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Providing health care *for* lasting change

When day-to-day life is consumed with tasks at hand, it takes intentionality to pause and ask, will any of this really last?

At Medical Ministry International, all of us, including staff, project team leaders, and health center partners, know the work we do will last. When we provide health care to communities with limited or no access to services, a lasting change happens. This lasting change is demonstrated in the lives of our patients, their families, and their communities.

You will read stories of lasting change throughout these pages as God utilizes the health care we provide to demonstrate His love to those we serve. As a result, lasting change becomes a reality in the lives of our participants, donors, and staff. Please join us. I am confident you too will experience lasting change.

Leanne Ferris

Leanne H. Ferris, HBSc, MBA
Executive Director



NORTH AMERICA

*Dominican Republic,
El Salvador, Honduras, Mexico*

PROJECT TEAMS:

20,309 Patients Served
90,265 Services Provided
\$11,133,641 Value of Services

SOUTH AMERICA

Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru

PROJECT TEAMS:

29,636 Patients Served
94,539 Services Provided
\$11,165,195 Value of Services

AFRICA

*Ghana, Malawi,
Rwanda, Zambia*

EUROPE & ASIA

*Azerbaijan, Cambodia,
India, Nepal, Philippines,
Thailand, Ukraine*

PROJECT TEAMS:

4,617 Patients Served
7,262 Services Provided
\$2,524,523 Value of Services

GLOBAL FOOTPRINT IN 2018



19 Countries



\$24,823,359
Project Services



14 Health Centers
and Partners



Diane Stoddard, RN

"Over the years, I have come to realize that each of us on this planet has an element of poverty in our lives – whether it be financial, emotional, or spiritual. God has used each trip to stretch me in various ways – physically, emotionally and mentally, as I learn to trust Him to take care of myself, the team, and all the little details. I am honoured that God chooses me to help people with such limited access to quality medical care."

Diane Stoddard, a Registered Nurse from Waterloo, Ontario, has been on seven Medical Ministry International trips to Peru since 2012.



48
Project Teams

(784)
Participant
Volunteers



54,562 Patients
Served



192,066 Services
Provided



Peter Edelstein, MD

"It is absolutely true that for most of our Bolivian MMI patients, we bring hope and joy. But in truth, I have found my [three] MMI Mission Trips to be a far greater blessing for me than for my surgical charges. The feeling of being able to help others return to their families, their work, their lives is indescribable. Truly it is greater to give than to receive!"

Dr. Peter Edelstein, a General Surgeon from Mount Dora, Florida, has been on three Medical Ministry International trips to Bolivia since April 2018.

VISION CARE

Our **Vision Care Program** utilizes project teams to promote eye health and provide direct services.

68,489

Services Provided

25,441 vision screenings, 5,787 medical consultations, 3,693 manual refractions, 1,105 cataract surgeries, 55 strabismus surgeries, 14,775 eyeglasses dispensed, 65 prostheses fitted, and much more.



26,742

Patients Served

\$11,172,521

Value of Services



Sight Restored in India

An elderly patient had come to the hospital escorted by her granddaughter, having been blind for a couple of years. She had her surgery, and the next day, when taking her patch off, she could immediately recognize the nurse taking off the patch. She started laughing and talking all at the same time. Her granddaughter was standing behind her and I was watching her. The patient turned her head to look up at her granddaughter and recognized her for the first time in a very long time, and she laughed even louder. I watched as the tears started rolling down the granddaughter's face with pure joy. This patient could not stop laughing and talking all day, and her granddaughter would not leave her side. It was such a heartfelt simple moment to see just joy from both the patient and the granddaughter, such a sense of relief and joy for them both. It reminded me of how much we miss when we don't appreciate the simple things, like how precious sight is, and how precious family is.

Written by Peta-Ann Schmidt
Vision Program: Longphang, India - November 2018

She recognized her granddaughter for the first time in a very long time.

DENTAL CARE

Our **Dental Program** recognizes the need for education, prevention, and restorative care to reduce unnecessary extractions and thus save smiles.

