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Volunteer with IMHO in Ethiopia this October 17-30

IMHO Medical Volunteer Trip to Ethiopia 2010

WHEN: 17-30 October 2010

WHERE: Addis Ababa & Bahir Dar, Ethiopia

WHY: To serve those in need by providing quality health & medical care

WHO: Medical doctors & health professionals (especially those with a background in diabetes care, cardiology, eye care, primary care, & telemedicine)

HOW MUCH: \$995 all-inclusive, *excluding* airfare

IMHO is pleased to announce that it is coordinating its first medical volunteer trip to Ethiopia this October 17-30, 2010 and is seeking energetic volunteers who wish to serve the health & medical needs of poor patients in Bahir Dar, Ethiopia. This trip is being planned with the full support of the [Ethiopian Consulate of Los Angeles](#) and the [Amhara Development Association](#) in Amhara, Ethiopia. IMHO seeks 12-15 volunteers (doctors & medical professionals only for this trip), particularly those who with a background or experience in diabetes medicine, cardiology, eye care/cataracts surgery, and primary care, as well as those with an interest or expertise in health education (ie: lecturing in local medical colleges & hospitals, training local staff, etc.) and/or

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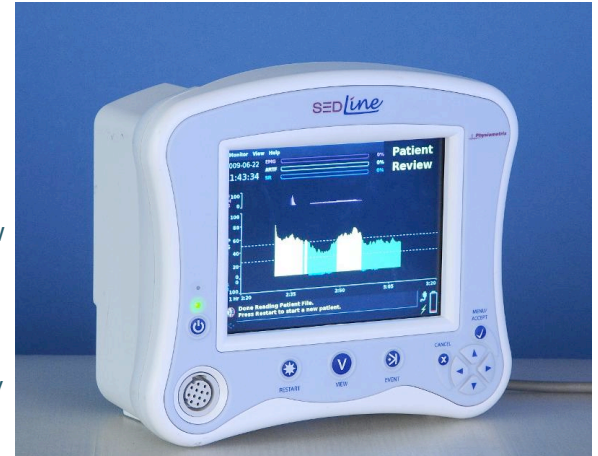
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education (ie: lecturing in local medical colleges & hospitals, training local staff, etc.) and/or telemedicine. All volunteers will be expected to contribute a program fee of \$995/person, which will cover the cost of ALL their own expenses (incl. housing, food, transport, etc.) from the time of arrival until the time of departure and all program & supply costs. For more information or to express interest, please email the IMHO Programs Coordinator at coordinator@themho.org. You can also download the trip flyer and application/waiver [HERE](#), or view our event posting on Idealist.org [HERE](#).

Please Support our Local Needs Requests

As you know, IMHO both responds to needs from the ground as they arise and works proactively with local partners to strengthen health infrastructure in areas in need. Through this approach, we are essentially able to fill in the gaps of the health and medical services available. For this reason, we have added a new section to our website that features specific requests that have come through from various local partners for equipment, medicines, supplies, and other support. Currently featured on our site are a number of requests put forth by the Jaffna and Batticaloa Teaching Hospitals for their cardiology, neurology, endocrinology, and premature baby units [\[PLEASE CLICK HERE\]](#). We will be updating this page regularly, and we hope you will check back often and consider making a donation towards these requests. In order to do so, simply reference the specific requests towards which you would like your donation to go when making your donation and/or email the IMHO Programs Coordinator at gtbuie@gmail.com. **No donation is too small!** Thank you for your support!



IMHO Continues to Grow

Recently, IMHO hit yet another milestone in its development with the creation of an IMHO International Board of Directors, which will be responsible for overseeing all the national IMHO organizations, including IMHO USA, IMHO Canada, and any future IMHO branches. The International Board will help facilitate and coordinate efforts between all the IMHO branches, while protecting the IMHO name and reputation globally. This will help to consolidate information & resources and help streamline efforts in Sri Lanka and elsewhere, so as to improve efficiency. IMHO intends to expand its operations beyond North America in the near future, and we will surely keep you posted on any new developments on that front.

Serving as President of the newly formed IMHO International Board is Dr. S. Raguraj, who has served as the IMHO USA President since its founding in 2004. Joining him as IMHO International Board Secretary is Dr. Thavam Thambipillai, also one of the founding members of IMHO USA and IMHO USA Secretary for the last 6 years. Both resigned their posts with IMHO USA before taking up positions on this new International Board.

Given this new reality, there are 8 remaining persons serving on the IMHO USA Board of Directors, including (*with newly elected positions**):

Dr. Kanaga Sena, *President**
Dr. Rajam Theventhiran, *Treasurer*
Dr. S. Nanthakumar, *Secretary**
Dr. K. Devacaanthan
Mr. Steve Jaeger
Dr. N. Nanthakumar
Dr. Sujanthi Rajaram
Mr. Jegan Thambaiyah

Construction on New Negombo Hospital Mental Health Unit Complete

Construction on the new Mental Health Unit at Negombo Hospital has now wrapped up, with the project now entering its final stages before its scheduled opening later this summer. IMHO gave financial support to this project in Fall 2009 to support development of this new unit, including the installation of toilets and provisions of furniture. With a massive need for improved mental health care services nationwide, this new facility will provide a crucial service to many individuals and families in need.




