niño's where they completed an extensive evaluation of the surgical facilities. Additionally, they delivered nine desperately needed syringe micro infusion pumps to the cardiology department. After the first day of the team's arrival, the cardiac ICU was already taking full advantage of the

THANK YOU TO CWT / VOLL TRAVEL

This year marks the twentieth anniversary of the Voll Travel and Variety Children's Lifeline partnership. Vicky Voll has coordinated the travel arrangements for hundreds of Lifeline missions worldwide, often to very remote locations. We are greatly indebted to Vicky and her team as they have been an integral part of ensuring the safety of Lifeline volunteers while traveling. She and her team have also provided essential operational expertise throughout the years. We value our longstanding relationship with Voll Travel and look forward to another twenty years.

director and several department chiefs, the Variety Children's Lifeline team conducted interviews with the Critical Care Unit staff, physicians, and radiologists. The team also did a thorough examination of the hospital's equipment and participated in several interventional cardiac procedures. Dr. Moses and his team have started plans for the creation of a new Critical Care Unit to be developed at the hospital and are requesting continued equipment donations. ■

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Children's Hospital of Michigan

Dr. Robert Ross and his medical team have been traveling to CEDIMAT Hospital in Santo Domingo with Lifeline for the past five years. To date over 50 children have been operated on by Dr. Ross and his team. Because of the need for further preparation, the most recent mission to CEDIMAT was split into two teams, one lead by Dr. Ross from February 2-9, and the other led by Dr. Daniel Turner from February 21-26. Dr. Turner's team accomplished 12 heart catheterizations and Dr. Ross's team accomplished 8 follow-up cardiac surgeries. The two teams emphasize sustainable-development through education. Part of each mission's goal is to train the local doctors at CEDIMAT so that the complex heart procedures can continue after the teams leave. Because of the wonderful training the teams have provided, CEDIMAT is hopeful that they can achieve 150 surgeries on their own by the end of 2008. The Michigan/Lifeline mission will return to the Dominican Republic in February 2009. ■



Rawil Ortiz

CHILE

The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

Dr. Heakyung Kim, Director of the Cerebral Palsy Program at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP), and her eight member team returned for a second mission to the Teleton Institute for Child Rehabilitation in March of this year. Her first visit occurred in 2007 when she introduced an interdisciplinary rehabilitative approach to the Teleton Hospital. Among her team was a sedation specialist, a developmental pediatrician, a physical medicine specialist, a rehabilitation specialist, an occupational therapist, a physical therapist, a speech language pathologist and an orthotist. Dr. Kim herself specializes in pediatric physiatry.

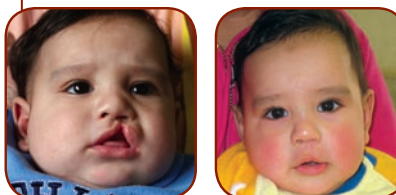
The CHOP team introduced sedation for invasive procedures, ways to detect developmental disabilities early on, new pharmacological medicines, BOTOX for spasticity management, electric stimulation, adaptive seating, serial casting, bracing and aquatic therapy.

Altogether, the CHOP team treated over 50 children and provided over 30 hours of hands-on training to the current staff at Teleton in March 2008. ■

MEXICO

Tri-City Medical Center, Oceanside, California / Smiles International Foundation

Dr. Jeffrey Moses has been leading maxillofacial missions to Tecate, Mexico through the Smiles of Tecate Program since 2005. Variety Children's Lifeline agreed to fund a three part mission for 2008, consisting of one trip in March, one in July and the third



Juan Garcia

in November. The missions include screening, treatment, and surgery for children with cleft lip and palate deformities, as well as the enhancement of the local Hospital Salud Clinic, DIF Clinic and affiliate Red

Cross Clinics. With the help of the Rotary Club of Tecate and advertisements distributed by local health officials, 32 surgery candidates were admitted to the hospitals this year. To date, 27 of these candidates have undergone successful reconstructive surgeries. ■