18,126

Services Provided

4,267 consultations, 2,770 restorations, 2,320 fluoride treatments, 4,306 cleanings, 306 sealants, 613 oral surgeries, and 3,364 extractions.

5,377

Patients Served

\$4,835,830

 Value of Services

Carlos' smile was restored



Saving Smiles in Peru

Carlos*, an eleven-year-old boy from Peru, was embarrassed to smile. When Carlos lost his front primary tooth, he waited for it to be replaced by his permanent tooth, but it didn't come. Generally, children's permanent front teeth will come in first, around age 7 or 8. Carlos felt ashamed, and that he was not able to "smile, speak, and play; because the rest of the kids his age had all their teeth", and he did not.

Sara Risueño Díaz, a dentist at MMI Peru, performed clinical and x-ray evaluations for Carlos, and saw that his #21 tooth (upper left central incisor) was impacted (failing to grow in the

correct position and stuck in the gums) in a sideways position. This was likely the result of a fall or hit to the area.

Díaz put together a treatment plan for Carlos – to line up his upper permanent teeth, to make space for his tooth to come in, and to do surgery to expose and pull down this tooth. They implemented the plan, and eight months later, Carlos' tooth was in its normal position. His smile was restored, and he was no longer embarrassed to smile.

**name has been changed*

PRIMARY CARE & PREVENTION

Our **Primary and Prevention Program** includes interventions essential to addressing the long-term health of the communities we serve.

79,774
Services Provided

19,179 consultations, 45,608 prescriptions filled, 3,661 lice treatments, 7,054 parasite and deworming treatments, 1,317 lab procedures, 285 audiology screenings, 86 pap smears, 29 ear cleanings, 210 sonograms, and more.

19,208
Patients Served

\$4,064,043 Value of Services



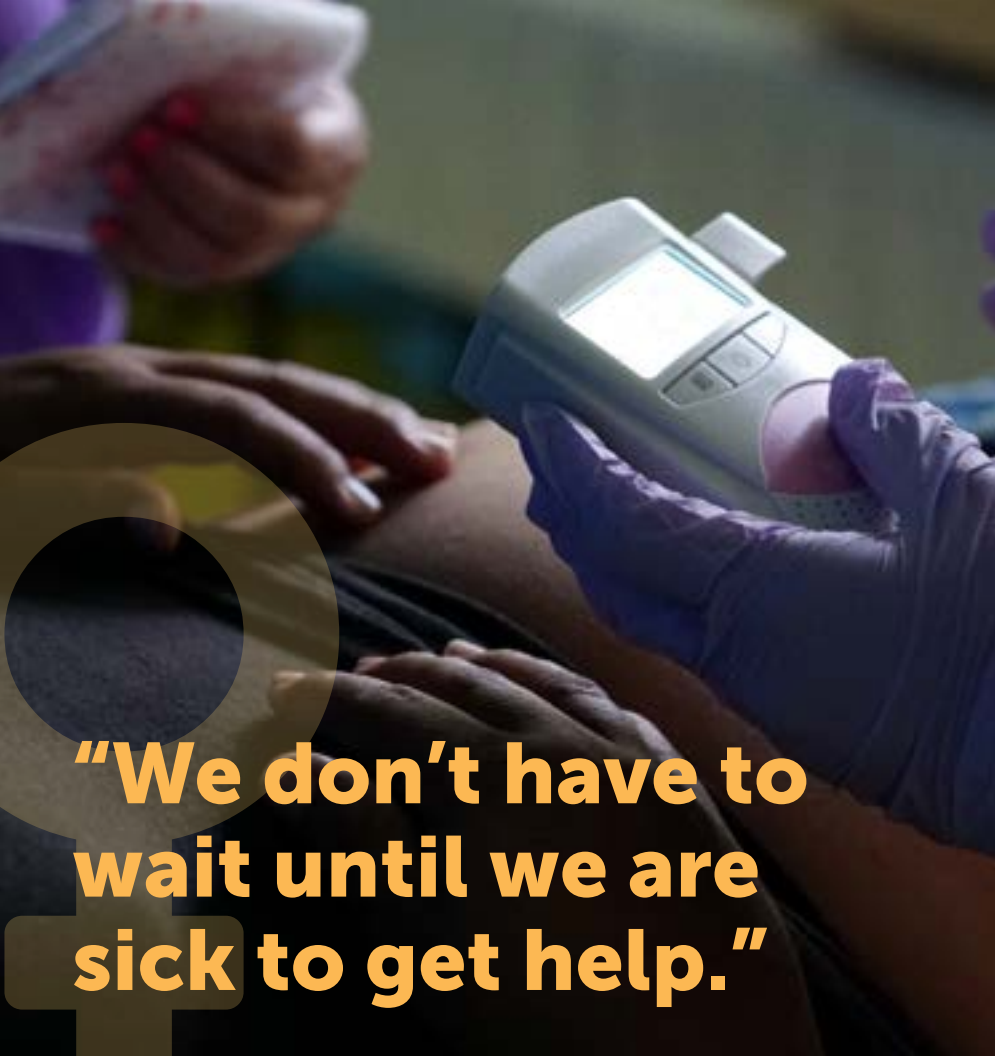
“So many little things that I know change the quality of someone’s life.”