View & Download the 2010 Annual Souvenir Program, All Convention Presentations, & the Event Photo Gallery

You can view and download our full **2010 ANNUAL CONVENTION SOUVENIR PROGRAM**, featuring articles from doctors and key partners in Jaffna, Mannar, Vavuniya, Batticaloa, Kalmunai, and Colombo, by clicking [HERE](#). *For the full quality document, please use the 'Download' feature, as only the low resolution file is available in the "Preview".*

The International Medical Health Organization (IMHO) presents...

REBUILDING LIVES

7th Annual Convention
Boston, Massachusetts
April 30 & May 1, 2010

A collage of several small photographs. The top left shows a patient in a hospital bed. The top right shows a group of people, possibly at a community event. The middle left shows two people in a room, one sitting and one standing. The middle right shows a group of people in a room, possibly a meeting or a presentation. The bottom left shows a person sitting in a wheelchair. The bottom right shows a group of people in a room, possibly a meeting or a presentation.

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You can also view the **Photo Gallery** of the 7th Annual IMHO Convention [HERE](#).

Finally, you can also view and download **any of the presentations** from our Annual Convention [HERE](#).

Upcoming IMHO Events

*****IMHO SoCal Presentations*****

WHEN: Friday, July 23rd; Saturday, July 24th; & Sunday, July 25th

WHERE: Lancaster, Orange County, & Los Angeles, CA

WHAT: IMHO will be holding a series of presentations and annual fundraising events in the Southern California area.

CONTACT: For details on any of the planned events, please email the IMHO Programs Coordinator at coordinator@theimho.org.

*****Ethiopia Medical Volunteer Trip*****

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*****SAVE THE DATE: IMHO Semi-Annual Meeting*****

WHEN: Saturday, October 16, 2010; registration opens at 8:00am

WHERE: Location TBA, Baltimore, MD

WHAT: Join us for our 2010 IMHO semi-annual meeting in Baltimore where we will be joined by 2 visiting doctors from Sri Lanka who will speak about the major needs affecting people in Sri Lanka today, amongst other speakers and events. Check back with our website soon for more details!

*****SAVE THE DATE: April 30, 2011**

8th Annual IMHO Convention in Houston, Texas***

WHEN: Saturday, April 30th, 2011; Registration opens at 8:00am; Program starts at 8:30am

WHERE: Sheraton North Houston (at George Bush Intercontinental Airport), 15700 John F. Kennedy Blvd., Houston, TX 77032

WHY: Come hear first-hand about the humanitarian needs in Sri Lanka and globally from visiting experts, doctors, and humanitarian workers. Learn about the important work of IMHO, participate in panel discussions on various topics, and get involved with our organization. More details to come! You can also view the event listing on our website [HERE](#).

Please mark your calendars now and plan to join us for our 8th Annual IMHO Convention, taking place this year in Houston, Texas. Rooms will be available for booking by phone at 281.442.5100. For reservations by phone, group nightly rates are \$79/night +tax, which does not include breakfast. The nightly group rate with breakfast for 2 included is \$89/night +tax. Please ask for the group rate for the International Medical Health Organization (IMHO). We look forward to seeing you there!

Past IMHO Events

*****Dallas Rallies for Amputee Rehab Support*****

Friends and volunteers of IMHO Texas organized a BBQ luncheon fundraising event in Dallas, Texas on Saturday, May 29, 2010. Despite the long holiday weekend, a large gathering including children attended.

A PowerPoint presentation from the IMHO Texas Coordinator was shown to the attendees and about \$3,500 in donations were collected to supplement the already established

attendees and about \$3,500 in donations were collected to supplement the already established Texas Rehab Fund for IDP Physical and Mental Rehabilitation. This fund was established to support the Jaffna Jaipur Centre Disability Rehabilitation (JJCDR) project. IMHO is thankful to all the volunteers and friends from the Dallas area who attended the event and contributed to this very worthwhile cause.

*****Nalam Kappom 2010: Montreal, Ottawa, & Toronto (IMHO Canada)*****

IMHO Canada held its annual "Nalam Kappom" events in May & June in the cities of Montreal, Ottawa, and Toronto. With 4 visiting physicians from Sri Lanka on-hand to speak about the various needs and gaps in health services in Vavuniya, Jaffna, Kalmunai, and Valaichchenai, it was an extremely informative event and a rare opportunity to speak with these physicians who are at the forefront of serving those in Sri Lanka with crucial health & medical services. Roughly \$20,000 was collected between the 3 events, all of which will support efforts to help the IDPs/resettled IDPs and others affected by the recent end stage of the war.

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\$1/day!
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During this crucial time in Sri Lanka and around the world, as we face monumental challenges in providing better access to quality medical and health care for those most at-risk populations, we need YOUR HELP now more than ever. With **just \$1/day** (or \$30/month) you can help save and improve lives in Sri Lanka and elsewhere. Please consider making a donation to IMHO today. You can **donate online via PayPal as a one-time or recurring donation** (the amount & frequency of which are up to you).

You can also **donate via mail** by sending a check made out to "IMHO" to the following address:

**IMHO Treasurer
PO Box 61265
Staten Island, New York 10306
United States**

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