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MMTF in the XXI Century

The MMTF continues the compromise of "Health and Freedom" for all regions in the world, needing direct help with Humanitarian Medical Teams or indirect support with medical equipment and medications.

We are beginning a new year and a new century with new challenges. There are so many natural catastrophes and so often, that our volunteer self-financed institution is starting to become unmanageable.

The new strategy of the MMTF is not only to increase membership and volunteers to work in areas of distress or catastrophes, but also to enlist members who will serve as donors of money, medicines, medical equipment, etc.

Another reason for the above decision is that we have a number of Cuban physicians who arrived from Cuba in the last five or six years who are volunteering to work overseas but have no economic stability yet. We also have nurses, techs and logistic personnel in the same category.

The MMTF is obtaining the services of Marañón Associates advertising in order to establish an aggressive public relations campaign to show this community the extraordinary effort and successes of the MMTF in the Humanitarian Health Field. It will also help to direct collection programs that will improve the work of our groups.

Urgent! Go to El Salvador!

El Salvador

Earthquake: Jan 13, 2001

Earthquake intensity 7.5 (Richter scale) affecting mainly the provinces (departments).

MMTF arrived on Friday, Jan 19 in El Salvador.

Care El Salvador provided the transportation and guidance to *Departamento Usulután*, 120 kms from the capital.

The team:

Manuel Alzugaray, M.D.

Diego Falcon, M.D.

Wilfredo Ventura, M.D.

Jackie Salazar, M.D.

Rafael Comas, Nurse

Donation: 1 ton medications.

Working day and night and returning to Miami on January 21.

Number of cases helped: 500

Second trip took place on February 2.

The Team:

Manuel Alzugaray, M.D.

Mario A. Soler, M.D.

José Carro, M.D.

Cabada, M.D.

Enrique Cepero, D.D.S.

Logistic Mario Roque de Escobar

Donation: 1 ton medications.

Working in *Departamento Usulután* and *Departamento San Vicente*.

Number of cases helped: 896.

Return to Miami on February 4.

Another quake took place on Feb 13 and the MMTF is getting ready to continue visiting the areas devastated by this most recent earthquake.

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The first team that arrived at El Salvador. From left to right: Rafael Comas, nurse; Manuel Alzugaray, MD; Diego Falcón, MD; Salazar, MD; Wilfredo Ventura, MD.

MMTF Work During the year

I. During the year 2000, there was a continuous flow of medications sent to Cuba in cooperation with several organizations of dissidents in different provinces of the country.

Dr. Carlos Cadenas along with his group of volunteer is responsible for the organization and packing of medicines. Shipment of medicines are sent weekly to the Mason Lodges, Religious groups, dissident groups and the Independent Medical Association.

II. There was a donation of five dental chairs and instruments as well as a mammograph unit to the International Foundation "People of Nicaragua." This was done in coordination with the First Lady of Nicaragua.

III. It was delivery to the First Lady of Nicaragua, through the international foundation "People of Nicaragua," a comprehensive program for the children. The program involves the ministries of Health and Education, as follows:

- To eliminate intestinal parasites in school age children at a cost of ten cents per child per year.
- Clean water in the schools, free of ova, parasites and bacteria with the new concept of portable water by solar energy apparatus.
- Administration of one glass of milk enriched with colostrum, to seal the previous damaged intestinal mucosa by parasites, and closing the entry of bacteria to the blood and rest of child's organism.

IV. The MMTF was asked by the organizers of the "Hemispheric Conference of Chief of Police" given in Miami in November 2000, to volunteer a doctor and a nurse during the days of the conference. Doctors Falcon, Jorge Beato, Serentill, Alzugaray and nurses Mercedes Oller, Pila and Verdazco were present at the event.

V. "Terrorism, Preparing the Community," seminar conducted at the Koubek Memorial Center of the University of Miami in December 2000. The Conference was presided over by Doctor Henry Singelson, expert in chemical, biological, and radioactive warfare.

VI. MMTF was recognized during the year 2000 by the Department of Police of the City of Miami. It was also recognized by the City of Miami and by Miami-Dade County.

VII. MMTF continues broadcasting to Cuba by Radio Marti every week. There is a conference given by a different specialist every week.

There was a total of fifty-two conferences dictated by the following specialists:

- Dr. Jose Carro (pediatrics)
- Dr. Enrique Cepero (dentist)
- Dr. Jorge Beato (internist)
- Dr. Luis Serentill (general surgery)
- Dr. Heriberto Cabada (psychiatrist)
- Dr. Luis Flores (endocrinologist)
- Dr. Mariani Fondevilla (general practitioner)
- Dr. Manuel Hernandez (respiratory)
- Dr. Orlando Silva (oncologist)
- Dr. Jose Jaen (orthopedic)
- Dr. Luis Reina (neurologist)
- Dr. Omar Vento (gastroenterologist)
- Dr. Ramon Moreda (rheumatologist)
- Dr. Pedro Choy (cardiologist)
- Dr. Jorge Herrera (psychologist)
- Dr. Carlos Mas (respiratory)
- Dr. Nunzio Mainieri (plastic surgery)
- Dr. Jesus Pineda (internist)
- Dr. Virgilio Beato (cardiologist)
- Dr. Aquiles Mas (dentist)
- Dr. Esteban Valdes Castillo (psychiatrist)
- Dr. Enrique Canton (pediatric)
- Dr. Hector Laurencio (ophthalmologist)
- Dr. Roberto Reyna (vascular surgeon).