Treatment in the Dominican Republic

“I know that we filled over 2,400 scripts and I felt like that with every one I filled we made a difference. We filled so many treatments for scabies. I can only imagine how miserable those patients were. We were able to give them relief. We treated someone with a severe leg wound — hopefully he will keep his foot. We helped people with pain — hopefully they will be able to work pain-free. The list goes on and on. So many little things that I know change the quality of someone’s life.”

Written by Kelle Thompson, Medical Ministry International participant





“We don’t have to wait until we are sick to get help.”

OB/GYN HEALTH

Part of our **Primary Care and Prevention Program** includes OB/Gyn Health services.

HPV Screening in the Amazon

In 2018, MMI Amazon screened 485 women from 20 villages along the Amazon river for HPV for the prevention and treatment of cervical cancer. Of the 485 women screened, 92 tested positive for high-risk HPV (18.9%).

Two of these 92 women were a mother and her daughter. The daughter summarized the impact of the screening program by saying “My mother was diagnosed with cervical cancer. In less than a week, she was transferred to Bogota for additional tests. Fortunately, it was in time and she was able to start chemo in a not hard stage. The doctors say she is responding good. In my case, they are taking care of me and will be doing frequent exams to make sure that I don’t develop that horrible disease. I am now encouraging more ladies to take care of themselves. We don’t have to wait until we are sick to get help. Now we understand that we can do things before that bug bites our cervical area.”



Roberto heard music for the first time in his life...

AUDIOLOGICAL CARE

Another part of our **Primary Care and Prevention Program** includes Audiological Care.

Hearing Aids in Mexico

Roberto was born with audio deficiency in both ears and an inability to speak. Despite the efforts of his family, Roberto did not receive treatment or hearing aids, but was able to go to school. Roberto is very intelligent and even with his limitations, he began to learn by watching the teachers and other students.

While MMI was working in Copainalá, Mexico, Roberto came for an audiology exam. The exam showed that Roberto did, in fact, have the capacity to detect some sounds with hearing aids.

Dr. Cualí fitted Roberto with a pair of donated hearing aids and now he can hear sounds around him and distinguish between and respond to voices. He can also differentiate between speaking voices and music, which he heard for the first time in his life.

Roberto and his family were overjoyed to benefit from the donated hearing aids and expressed profound gratitude for his new abilities.

SURGICAL CARE

Our **Surgical Program** delivers affordable procedures to patients whose conditions have been left untreated, often for many years.

5,017
Services Provided

2,597 surgical consultations, 422 minor surgeries, 1,055 major surgeries including: abdominal, bones & joints, breast, colorectal, extremities, gynecology, head & neck, obstetrics, plastic & reconstructive, thoracic, urology, and vascular.

2,346
Patients Served



\$3,348,473 Value of Services



Surgical Care in the Philippines

Lorebeth is a valued staff member at Palompon District Hospital, the location of October 2018's MMI surgical mission in the Philippines.

