Medical Mission in India

with the India Gospel League James Wood, 2023



How I got involved in medical mission work: Voluntourism

- Always wanted to do mission work with people in places where medical care, poverty and hunger, with all their associated hardships, cause much suffering.
- Time constraints with family, work and social commitments, precluded such service while I was working.
- I retired in 2017 and wondered and prayed what should I do now that I have time available.
- When I travel I prefer off the tourist routes & places to see and be with the real people of that community to learn about their life, customs and their "real" community, often much to my family's chagrin.



University at Buffalo

• I received an email from David Holmes, MD who is the Director of Global Health Education, University at Buffalo School of Medicine. They planned an annual trip with their 1st and 4th year medical students go to an impoverished community in Haiti (Fontaine, Haiti) without any meaningful health care nearby other than "witch doctors" who didn't

(FOF) Fontaine/St Gabriel's School

- 30 min drive off the poorly paved road
- Cultural sensitivity/respect
- Drums in the night

particularly like us!

Medical Mission Work

- It is a good thing to visit a poor country, make a donation and empathize with their suffering. It's another experience all together to live in those conditions with those people and serve them for a few weeks. Gratitude, Serving, Blessings, Suffering, Improvisation & God's love.
- I've always wanted to find God. I met him many times in my mission work.
- I decided going forward to serve as more of a mentor to the providers where I travel as opposed to my more clinical care role up to now.
- Joined the Friends of Fontaine Board of Director's, Mentoring Sharon Hospital's (India) staff as they develop their In-Patient Hospice and Palliative Care Unit.

INDIA GOSPEL LEAGUE

- India Gospel League is a church-planting organization in India that seeks to bring the Gospel to the unreached people of rural India. Over 90,000 village churches have been planted in the past 25 years. Their mission is carried out through four specific programs: Evangelism and Church Planting, Children's Ministries, Medical Outreach, and Rural and Economic Development.
- Serves in India, Bangladesh & Sri Lanka

India Gospel League; Sharon Hospital

Vision Statement

Affordable and Sustainable Health Care to All.

Mission Statement

Sharon cancer Center and General Hospital exists to provide affordable and accessible health care to marginalized people through its Hospitals, Diagnostic Centers and Community health

Programs

Main campus: Hospital & Palliative Care, Community College, School of Nursing, Dairy Farm, Industrial Training, Children's Home/Orphanage, Primary School

INDIA GOSPEL LEAGUE

SERVE THE POOREST OF THE POOR

- We work specifically with local pastors to address the physical and economic needs faced by the people in their region. Many villagers, especially those from the lower-castes, are extremely poor, and most have little or no opportunity for advancement. As a result, villages remain in a cycle of poverty. We help church leaders reach out with care and the compassion of Christ while also meeting practical needs with things like clean water wells, nutritious food, literacy and skills trainings, and so much more.
- We put resources and training into the hands of faithful IGL leaders and have found that empowering them creates something far more sustainable than a temporary lift out of difficulty. IGL leaders are equipped, trained, and resourced to be able to meet needs with accountability and a personto-person approach.

NUTRITIOUS MEALS

TELEHEALTH

SPECIAL CARE PROVIDERS

HOUSING FOR LEPROSY

SHARON MARKET

ORPHANAGES

COMMUNITY CENTERS

MICRO-LOANS

SCHOOLS/COMMUNITY COLLEGE

India Gospel League

• IGL has **invested in more than 90,000 villages** in the past 25 years, and from the people who have been impacted, their hope is shining out to a world darkened by desperate poverty. IGL has grown from a small organization in South Asia to an international network; sharing hope, serving with compassionate care and seeing God at work. On top of that, everything that IGL does is with the goal of helping communities become sustainable.

Trip to India & Home

ROC >EWR >MUC >BOM (32 hrs) next AM > CJB (Coimbatore) >Sharon by van.

Long exhausting trip.

Lost luggage. Luggage never arrived in India until I had gone home.

I had meds and most essentials in carry on

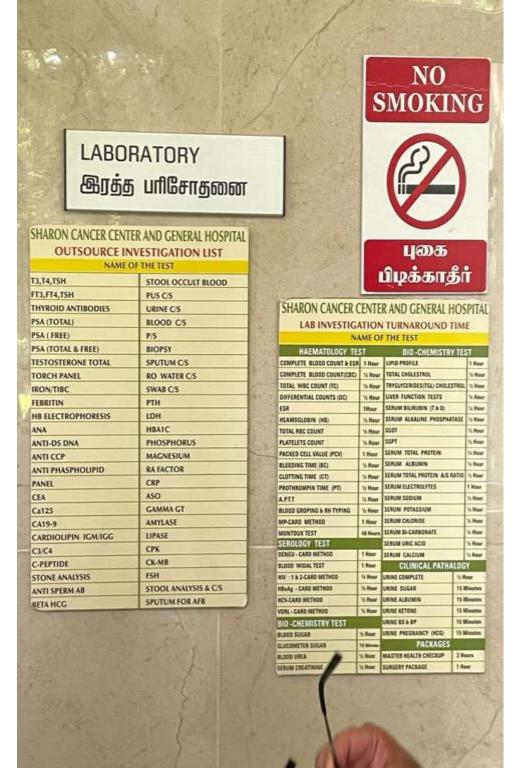
Arrythmia (AF) on arrival

First day of Hindu Harvest Festival (loud speaker's, ?gun shots)

Gracious hosts and co-traveler's.

