



WINTER 2019

MAKING A SURGICAL IMPACT IN ETHIOPIA

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Last year, we made it our goal to expand the number of humanitarian medical missions that Face the Future™ Foundation would undertake each year. In addition to Kigali, Rwanda and Ulyanovsk, Russia, we can now add Addis Ababa, Ethiopia to our list of mission destinations.

In October, our highly specialized medical volunteers visited St. Peter's Hospital in Addis Ababa for a two-week mission that was made possible through the support of the Toronto Addis Ababa Academic Collaboration (TAAAC), a joint venture with the faculty at the University of Toronto and Addis Ababa University.

Ethiopia is one of Africa's poorest states with 45% of its 113 million people living below the poverty line. Most of the population lack access to clean water and proper sanitation. It is an understatement to say that the need for proper medical care and state-of-the-art medical facilities is great in Ethiopia.

Because of this need, our mission was not without its challenges. This was mainly because of the lack of medical infrastructure and outdated facilities which are prevalent in many of Ethiopian hospitals. In our case, this would manifest itself in water shortages every day at 12 noon, sometimes during surgery. There was also the unavailability of necessary surgical tools and equipment, which we take for granted in North American hospitals.

For example, drills and saws are common tools for a head and neck surgeon, no different than they would be for a contractor hired to renovate your home. The work can't be done without these tools. These tools were simply not available, making it very challenging for our surgical volunteers to perform the required procedures. Dr. Marco Caminiti, a Toronto-based Oral and Maxillofacial surgeon and Mission Director, improvised by purchasing two Black & Decker drills at a hardware store. Other equipment was borrowed from the orthopedic department at the hospital and even from a construction crew working outside the hospital (for a plate cutter!). There just isn't the money for these hospitals to purchase the necessary equipment.

In one case, a young boy with a large facial tumour was operated on by Dr. Caminiti and his team. Once the tumour was removed, there was no capability to have it biopsied promptly. Dr. Caminiti brought the tumour back with him and had the biopsy performed at Mount Sinai Hospital. Instructions and drugs were sent to the hospital so they can treat this young patient further.

Not only did our dedicated medical volunteers help change the futures for dozens of children and young adults with complex facial deformities in Ethiopia, but they made a significant impact helping to increase the medical standards and surgical knowledge of the local medical staff. We put on the first-ever trauma workshop to be held in Addis Ababa, focusing on jaw, cheek and eye fractures as well as workplace trauma. As well, we held many workshops and conducted surgical training with the local medical staff. These opportunities for increased knowledge were enthusiastically received.

Thank you once again for your generosity and for helping to make our transformative medical missions possible.



Do know that your support truly makes a difference!

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CHRYSLIS – AN EVENING OF TRANSFORMATION

Chrysalis 2019 was once again held at the elegant Rosewater Room on May 22, 2019. The evening was made extra special by the captivating presentation by our honoured guest, Dr. Kofi Boahene, Professor of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, at the John Hopkins University School of Medicine in Baltimore, Maryland. Dr. Boahene compellingly communicated, in words and with images, the essence and importance of the transformational work Face the Future™ Foundation undertakes in developing countries such as Rwanda, Ethiopia and Nepal. Dr. Boahene, thank-you for making CHRYSLIS 2019 a night to remember!

Our work is made possible by the generosity of our guests, supporters and loyal sponsors of the evening: Allergan Canada, Nicola Wealth Management, RBC, Ron and Sharon Baruch on behalf of Paradise Developments, Miller Waste Systems and WAVE FM 94, CKDO Radio and WAVE 959. More than \$70,000 was raised that evening.



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AND A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL!



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Drs. Glen Ragos, Everton Gooden and Andrew Chan



Drs. Peter Adamson and Kofi Boahene



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MEET OUR MEDICAL VOLUNTEER

DR. MARCO CAMINITI, B.Sc., D.D.S., M.Ed., F.R.C.D.



Face the Future™ Foundation's most recent trip to Ethiopia focused on treating patients with complex trauma to the face and jaw. It is a specialty known as oral and maxillofacial surgery. We were very fortunate to have Dr. Marco Caminiti, an expert in corrective jaw surgeries and oral surgery education, head up our mission as Mission Director. He is an active surgeon at Mount Sinai Hospital, Head of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at Humber River Hospital, and Director of the Graduate Speciality Program in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at the Faculty of Dentistry at the University of Toronto.