Lorie (as she is fondly called by friends & colleagues) had a huge anterior neck mass – thyroid cancer – for 6 years. Fear and limited finances between her and her husband (a fisherman), as they struggled to support their 4 children, kept her from having surgery. She finally consented to the surgery when the MMI team came to her hospital.

The surgery (thyroidectomy with bilateral modified radical neck dissection) lasted 8 hours and had a team of 4 skilled surgeon teams operating. Lorie was discharged at the end of the week, and she received counseling and follow-up care in the weeks following her surgery, with plans for radioactive iodine therapy at least 6 weeks later. Dr. Jo Vee Dignadice, an MMI Philippines volunteer, helped raise funds for Lorie and accompanied her to her much-needed radiation treatment, and continues to monitor her progress.

Lorie says "Thank you so much Doctor, I thank God greatly that you and your team came to Palompon. I was ready to just live with my thyroid cancer without treatment."

Lorie is recovering well and back working at the hospital. The Gospel was presented to Lorie and 2 of her children - and they professed faith in Christ! They are grateful for the holistic care from the MMI team.



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EDUCATION & COUNSELLING

Our **Education and Counselling Program** follows a model of integrated health to care for the whole person, including their emotional and spiritual needs.



18,988

Health Education

18,110 health education group presentations and 878 private counseling sessions.

\$1,181,112 Value of Services



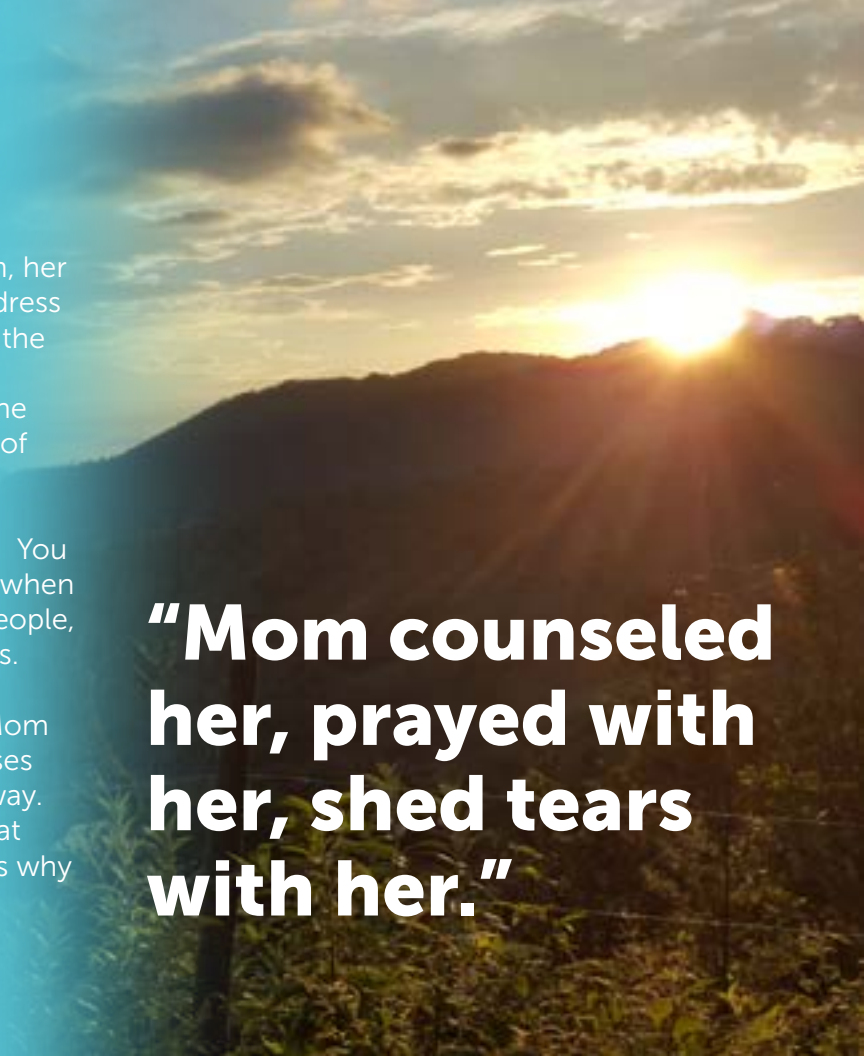
Beauty from Brokenness in Honduras

"Last year in November 2018 mom joined dad and me in Honduras for one week with MMI, her second trip with us.