Sharon by van > CJB > BOM > ZRH > ORD > ROC 44 hrs (Zombie)

Persistence, Patience, and Acceptance

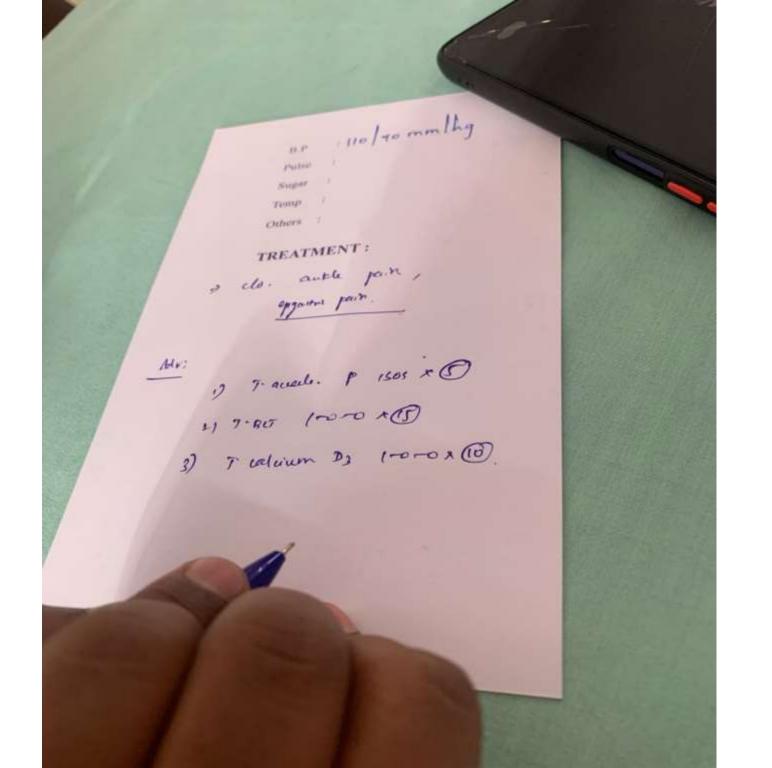












MEDICINE LIST

VITAMIN SYRUPS & TABLES

- 1. Tab. Multivitamin (MVT)
- 2. Tab. B Complex tablets (BCT)
- 3. Tab. Ferrous Sulphate (FST)
- 4. Tab. Calcium
- 5. Tab. Neurobion forte
- 6. Tab. Iron

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II. ANTIFUNGALS, SCABIES & WOUNDS (OINTMENTS& LOTION)

- 1. Oint. Beclomethasone & Clotrimazole (Fungdid B)
- 2. Oint. Betamethasone & Tolnafinate (Quilderm)
- 3. Calamine Lotion
- 4. Oint. Silver Sulphadizine (Silverex)
- 5. Oint. Povidon Iodine (Betadine)

III. ANTIBIOTICS

- 1. Cap. Amoxycillin -250, & 500mg
- 2. Cap. Doxycycillin 50mg, 100mg
- 3. Tab. CEPHALAXIN 250,mg
- 4. Tab.cipro-Tz (ciproflaxintrindazolam

ANTISPASMOTIC, HYPER ACIDITY, ULCER & VOMITING

Tab. Spasmonil (Dicyclomine Hydrochloride and Para)

- 2. Tab. Ranitidine 150mg
- 3. Tab. Domstal (Domperidone)
- 4. Tab. Pantaprazole 40mg
- 5. Tab. Ondansetron 4mg
- 6. Syp. Antacid

V. DIARRHOEA & DYSENTRY

- 1. Tab. Metronidazole & 400mg
- 2. ORS Powder (Oral Rehydration Solution)
- 3. Tab.LOPERAMIDE

VI. WORMS INFESTATION

1. Tab. Albendazole400mg

VII. HYPERTENTION

- 1. Tab. Amlodipine 5mg
 - DIURETICS
- 2. Tab. Frusimide 40g

ANTI MIGRAINE

- 3. Tab. Stugeron 25 mg (Cinnarizine)
- VIII. STERIOD
- IX. Tab. Prednisolone 5mg (Wysolone)
- X. 2.Tab.Methyllprednisolone -4mg (metslone)

ANTIHISTOMINIC & BRONCHODILATOR

- 1. Tab. PhenylephrineHcl&Chlorophenaraminemaleate(No Cold)
 - 2. Tab. Cetrizine 10mg
 - 3. Syp. Cetrizine 10mg
 - 4. Tab. Pheniramine 25mg (Avil)
- 5. Tab. Theophylline
- 6. Cough sy.phenylephrine HCL chloropheniramine

XII. EYE & EAR DROPS

1. Drp. Gentamycin (Genta)

XIII. ANALGESIC & ANTIPYRETIC & ANIT INFLAMMATOREIS

- Tab. Para 500, 650mg
- 2. Syp. Para 250
- 3. Tab. Ibuprofen 400mg + Para
- 4. Tab. Aceclofenac + Para
- 5. PRS GEL (DICLOGEL
- 6. Tab.Methotrexate 5mg(Leetrexate)

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