PANAMA

Doernbecher Children's Hospital, Oregon

In 2002 Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU) took its first trip to Panama, led by Dr. Michael Womack. Out of this first mission the interventional cardiology and electrophysiology mission team was formed. For two years in a row the OHSU electrophysiology team consisting of Dr. Seshadri Balaji, Dr. Jack Kron, Diana Scolaro-Cook RN, and specialist Ronald Oliver have performed curative heart ablations on Panama's underprivileged children. The ablation procedure corrects arrhythmia, or the irregular beating of the heart. During their 2007 mission, 12 children received curative ablations. These were the first ever pediatric cardiac ablations performed in Panama! Dr. Balaji's team returned in February 2008 to perform 14 more curative ablations.



Emanuel Caceras

In January of 2008 Dr. Womack and his team performed over 25 preparatory heart catheterizations at the Hospital Del Niño and in August 2008 they returned to perform another 15. To date, Dr. Michael Womack and his team have performed over 400 heart catheterizations in Central America, 150 of them in Panama alone. ■

GRENADA

Doernbecher Children's Hospital, Oregon / CardioStart International

With the assistance of Variety Children's Lifeline, CardioStart International sent a 14-member team to the St. George's Hospital in Grenada to complete the origination of a permanent visiting program for pediatric and adult heart surgery. Citizens of Grenada and other islands in this part of the Caribbean have no direct access to advanced heart surgery facilities.



*Baby Hector had a
patent foramen Ovale*

CardioStart donated one semi-portable echo machine, an EKG machine, an ACT machine, and other cardiac and general supplies to the hospital. Additionally, a full-scale and intense Advanced Cardiac Life Support preparation course was initiated by the team's ICU nurses.

Handbooks, DVDs and other educational materials were also provided.

The team welcomed the support of a two person team from the Barbados, who came to provide secondary consultative support and assistance in surgery. The Barbados group pledged to collaborate with the Grenadians on future operations. CardioStart will return to Grenada in 2009. ■

ZAMBIA

University of California, San Diego

In June 2008 Dr. Hoi Sang U, Neurosurgeon at the UCSD Medical Center, traveled to Lusaka, Zambia on an exploratory mission. Dr. U is an internationally recognized neurological specialist in vascular neurosurgery, pituitary tumors and brain tumors. In addition to performing a site assessment of the University Teaching Hospital in Lusaka, he successfully operated on one patient who was going blind from a pituitary tumor. The University Teaching Hospital would like to pursue a more formal, long-term, arrangement with us next year. ■

MEXICO

American Airlines Miles for Kids in Need Program & Mercy Medical Center, Des Moines

Lifeline has coordinated 30 children to fly from the Yucatan, Mexico to Mercy Medical Center for cardiac surgery through the American Airlines Miles for Kids in Need program this year. Pediatric Cardiologist Dr. Thomas Becker and his team at the Mercy Medical Center have been donating surgeries to children from the Yucatan for over 25 years. Lifeline is glad it can be a part of Mercy Medical Center's wonderful program. ■

SIERRA LEONE

Pacific Ocean Pediatrics, Santa Monica / Lighthouse Medical Missions

In December 2007, Sierra Leone was identified as the world's poorest country by the United Nations Human Development Index. Led by Dr. Robert Hamilton, clinical missions to Sierra Leone have proven extremely effective. During their most recent mission in March, Dr. Hamilton's team spanned the country reaching Lunsar and Jui, both suburbs of the capital Freetown, as well as Bo, the second largest city and Kenema, the country's third largest. In total 2,500 people, 800 of the children, were treated for worms, typhoid, diarrhea, and malaria, all of which have become life threatening diseases in Sierra Leone. The team worked tirelessly, around the clock, seeing approximately 400 patients a day in each location. Citizens traveled from as far as 20 miles away on foot, spending the night on the steps of the temporary clinics set up by Dr. Hamilton's team. The need for the treatment of readily curable diseases in Sierra Leone is undoubtedly great. ■

A WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST STAFF MEMBERS

David L. George, Executive Director

David has over twenty-five years of experience in fundraising, marketing and event management. Most recently he served as Vice President for Development and Marketing at Project Concern International (PCI). Prior to his position at PCI, David served as Executive Director of STOP CANCER for over ten years, under the leadership of Chairperson Sherry Lansing. He also held the positions of Executive Director of the California Division of Starlight Children's Foundation, Director of Development at the American Cancer Society, and Director of Development at Los Niños. While at Los Niños David organized and participated in a 250-mile, ten-day walkathon from Santa Barbara to Mexico for three years.