She helped out in the Pharmacy, quietly supporting the team, her presence invaluable. A patient had come to our clinic to address a physical issue which I cannot recall, eventually directed to the area where we provided prayer. A Honduran translator and I spoke with her, she shared of being raped years ago when she was 14, still trying to cope. We prayed over her, spoke words of truth to her.

I approached mom and asked her to come speak to this girl. You see, my mom was the end result of her mother being raped when she was 14. And here we were, generations serving God's people, being born from a broken situation. Beauty from brokenness. How poignant. Jesus Himself came from a tattered lineage. Mom counseled her, prayed with her, shed tears with her. Mom even purchased a Bible and spent the week highlighting verses and had this Bible delivered to this girl's town many miles away. Mom looks back on that week in Honduras and pinpoints that moment, her time with this young lady that was raped, this is why she was called here."

Written by Joel Nicholson
Participant on project in Corcuín, Copán, Honduras - November 2018



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PHYSICAL THERAPY

Our Physical Therapy / Physiotherapy Program provides ongoing consultations, assistive devices, and restoration of dignity for our patients.

1,672
Services Provided

1,491 consultations, 24 canes,
36 wheelchairs, 29 walkers,
61 braces, 42 other devices.

891
Patients

\$221,380 Value of Services



“I saw all the help that my son was getting and it gave me strength...”

Physical Therapy in Peru

Leticia and her son Mateo met MMI in August 2014. At that time, Mateo had already been through two surgeries and he needed to be carried around with an oxygen tank and had other special requirements. Leticia says, “I was in desperate need of help. As I arrived [at the clinic], I saw people who weren’t from Peru assisting patients with a contagious smile and happiness.” Leticia explained her son’s medical history: Mateo has Down Syndrome, and he previously had pneumonia, two pericardial effusions, two surgeries and four more effusions in his lifetime.

“I was told that Mateo was going to need a lot of therapy. The more they explained the amount and type of help my son was needing, the more my mind was opening up to a new world of help for my child.” Leticia says Mateo was not capable of moving – but as he continued with therapy, she saw how he gained more control of his body.

“I saw all the help that my son was getting, [and] it gave me strength... Mateo has changed in such an incredible way. He has matured, he’s connected himself with reality. He’s able to communicate his feelings through emotions. He’s moving forward in life. Even though he has been through a lot - he shows joy, happiness and laughter.”

HEALTH CENTERS & PARTNERS

Medical Ministry International establishes and supports health centers to increase access to affordable, quality health care. As centers become self-supporting, we assist with specific needs for land, buildings, renovations, equipment, and training, as able. Health centers have independent Boards of Directors who maintain oversight of local administrators, doctors, and staff to ensure compliance with local legal requirements. We also partner with existing local programs to accomplish specific health care objectives in communities.



Azerbaijan

Caspian Compassion Project

Bolivia

MMI Bolivia

Colombia

MMI Amazon & Clinica Leticia

Dominican Republic

CCSM: Elias Santana Hospital

Ecuador

Hospital Cristiano de Especialidades

El Salvador

Eye Care International

Ghana

Sight for Africa

Honduras

Centro Cristiano de Servicios Humanitarios de Honduras

India

Mercy Eye Center

Malawi

Good Hope Ministries

Mexico

University of Montemorelos

Peru

MMI Peru

Ukraine

Ukraine Compassion Project

United States

I Care San Antonio

Caspian Compassion Project

In 2001, Medical Ministry International established a health center for the poor in Baku, Azerbaijan. At that time, funding was secured to purchase 3.18 hectares of land in Masazir, construct a new clinic, and acquire surgical equipment. A local entity, Caspian Compassion Project, was established under the leadership of Tofiq Teymurov. The clinic now provides over 10,000 vision services on an annual basis for the people of Azerbaijan.