This was Dr. Caminiti's first mission with Face the Future™ Foundation, and his ingenuity made the mission a success under challenging circumstances.

THE WORK THAT WE DO

Six-year-old Abebe Almu and his mother waited for two weeks at St. Peter's Hospital in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia for the arrival of the Foundation's volunteer surgical team. He had a large mass over his right eye causing loss of vision. Surgery was performed to urgently reduce the size of the mass. Post-op treatment required bedside draining and after four days Abebe was discharged safely with improved eyesight.

Because it would take 2-3 months for a pathology report on the tumour from St. Peter's, Dr. Marco Caminiti brought a tissue sample back to Mount Sinai Hospital for examination. Initially, it was thought the tumour was Burkitt's Lymphoma, but the final pathology showed a benign lesion. The host medical team at St. Peter's have been sent additional treatment instructions. "What impressed us most is Abebe's tenacity and courage," says Dr. Caminiti. "When we did our daily rounds, little Abebe would jump onto the bed and prop his head up for us to see and drain, even though he knew it would be painful. I am happy to say that Abebe's prognosis is excellent thanks to the rapid response of many team members."



ABEBE ALMU

THANK YOU TO FOREMOST FINANCIAL !

Thanks to Wayne Levine, a long time, loyal supporter of Face the Future™ Foundation, Ivan Stone, Founder and President of Foremost Financial, and Evan Cooperman, CEO of Foremost Financial, were introduced to CHRYSALIS and the work of the Foundation. We are so grateful to have been the beneficiary of the first annual Foremost Real Estate Investment Summit (FREIS) held on October 2nd, 2019 at the Granite Club. Instead of paying an admission fee, the 75 plus attendees were asked to make a voluntary donation to the Foundation. As a result of this special event, close to \$10,000 was raised for our humanitarian medical missions. To Ivan and Evan and everyone at Foremost Financial and all those who attended, thank-you on behalf of all of our patients!



FOUNDATION SUPPORT CONTINUES TO GROW

We would also like to thank the continued support we have received from Mike Green, The Northpine Foundation, Wayne Levine, Florence Minz, Robert and Linda Sommerville, the Odette Kaye Family Foundation, the Flavelle Family Foundation, Rod Barrett and many others. Your generosity brings new hope and brighter futures to young people in developing countries.

IMPACT OF YOUR ONGOING GIVING

- 23 years of international humanitarian medical missions.
- 36 missions.
- 2,600 patient consultations.
- 1,750 medical procedures.
- Enhanced medical capacity, advancement and sustainability in developing countries.

GIVE HOPE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!

In this season of holiday cheer and time spent with those we love, we hope you will consider those less fortunate such as the young people Face the Future™ Foundation helps through our humanitarian medical missions.

Our surgeons and teams donate their expertise and time on our missions. Your donation helps to fund travel costs, transportation of medical equipment for use during the missions as well as translation services and nutrition, both pre- and post-surgery for our young patients. Your generosity will make a real difference in the lives of young people with complex facial deformities in developing countries.

WAYS YOU CAN HELP

- Donate on-line at www.facethefuturefoundation.ca
- Mail in a donation to: 150 Bloor Street West, Ste. M110, Toronto, ON M5S 2X9
- Become a sponsor, purchase a ticket, or donate a silent auction item for Chrysalis -- our annual dinner
- Hold a third-party event to benefit Face the Future Foundation's humanitarian medical missions

TO MAKE A DONATION

- Visit www.facethefuturefoundation.ca or
- Contact Norma Meneguzzi Spall at **416-686-9110** or norma@facethefuturefoundation.ca

SAVE THE DATE – CHRYSALIS 2020

Chrysalis, the Foundation's annual fundraising dinner, will be held on May 28, 2020. Be sure to mark this date in your calendar and spread the word! You will want to purchase your tickets as soon as they go on sale early in the New Year!

OUR UPCOMING MISSIONS

In 2020, we will have our first mission to Kathmandu, Nepal in January 2020 followed by missions to Kigali, Rwanda, Ulyanovsk, Russia and Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

WISHING YOU AND YOUR FAMILY A VERY HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!