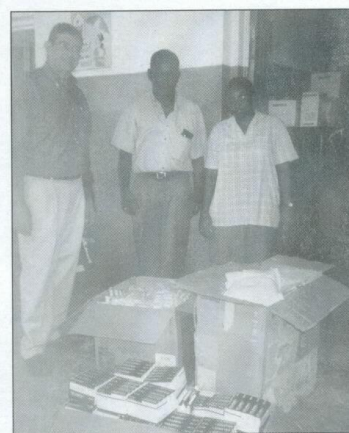


En El Salvador. Luis Méndez de CARE; Manuel Alzugaray, Jefe del grupo de médicos cubanos de Miami; el presidente en funciones Carlos Quintanillas y el Ministro de Salud José López Beltrán. (*Diario Latino*, San Salvador)

Mission in Haiti. March 2001



Fort Liberté Hospital Haiti, March 2001



Dr. Alzugaray, Senator of the Republic
Jean Rodolphe Joaxile
Haitian medical doctor.
Fort Liberté Hospital, March 2001

Urgent medical help to Salvadoreans



MMTF's Second Team that arrived at El Salvador on February 2:
 Enrique Cepero, D.D.S.
 Manuel Alzugaray, M.D.
 José Carro, M.D.
 Cabada, M.D.
 Mario A. Soler, M.D.
 Dr. Luis Mendez, Director *Care El Salvador*
 Architec Mauricio Bukele, MMTF representative in El Salvador
 Salvadorean helping personnel



Dr. Enrique Cepero extracting a molar from a Salvadorean girl outdoors. The town dispensary was damaged by the earthquake.



Dr. José Carro consulting children victims of the earthquake.



Ronald de Cespedes (nurse), Dr. Jorge Beato, Dr. Enrique Cepero, DDS; Dr. Jaqueline Salazar, Dr. Mario Soler, Mario Roque de Escobar, Dr. David Molina, Dr. Luis Mendez (Pres. CARE El Salvador), Dr. Manuel Alzugaray, Yolanda de Herrera (Emergency Program Coordinator of CARE)



Dr's. Jacqueline Salazar, Wilfredo Ventura and Manuel A. Alzugaray, consulting patients outdoors.

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News From

Cuba

**Independent Medical
Association of Cuba
and Independent Cuban
Journalists**

**Hospital Without X-Ray
Service**

Cienfuegos, January 31 - The municipal hospital "Alipio Leon" in Aguada de Pasajeros, in the province of Cienfuegos, does not have X-Ray Service because the X-Ray machine is out of order.

Patients who need this service to be diagnosed, have to travel 70 miles to the Cienfuegos hospital to get an X-Ray.

The population of Aguada de Pasajeros is about 35,000 people.

Death in Hospitals

Manzanillo, February 20 - The death of the juvenile Manuel Riveron in the "Celai Sanchez Manduley Hospital", in Manzanillo, increased the number of victims from the so called "Golden Staphylococcus" in the operating rooms.

Riveron, who was 17 years old died three days after he was operated of appendicitis. A hospital source indicated that 6 peo-

ple died from the same cause last year.

**Diahrrea Outbreak in
Havana's Prison**

Havana, January 31 - An outbreak of diahrrea is affecting the inmates in Valle Grande prison, located in La Lisa county in Habana. This outbreak is caused by contaminated food supplied to the inmates by the administrators of the prison.

Dental clinic in Crisis

Las Tunas, February 2 - The stomatology Department of the Vazquez policlinic in the province of Las Tunas, is in crisis indefinitely for lack of materials.

Since approximately three months ago, they have not had amalbam used in dental fillings, there is a shortage of anesthesia and of needles used to inject this product to the patients.

"There are 3 broken dental chairs, without illumination because there are no light bulbs.

**Public Health In Santiago
de Cuba in Going From
Bad To Worse**

Santiago de Cuba, February 4, 2001 - Public health in the Santiago de Cuba region is deteriorating. According to testimonies from the affected individuals, in the community policlinic of Micro 3, in the suburb Abel Santamaria,

located approximately 5 kilometers from the city, there has been no consultations or medical services for the last six days due to the absence of drinking water supply.

Many patients, hypertensive and asthmatics have had to go to the city to receive treatment to alleviate their ailments.

The "Las Guasimas" community, located approximately 14 kilometers from the city of Santiago de Cuba, does not have a doctor because the clinic was vandalized and all the furniture was stolen including the examination table and refrigerator.

At the same time, in the provincial hospital Saturnino Lora, surgeries have been discontinued for the absence of cotton swabs and sutures.

It was also disclosed that Mrs. Elsa Ocana Rubio, who resides in the Guano suburb, was taken to the hospital with acute abdominal pain and gall bladder surgery was prescribed (this case was prioritized, due to the seriousness of the condition), the patient was sent back to her home after she was injected abafortan intravenously to ease the pain.

In the same manner it was known that in Consultory #26, situated in the Sueno urbanization, Dr. Irma Suarez could not take care of patients because she did not have paper to write prescriptions.

**Soon to be published
"Adventures of the MMT"**

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