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THANK YOU

We asked. You gave and continue to give.

In December of 2020, we needed to keep the mission afloat; your giving kept the home fires burning. In December of 2021, we wanted to support urgent needs in Haiti and Zimbabwe; your donations at Christmas supplied the money.

Our unrestricted income during the pandemic exceeded our hopes and prayers. Your giving is the reason that EMAS Canada is able to go on serving and expand its support of existing and new projects.

Despite the financial hardship brought on by the pandemic, your loyalty went beyond all expectations. The outpouring of your generosity is giving us courage and the resources to press on with our mission: **To heal, teach and serve those in need in a Christ-like manner.**

EMAS Canada is in better financial health now than before the pandemic. The reason for this is the fact that most of you know by personal experience the kindness and grace of Jesus Christ who impoverished Himself to supply our greatest need: the opportunity to restore our relationship with Himself and our heavenly Father. The knowledge of that grace gives the Christ-follower the kind of liberality over material things that we see expressed by you today.

We are not surprised at your selfless concern for others; interest in the welfare of those in need is typically familial among followers of Jesus, but that notwithstanding, we do thank you. Your giving was voluntary and it came at a time of hardship and scarcity.

In the past year, we sent aid for surgery and supplied health education materials to our Asian partners, and we

supplied food for children in Haiti.

This year, we hope to make a field visit to Burkina Faso, and we have plans for a conference to train healthcare workers in Zimbabwe. Your investment in the next generation of healthcare leaders in the Democratic Republic of Congo is bearing fruit. (The video on our YouTube channel will update you on that.)

Your gifts to God are reminders of His grace, with which comes the responsibility of stewardship.

I am thankful that you trust us so much.

Thank you for giving.

Dr. Peter Agwa
Executive Director.

*Find our latest financial statement on our website:
<https://www.emascanada.org/about/financials/>*



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The EMAS Canada board is exploring ways to conserve our resources and to sustain all our teams and projects. We appeal to you to donate to **OVERSEAS MINISTRY SUPPORT** from which the board can freely fund teams and projects that are active and in need of additional resources. It will also allow the board to consider any new projects that arise during this season of change.

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BUILDING ON A FIRM FOUNDATION

By Melony Teague

Building on a foundation of over seventy years of service to those in need, EMAS is moving ahead in 2022 to fortify its vision and mission. In the ever-changing landscape of medical missions, our teams are still reaching out to the underserved and equipping local leaders.

Operation Esperanza

The Ecuador team are eager to travel again in January 2023 and serve the people of **Ecuador** by providing life-changing knee and hip replacement surgeries. However, the latest challenge that has emerged is global supply chain issues for the prosthesis needed for the surgeries. Please pray for the resolution of this issue as the team plans their next mission.

Our **Gambade** Team are grateful for supporters of the Gambade Medical Clinic. The pandemic presented many challenges for the team, but especially for the people of Haiti: Covid, earthquakes, floods, and political unrest, but the team have not sat idle. Behind the scenes, they are preparing to hire staff as soon as they can safely travel and work in Haiti.

Meanwhile, clinic construction is complete and the team are sending support for our health agent in Haiti who delivers health education and awareness to people in the surrounding region of Gambade. The Starfish Project is in development, which will work with the Clinic to provide nutrition to undernourished children. The aim is to be ready to hit the ground running and begin staffing and operating the clinic as soon as possible.

While we wait, we wanted you to know that we are thankful for people like you for your ongoing support of the Gambade Medical

Clinic.

Our **Hand in Hand with Haiti** Team, continue to support the El Shaddai Community by providing funds for the nutrition program, thereby helping those who had lost their jobs. The Urban Gardening Project produces enough to offset the rising costs of living. Pray for safety and protection for our partners in Haiti.

China East team have a new leader, Dr. J. Tham, who has been transitioning into the role through the mentorship of the previous team leader, Dr. P. Haung. The team's focus is on teaching and providing mental health conferences to equip local healthcare professionals.

China South team have been concentrating their efforts in serving with the **Cambodia** Team through online teaching of nurses and healthcare students. The team hopes to expand the curriculum they are able to offer. If you are interested in serving with these teams, please contact the office.

In April 2022, the **China West** Team participated in online sharing fueled by their concern for the wellbeing of seniors.

The situation in **Myanmar** has deteriorated considerably. The civil war is intensifying in the state neighboring, our partners', just south of Oaks of Righteousness Garden. The Myanmar Team support a local missionary, to protect their safety, we have avoided specific or sensitive information, but the threat and struggle for survival of the local people is very real. Countless families have been forced to leave their homes to take refuge in the jungle and in internally displaced

people camps. Tragically, the military has also targeted these communities, and lethal threats and injuries are prevalent. Demand for food and medicine is high.