In 2016, Caspian Compassion Project facilitated a Project Team as an outreach to Ukraine. Through this Project Team, 50 patients received sight-saving cataract surgery. The following year, in 2017, a new local entity, Ukraine Compassion Project, was established to continue the work on an ongoing basis. The clinic's work will be supported with Project Teams through teaching ophthalmologists and with financial support from Ukrainian and North American partners to support start-up needs, including equipment and supply procurement, and a vehicle to transport patients from rural areas.



INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Our international leaders are responsible for providing oversight for the work of Medical Ministry International in their countries.

Leaders:

- Respond to invitations from local communities
- Conduct local needs assessments
- Develop relationships with local health care professionals, churches, and community leaders
- Design programs to meet the determined health care need
- Execute 1 and 2-week Project Teams
- Establish health care centers
- Collaborate with pre-existing charitable efforts



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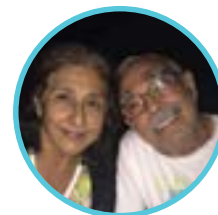
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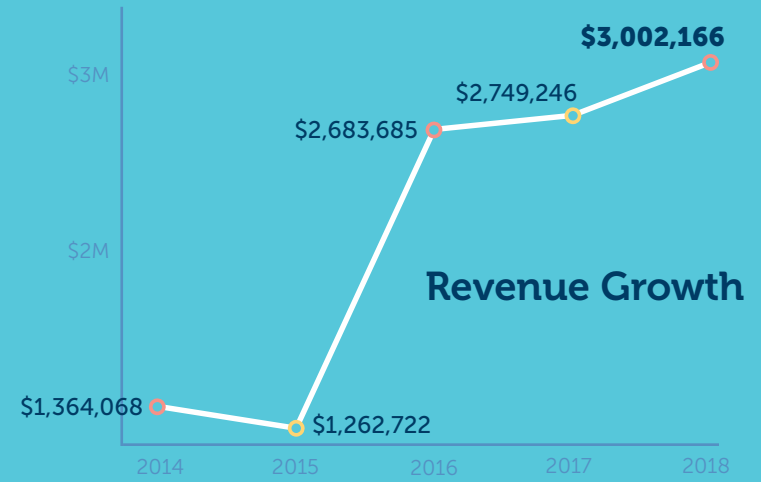
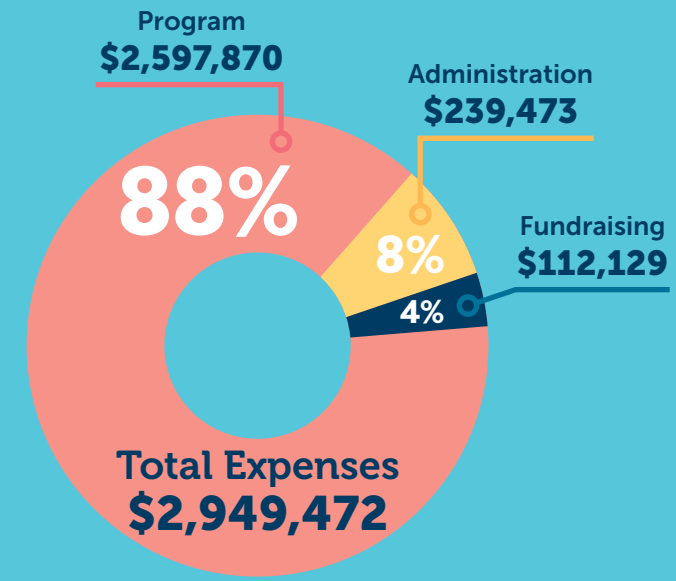
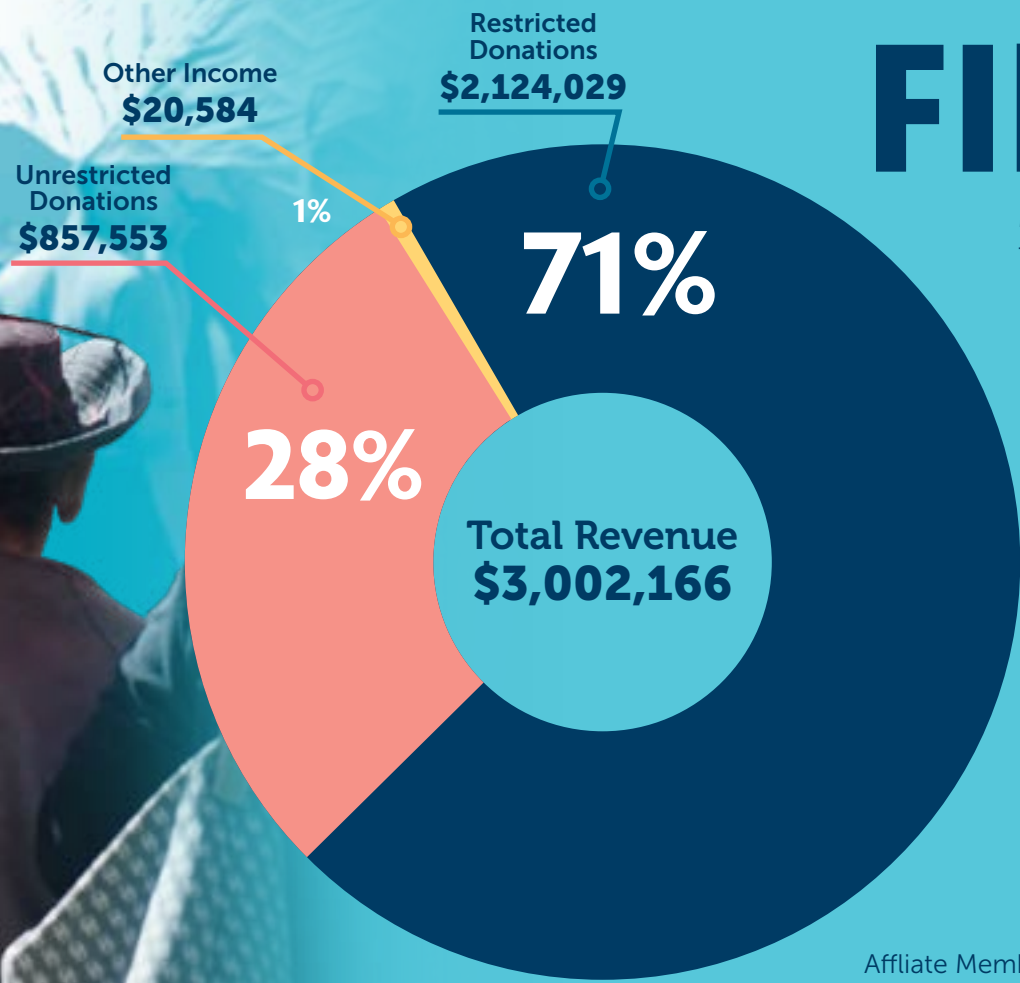
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FINANCIAL UPDATE

Medical Ministry International is thankful to report a financial surplus for 2018. We seek to be faithful stewards of the resources provided by generous donors, project participants, and volunteers.



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IN MAKING LASTING CHANGE

For more information on these giving options, please contact us at giving@mmi.org



Monthly Giving

Monthly contributions to our Global Ministry Fund go directly to the ministry's greatest need and help us efficiently utilize our resources.



Matching Gifts

You can multiply your donation by joining an employer matching gift program or donating during a matching campaign.



Memorial Gifts

These donations provide an opportunity to honor and remember loved ones while making a life-changing difference.

(Acknowledgment cards are available)



Gifts in Kind

Donations of medical equipment, pharmaceuticals, computers, and educational supplies help reduce our financial expenditures while meeting the needs of our projects and centers.



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You can leave a legacy of compassion through gifts of securities and estate planning while considering your tax implications.



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Support from family foundations and corporations is vital to our growing programs.

