



# Miami Medical Team Foundation

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## MMTF in the XX Century

Since the decade of the 80's, the members of the MMT began their humanitarian gest. At the beginning, wars were tearing apart entire countries and geographic regions of the world. Man made massive destruction was pushing thousands of refugees across the borders of their countries toward refugee centers.

Generations of farmers and people from towns and cities moved away from the destructive machinery of indiscriminating war, sustained by an extra continental ideology and their islander surrogates. A group of men and women of goodwill got together to help people of the world, offering their services for

the cause of health, justice and freedom.

MMT was distinguished in three war theaters, Nicaragua, Angola and Afghanistan. After the fall of the Soviet Union and during the decade of the 90's, the MMT started helping and obtaining experience in health systems reconstruction in countries now free of totalitarian governments. Also, the MMT became involved in rapid response and deployment of "medical teams" to areas affected by natural disasters such as, hurricanes, earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, tidal waves and to care for waves of refugees coming from Cuba and Haiti from 1991 to 1995.



June 2001. Dr. Jackie Salazar (Pediatric) consulting children in Haina, Province of San Cristobal, Dominican Rep.

## Summary of Experiences of the MMT

<b>I- War Disasters</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Nicaragua</li> <li>2. Angola</li> <li>3. Afghanistan</li> </ol>	1983 to 1990 1987 to 1989 1989
<b>II- Natural Disasters</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Earthquakes</li> <li>2. Hurricanes</li> <li>3. Volcanoes</li> <li>4. Floods</li> </ol>	Chile, 1985 El Salvador, 1986 El Salvador, 2001 Andrew (So. Florida), 1992 Antigua Dominican Republic Mitch (Honduras, Nicaragua), 1998/99 Cerro Negro (Nicaragua), 1993 El Niño (Peru, Ecuador), 1996
<b>III- Massive Refugee Immigration</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cubans</li> <li>2. Haitians</li> </ol>	Key West, 1991-1994 Bahamas, 1991-1994 Cayman Island, 1991-1994 Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, 1994-95
<b>IV- Reconstruction and help to the National Health System</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Nicaragua</li> <li>2. Panama</li> <li>3. Poland</li> <li>4. Ecuador</li> <li>5. Dominican Republic</li> <li>6. Haiti,</li> <li>7. Russia</li> <li>8. Paraguay</li> </ol>	From 1990 1991 1991 1992-93 1991, 92, 95, 2001 1995, 2001 1996 1999

# Operation El Salvador, 2001:

Earthquake January 13, 2001 • Earthquake, February 13, 2001

A massive earthquake, intensity 7.5 (Richter Scale) in an area of 2000 square miles and 50 miles deep into the earth, affected this country in Central America.

The MMT responded immediately and visited the different affected departments for the next five months.

Many donations to help the victims were obtained from Miami and from New Jersey.

## Summary of Operations in El Salvador

Trip #	Date	Department	MMT Personnel	Pounds of Med.	Total Cases Helped
1	Jan 19, 20	Usulután	Drs. Alzugaray, Falcon, Salazar Ventura; Rafael Comas, R.N.	1,300	467
2.	Feb. 2, 3	San Vicente Usulután	Drs. Alzugaray, Soler, Cabada Carro, Cepero; Roque de Escobar	1,800	896
3.	Mar. 2, 3	Cuscatlán	Drs. Alzugaray, Soler, Salazar, Beato, Molina, Cepero, de Cespedes; Roque de Escobar	2,000	816
4.	April 6, 7	de la Paz	Drs. Alzugaray, Soler, Ortiz, Beato, Roque de Escobar	1,800	681
5.	May 18, 19	de la Paz	Drs. Alzugaray, Soler, Salazar, Beato, Castillo, Matos, de Cespedes; Roque de Escobar	2,000	787
<b>TOTALS</b>				<b>9,100</b>	<b>3,647</b>

May 2001, San Salvador

**Act of recognition to acknowledge the help provided by the MMT to the earthquake victims.**



Left to Right: Arq. Mauricio Bukele, MMT representative in El Salvador  
Lic. Luis Mendez, Coordinator CARE El Salvador  
Vice President of El Salvador, Sr. Carlos Quintanillas  
Minister of Health, Dr. Jose Lopez Beltran  
Dr. Manuel A. Alzugaray, President MMT



Picture taken in New Jersey. West N.Y. Lions Club  
Donation of \$10,000 check for MMT operation earthquake El Salvador 2001

Left to Right:  
Maximo Bello (Past President)  
Miguel Rodriguez (Treasurer)  
Dr. Alzugaray  
Rolando Velázquez (President)



# Operation Santo Domingo

Requested by M.A.S. (San Cristobal Action Movement) the MMT visited the Dominican Republic on June 22, 23, 2001.

The medical team included Dr. Alzugaray, Dr. M. Soler, Dr. Jacqueline Salazar and Jose Carro (Logistics).

José Luis Gonzalez Gallarreta and William Lora, president of M.A.S. in Florida, also traveled to Santo Domingo.