For immediate response, we are raising funds to pay for Emergency Medical Services Training for volunteers. This online training, in the local language and according to international guidelines, provides volunteers which are recruited from various not-for-profit organizations through our local connections skills to better provide care. The training covers First Aid & CPR, transportation, emergency care for victims of warfare injuries, and common acute tropical diseases. Each volunteer is in need of a backpack containing essential equipment in order to meet EMS standards.



Reliable Internet access is another major challenge. The whole country is subject to periodic shut downs of electricity and internet service. Printing and distribution of training material is costly.

The Oaks of Righteousness Garden supported by the EMAS Myanmar Team is 70 Acres of sustainable and self-sufficient land, which provides food, refuge, and healthcare for internally displaced people. Your funds help provide basic food, shelter and clothing for these families in dire need.

Recently, three baptisms took place, a joyous testimony of how this ministry in partnership with Hands In Missions are taking care of the spiritual needs of the people too.

The **Burkina Faso** Team, with the Sisters of Holy Cross, are planning



photo above: providing EMS training and materials in Myanmar

a site visit to Ouagadougou with eMi The long-term aim is to have blueprints in place for the beginning of construction of the first phase of a much-needed medical facility in 2023.

Gutu Mission Hospital Project:

EMAS Canada can best serve the people in the district of Gutu this year by hosting a Medical Conference, which is planned for October 2022 in Masvingo Town.

Our aim is to learn from local healthcare professionals while providing continuing medical education and a retreat. Topics include the role of the mission hospital in rural district health delivery system. This event will benefit Gutu district healthcare workers and midwives and give EMAS Canada a better understanding of the needs in rural Zimbabwe.

Dr. Nancy and Philip Wood had a fruitful trip to Bunia in the **Democratic Republic of Congo** in January, 2022. Dr. Nancy Wood reported that in addition to teaching, 60 hours for Dr. Nancy and 75 hours for Dr. Philip, there was time to spend with 63 individuals to listen to their stories of challenges and blessings and to pray with them.

“An encouragement at the college was that in spite of school and university closures due to the risk of COVID-19 in 2021, there were over 1000 students who were attending classes from January 5th 2022, the beginning of the academic year. However, it was necessary to check in on them all and see that only those who had paid their academic fees could stay! When we left they were almost at 1000.”

Our EMAS Canada DR Congo Scholarship Fund helps medical students in DR Congo pay their tuition and living expenses.

You can find testimonies from three of the students on our YouTube Channel.

On a spiritual level, Dr Nancy said, *“No one denies the Christian faith and we pray for them to grow in faith during their 3 - 5 years of studies. The students we support through EMAS are particularly thankful for this opportunity to study and prepare for a career.”*

Some of our teams are prayerfully seeking wisdom on how they can pivot and best adapt to obstacles and challenges they have faced in the last few years. They are open to new opportunities for service.

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FOR STANDING WITH EMAS CANADA
AS WE NAVIGATE A NEW NORMAL.

CHANGES TO THE EMAS CANADA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

On April 9th, 2022 our AGM and leadership retreat was held virtually, with leadership and staff zooming in from all across Canada .

Here are some changes to the EMAS Canada Board:

Krista Waring, is on a leave of absence and Christopher Wang will be treasurer.

Sally Patrick has taken over the role of Board Secretary.

We thank Janet Greidanus for her excellent service and wish her all the best for her retirement after many years on the board.

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Our foundations remain strong and we are careful to keep our Lord as the master architect in all that we do. It is only by His Grace and your compassion that we continue to be relevant and make a difference for His Kingdom.

Thank you for supporting His work. You can do this, as you are able, by giving to the **OVERSEAS MINISTRY SUPPORT FUND.**

NEWS FROM THE OFFICE

JOIN OUR PRAYER TEAM

To receive our monthly **prayer checklist** and join those who pray for EMAS Canada, please contact the office: office@emascanada.org



Gutu Mission Hospital Maternity Ward

FROM SANDY'S DESK

Plans are underway to support Dr. Peter Agwa (above) and his team of cyclists who will be undertaking a **five-day bike ride from Burlington to Ottawa** to raise funds for the Gutu Mission Hospital Project.

Our aim is to bring **better healthcare to the mothers and infants in**

Zimbabwe and improve maternal healthcare at Gutu Mission Hospital.

We are still looking for **three more cyclists and some eager volunteers** to support this endeavor happening on **September 12-17, 2022**.

To volunteer, please connect with Peter Agwa: peter@emascanada.org

If you are interested in supporting this, please don't hesitate to contact me via email: sandy@emascanada.org

GIVE THE GIFT OF SERVICE

If you would like to volunteer to serve with EMAS Canada there are several opportunities available.

To volunteer, please connect with Peter Agwa: peter@emascanada.org

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