David currently sits on the Board of Directors for the World Stem Cell Foundation. He is a member of the Association for Fundraising Professionals, American Marketing Association, Ivan and Sam Foundation and the TJ Martel Foundation.

David holds a degree in International Business Administration from the American University of Paris.

Bree C. Del Sordo, Mission Coordinator

Bree comes to us with experience in international service and human rights. She has worked with the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, WorldLink~Connecting Youth to Global Affairs, the International Rescue Committee and Amnesty International. Bree holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of California, Santa Cruz in both Political Science & Philosophy and a Master's Degree from American University, Washington, DC in "Ethics, Peace and Global Affairs." While at American University, Bree received the Donald & Kane Award and a Mellon Grant for her master's thesis. She also received a School of International Service Summer Research Grant for her participation in a seminar/conference at the United Nations Leadership Institute in Amman, Jordan. Bree is a member of the Golden Key International Honor Society and Phi Sigma Tao Philosophy Honor Society.

2008 MISSION SCHEDULE

COUNTRY	HOME HOSPITAL/ORGANIZATION	HOST HOSPITAL	DISCIPLINE	DOCTOR	DATES
Panama	OHSU Doernbecher Children's Hospital	Hospital Del Niño De Panama	Pediatric Cardiac	Michael Womack	Jan-08
Dominican Republic	Children's Hospital of Michigan	CEDIMAT Hospital	Pediatric Cardiac	Robert Ross	Feb-08
Dominican Republic	Children's Hospital of Michigan	CEDIMAT Hospital	Pediatric Cardiac	Daniel Turner	Feb-08
Panama	OHSU Doernbecher Children's Hospital	Hospital Del Niño De Panama	Pediatric Cardiac	Seshadri Balaji	Feb-08
Ghana	Children's Hospital Boston	Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital	Pediatric Cardiac	Francis Fynn-Thompson	Mar-08
Mexico	Smiles International Foundation	Red Cross Hospital, Tecate	Cranio-Maxillofacial Surgery	Jeffrey Moses	Mar-08
Sierra Leone	Pacific Ocean Pediatrics / Lighthouse	No Hospital / Temporary Clinic	Clinical	Robert Hamilton	Mar-08
Peru	OHSU / CardioStart International	Honorio Delgado General Hospital	Pediatric Cardiac	Aubyn Marath	Mar-08
Mexico	Mercy Medical Center, Des Moines	Mercy Medical Center, Des Moines	Pediatric Cardiac	Thomas Becker	Apr-08
Chile	The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia	Teleton Rehabilitation Infantil	Rehabilitative Medicine	Heakyung Kim	May-08
Ukraine	University of California, San Diego	Institute of Neurosurgery AMSc	Pediatric Brain Surgery	Michael Levy	May-08
Ukraine	Smiles International Foundation	Mechnikov Central Regional Hospital	Cranio-Maxillofacial Surgery	Jeffrey Moses	May-08
Costa Rica	Smiles International Foundation	Hospital Nacional de Niños	Pediatric Cardiac	Jeffrey Moses	Jun-08
Mexico	Mercy Medical Center, Des Moines	Mercy Medical Center, Des Moines	Pediatric Cardiac	Thomas Becker	Jun-08
*Zambia	University of California, San Diego	University Teaching Hospital	Pediatric Brain Surgery	Hoi Sang U	Jun-08
Mexico	Smiles International Foundation	Red Cross Hospital, Tecate	Cranio-Maxillofacial Surgery	Jeffrey Moses	Jul-08
Grenada	OHSU / CardioStart International	St. George's Hospital	Pediatric Cardiac	Aubyn Marath	Jul-08