The humanitarian work was provided mainly, in two locations in the province of San Cristobal. The first day in the town of Haina and the second day in the barrio Madre Vieja.

A total of 692 patients were helped with the 1,600 pounds of medications donated by the MMT.



June 2001, San Cristobal, Dominican Republic  
Lic. Maceo, President of M.A.S. (Movimiento Accion San Cristobalences) delivers Honor Plaque to the Miami Medical Team doctors Alzugaray and Soler

A recognition plaque was delivered to the MMT on June 23, 2001 by Mr. Maceo, President of M.A.S., in a very emotional act in San Cristobal.

## Adventures of the MMT

Recently, the MMT began "MMT Comics", which are being published in a medical publication named "Agenda Medica."

MMT is relating its experiences in a form enjoyable to all ages. These experiences will be published on a regular basis, but not in chronological order.

MMT will be publishing in this form, either a current event or some other histor-

ical event.

We hope to show and teach young people, that working for good causes, justice and freedom, pays.

**"Adventures of the MMT"**  
A group of men and women of good will offering their services for the cause of Health, Justice and Freedom.



Honorable Mayor of the City of Miami, Joe Carrollo and Dr. Manuel Alzugaray (MMT) Commendation to the MMT from the City of Miami at the City Hall on April 29, 2001



News From

## Cuba

Independent Medical Association of Cuba and Independent Cuban Journalists

### Hospitals are closing due to shortage of nurses

Edel José García Díaz, Agencia Centro Norte for Cuba Free Press.

Havana.- Several hospitals in the capital have reduced their services and are closing hospital wards due to a shortage of nursing personnel

### Estomatological services in the city of Camagüey are in abominable condition

Camagüey, August 6, 2001 (Normando Hernández, CPIC) - The shortage of spare parts to repair sterilization equipment (autoclave) prevents patients with estomatological emergencies from receiving treatment in the city of Camagüey.

### Aspirins disappear

Pinar del Río.- Several employees of a dispensary located in Marti street, Pinar del Río, were arrested for selling medicines in the black market that should only be distributed with medical prescriptions.

### Cuba prohibits the return of doctors who emigrated to Chile

Santiago, August 1, 2001 (AFP) - The Cuban government prohibited the return to the country of more than a thousand Cuban doctors who emigrated and resided in Chile, the Cuban embassy in Santiago announced on Wednesday.

### An injured prisoner, who asked for medicine received a head fracture and a broken arm

Havana, August 1, 2001 (Reinaldo Cosano Alén) - Internal security officers of the "Kilo 8" prison, in the province of Camagüey, inflicted a head fracture and a broken arm to prisoner Jose Alexis Eduardo Cabrera, because he demanded medication to alleviate a pain he was experiencing.

August, 2001

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# MMT and Radio Marti

MMT is broadcasting conferences in Radio Marti, weekly, to help medical doctors, dentists and other medical personnel to keep up with the latest innovations in medicine. These conferences are given by distinguished specialists, and are easy enough to be understood by the general population. The conferences dictated in the last six months have been:

Lecturer	Specialty	Name of Conference
1- Dr. Raul Reyes Roque	Psychiatrist	1. Control of Population 2. Alcoholism and Suicide
2- Dr. Manuel Alzugaray	President MMT	1. Earthquake 2001 in El Salvador 2. MMT Humanitarian trips
3- Dr. Antonio Yong	ENT	1. Sinusitis 2. General Principles in ENT
4- Dr. Alberto Alea	Infetious Disease	1. Diverticulitis 2. Pneumonia
5- Dr. Enrique Cepero	Dentist	1. General Dental Considerations
6- Dr. Ruben Gonzalez Vallina	Pediatrist	1. Gastric Reflux 2. Cholestasia
7- Dr. Heriberto Cabada	Psychiatrist	1. Jails of the Mind 2. Spirituality and Psychiatry
8- Dr. Mario Soler	Orthopedist	1. Arthritis: Conservative Treatment 2. Arthritis: Surgical Treatment
9- Dr. Jorge Beato	Cardiologist	1. Cardiac Arrhythmias 2. Myocardial Infarction
10- Dr. Luis Flores	Endocrinologist	1. Diabetes Mellitus: Medications 2. Thyroid. Obesity
11- Dr. Ramón Rodriguez Torres	Pediatrist	1. Telemedicine
12- Dr. Omar Vento	Gastroenterologist	1. Pancreatitis 2. Hepatitis
13- Dr. Esteban Valdes Castillo	Psychiatrist	1. Depression Syndrome
14- Dr. Luis Reina	Neurologist	1. Cerebral Attack 2. Dementia
15- Dr. Aquiles Mas	Dentist	1. Endodony: Diagnosis 2. Endodony: Instrumentation
16- Dr. Tomas Cabrera	Urologist	1. Prostate Cancer 2. Impotence
17- Dr. Manuel Alzugaray	President MMT	1. Humanitarian trip to Dominican Republic. June 2001
18- Dr. Manuel Galguera	Pediatrist	1. Asthma 2. Paracytosis