WORLD MATE EMERGENCY HOSPITAL & HANDA MEDICAL CENTER

NEWSLETTER July-Sept. 2016

JULY

BCLS Training for Shinta Mani Hotel Staff

Dr Kim Vichet, Hay Sothearath (Madam Roath), and Nguon Rinda conducted a Basic Cardiac Life Support Training at the Shinta Mani Hotel in Siem Reap for about 40 of their staff.

Ms. Joanne Schwarz is a Registered Nurse from Australia. For two weeks, Ms. Schwarz attended ward rounds and taught our nurses anesthesia nursing and care. She also brought some materials and medical equipment to WMEH with Dr. Philippa.

Dr. Phillipa, an ER doctor from Australia, taught emergency and trauma medicine concepts to our WMEH doctors and OPD-ER & ICU nurses. She also joined in daily patient rounds and brought some donations to the hospital, together with Ms. Joanne Schwarz. Dr. 'Pip' and Joanne continue to support the hospital from Australia by sending donations of much needed equipment.

Farewell, Dr. Joost and Kunthea

In July we said goodbye to two wonderful people who've contributed a lot to the hospital: Dr. Joost, HMC's Medical Director for the past year and Kunthea from the Administration Office. We thank them for all their hard work and selfless service.

Ms. Melanie Lopez, a Pharmacy intern, is assisting our Pharmacy staff for 6 weeks, preparing medicines and doing inventory, dispensing and checking prescriptions.

PREPARATIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION

Extensive preparations are on the way for the construction of the new HMC building. Ms. Stefanie Christanti, a Civil Engineer from Singapore generously volunteered her services to help with drawing up plans and designs for the new building.

Ms. Jill Santiago, is a registered ICU nurse from Washington, USA. Spending three weeks at both HMC and the hospital, Jill worked with the nurses in the ICU and D-Ward on drug calculations, and developed and laminated quick drug computation charts of commonly used drugs. Her expertise in ICU care was truly a great learning resource for our nursing staff.

Dr. Michel Kerstjens, an osteopathic doctor from Switzerland, volunteers 4-6 weeks every year at WMEH and is a real asset to the physiotherapy team. He assisted and provided professional input for both physio patients and staff.

AUGUST

University Students Internship Programs

Since January of 2016, 118 local students have interned with the World Mate Emergency Hospital. They are from the Regional Training Centre of Battambang and International University. During their training they see real life situations, observe, help out as necessary, and put their educational learning into practice.

OCTOBER

CLINICAL VOLUNTEERS

Curtin University Students Volunteer

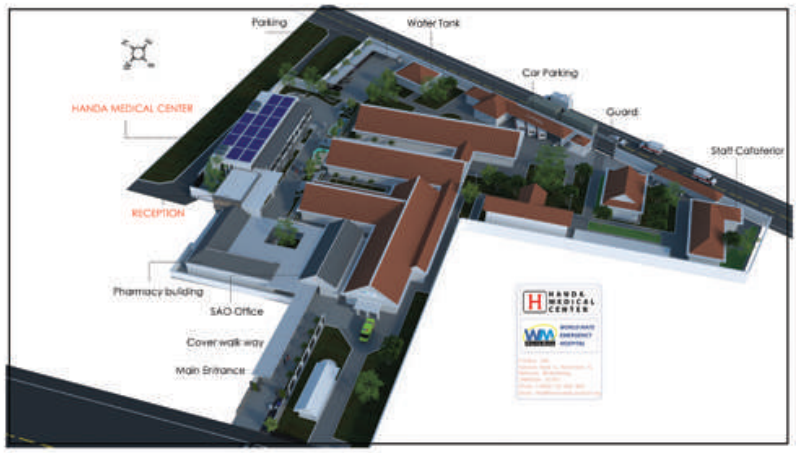
Our partnership with Curtin University brings in two batches of students twice a year, in June to July and October to November. Each group consists of about 6-8 students who work with us 6 weeks at a time. Most of them are Physiotherapy students; some are Occupational Therapy, Pharmacy, Nursing, and Nutrition students.

NON-CLINICAL VOLUNTEERS

We've had a steady stream of non-medical volunteers come every week in the Children's and Women's Ward, encouraging patients and their families in fun games and activities.

Dr. Hintz Gunther
Plastic Surgeon / Surgical Advisor
Dr. Gunther, a plastic surgeon from the Netherlands, volunteers weekly to train our surgeons at the WMEH.

FUTURE HMC BUILDINGS



STAFF CORNER: Welcome To Our New Staff

Dr. So Sopheaktra
Trainee Surgeon

Dr. Ty Tipsakal
Trainee Surgeon

Mr. Bobby Arguelles
Medical Technologist
We would like to extend a warm welcome to Dr. So Sopheaktra and Dr. Ty Tipsaka, who have recently joined our team of surgeons, and Mr. Bobby Arguelles, our new Medical Technologist in the Laboratory Department.

Dear Staff,

"Success has nothing to do with what you gain in life or accomplish for yourself. It's what you do for others"
– Danny Thomas

This quote characterizes the work that you do in the WMEH and HMC. It is heartwarming to think that each one of you are successful in your profession. You give your heart through the work of your hands to care for patients when they needed it most. Thank you for enriching other people's lives. I hope that you continue your whole hearted service while remembering that each one of your roles are important to make our hospital and medical center one of the safest and caring healthcare facilities in Cambodia.

Respectfully,
Dr. Gerlinda Lucas
Executive Director