Mexico	Mercy Medical Center, Des Moines	Mercy Medical Center, Des Moines	Pediatric Cardiac	Thomas Becker	Jul-08
Panama	OHSU Doernbecher Children's Hospital	Hospital Del Niño De Panama	Pediatric Cardiac	Michael Womack	Aug-08
Kenya	Chain of Hope	The Mater Hospital	Pediatric Cardiac	Sir Magdi Yacoub	Aug-08
Ecuador	Frederick Memorial Hospital, Maryland	Enrique Sotomayor Maternity Hospital	Neonatal	Fabio Olarte	Sep-08
Mexico	Mercy Medical Center, Des Moines	Mercy Medical Center, Des Moines	Pediatric Cardiac	Thomas Becker	Sep-08
Ukraine	Smiles International Foundation	Mechnikov Central Regional Hospital	Cranio-Maxillofacial Surgery	Jeffrey Moses	Sep-08
Peru	OHSU / CardioStart International	Honorio Delgado General Hospital	Pediatric Cardiac	Aubyn Marath	Sep-08
Tibet/China	Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh	People's Regional Hospital	Pediatric Cardiac	Bradley Keller	Oct-08
Burundi	Pacific Ocean Pediatrics / Lighthouse	No Hospital / Temporary Clinic	Clinical	Robert Hamilton	Oct-08
Ghana	Children's Hospital Boston	Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital	Pediatric Cardiac	Francis Fynn-Thompson	Oct-08
Mexico	Mercy Medical Center, Des Moines	Mercy Medical Center, Des Moines	Pediatric Cardiac	Thomas Becker	Oct-08
Nepal	The Brooklyn Hospital Center	Child Health Institute	Pediatric Cardiac	Patrick Leblanc	Oct-08
Cambodia	UCSD & Rady Children's Hospital	Angkor Hospital for Children	Pediatric Cardiac	Paul Grossfeld	Oct-08
*Honduras	University of California, San Diego	General Hospital	Pediatric Cardiac	David Brenner	Nov-08
Ecuador	Hershey Penn State Children's Hospital	Hospital de Niños Roberto Gilbert	Pediatric Cardiac	John Myers	Nov-08
Jamaica	Chain of Hope	Bustamante Children's Hospital	Pediatric Cardiac	Sir Magdi Yacoub	Nov-08
Mexico	Smiles International Foundation	Red Cross Hospital of Tecate	Cranio-Maxillofacial Surgery	Jeffrey Moses	Nov-08
Ecuador	Hershey Penn State Children's Hospital	Hospital de Niños Roberto Gilbert	Pediatric Cardiac	Brian Clark	Nov-08
Peru	University of California, San Diego	Hospital Maria Auxiliadora	Pediatric Brain Surgery	Michael Levy	Nov-08
Ethiopia	Chain of Hope	Tikur Anbessa Black Lion University Hospital	Pediatric Cardiac	Sir Magdi Yacoub	Dec-08
Egypt	Chain of Hope	Abu Eresh Children's Hospital	Pediatric Cardiac	Sir Magdi Yacoub	Dec-08
Israel	Save A Child's Heart	Wolfson Medical Center	Pediatric Cardiac	Simon Fisher	Ongoing
United States	UMASS Memorial Children's Hospital	UMASS Memorial Children's Hospital	Rehabilitative / Feeding Disorders	Michael Hirsh	Ongoing

* Exploratory Mission

MISSION STATEMENT

Variety Children's Lifeline provides medical and surgical assistance to underprivileged children in developing countries, primarily in pediatric cardiac surgery. 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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THANK YOU TO AMERICAN AIRLINES

Lifeline wishes to thank American Airlines for their support through the Miles for Kids in Need program, which provides air travel for children requiring surgery. We ask that the Variety members show favor to American Airlines when they travel.

A thank you to Susan Grossfeld, a participant in our Cambodia missions, for the contribution of her time in helping us to write this newsletter. ♣