Dear Friend of IMR,

IMR started off 2016 by answering a plea to help save the lives of Syrian refugees fleeing for Europe across the treacherous Aegean Sea.

IMR was called to go to the Greek island of Lesbos. Here, Syrian refugees flee through Turkey across the Aegean Sea into Greece. Families began carrying everything with them on their backs, but most had to leave all of these belongings somewhere along their journey before heading into the overcrowded boats for Greece. They loaded into the low-riding boats, setting off with apprehension in search of a new life knowing that this sea may decide their fate for them as it had already for others. Thousands crossed and thousands died. Many boats sank before the refugees reached the steep rocky shore of hope where IMR volunteers could help carry children, get them into clean, dry clothes, and provide them with much needed food and medicine. The freezing cold weather led to horrible acute illnesses in people with no means to obtain medical care.

Carrying babies onto the shore and comforting the desperate mothers, the IMR team of volunteers worked at the lighthouse throughout the night helping the boats that weren’t going to make it to shore. Team members dove into the frozen waters to rescue refugees from the sinking boats and bring them up onto the safe, dry land.

IMR was more than medical relief; IMR was a safety net, strangers with caring arms open to take children while parents gathered themselves out of the boat. IMR was more than medical relief; IMR was taking the clothes off their backs to put them on strangers whose own clothes were soaked and freezing. IMR was a warm meal, a caring heart, a medical provider. IMR was saving lives. This was only the beginning of the journey for the refugees. From here, they had to continue their journey onward for several weeks more into Europe where they would eventually find a place to call home.

For the remainder of the year, IMR continued to expand our hope and care for the needy. With 28 trips, 871 volunteers providing care for 27,561 patients, and $33 million worth of aid and care provided to those in need, it was a year we will remember. IMR volunteers were professionals who started off our year by aiding in the rescue of some of the hundreds of thousands of refugees in boats off the unforgiving Lesbos shore of the Aegean Sea. IMR is humanitarians. IMR is mothers, daughters, fathers, sons, brothers and sisters. IMR is relief.

Very humbly,

Shauna King
FOR EVERY $1 DONATED TO INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL RELIEF, $16 IN MEDICINES, MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND MEDICAL SERVICES ARE DONATED TO THOSE IN NEED.
In 2016 International Medical Relief served over 27,000 patients through 28 programs with 937 volunteers.

International Medical Relief is a transparent, non-profit organization that provides humanitarian assistance through medical relief. We are transparent in our mission, our work, our finances, and our operations. We believe in complete financial reporting and disclosure, and board and management fiscal responsibility for our operations.

International Medical Relief is recognized as a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Your gifts to IMR are tax-deductible in the United States to the extent allowed by law. For more information about our financial or non-profit status, you can contact us by phone 970-635-0110 or via email at contact@imrus.org.
“If you ever have a chance to go to Africa to take cold showers, coat yourself in 100% deet, sleep in mosquito nets, and work long days in the heat…you should. This is the most amazing thing I’ve ever experienced. I wish I could put into words what this does to your heart. I thought I was coming here to save these people…instead they’re saving me.”

- Sarah, RN, Team Uganda
“Yesterday I just sat down in my apartment and cried. This trip has been overwhelming in the greatest possible way. The pain, the fear, the accomplishment, the pride, the vulnerability, the innocence of it all is beautiful to me. Feelings I never thought I had the capacity to feel. Perception that I didn’t think existed until now. A reality that was unknown to me. I just would like to give an enormous thank you and the warmest of hugs to the entire team, the team leader, the guides, the porters, and to International Medical Relief. You guys are out of this world amazing.”

– Kalah, IMR volunteer

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- Team Members’ Trip Expenses: 1.2%
- General & Administrative Overhead: 5%
- Medical Supplies & Equipment: 22%
- Clinic Operations: 22%
- Medical Treatment - Cases: 18%
- Community Health Training: 51%
BOARD OF DIRECTORS & MEDICAL BOARD

The governing bodies of International Medical Relief are proud to have oversight of the fiduciary responsibilities of the organization and the medical protocols and best practices for field operations. The boards regularly meet and provide guidance to the organization, as well as self-evaluation. Together, they provide sound, ethical, legal governance and financial oversight of the organization's operations and steer the activities toward continued success.

Board of Directors:
- Shauna King
- Ann Vanderslice

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- Amy Jordheim
- Dr. William Hughes
- Dr. Carolyn Johnson
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Tibet
Thailand
Senegal
Myanmar
Rwanda (2 missions)
Uganda (2 missions)
Haiti (4 missions)
Indonesia
Panama (2 missions)
Vietnam
Nicaragua
Zambia
Ethiopia
Cambodia (2 missions)
South Africa
Brazil
Tanzania
Malawi
Philippines
“Personally, I have never felt more sure of my path and my decision to serve my community in healthcare. I have been enlightened in observing the way each member of IMR’s volunteer team contributes something individual and unique but also incredibly critical to the team as a whole.”

— Jordan, Team Philippines