



THIRD QUARTER REPORT 2008

It seems that God opens more doors of opportunity for service than we can pass through, but by His grace, we are trying. There are many exciting plans for future missions, but first we want you to know about the many things He has accomplished through this ministry in the past few months.

### INDONESIA

*BandS* sponsored 95 cataract surgeries at the St. Lukas Hospital on the island of Nias. We went there to document and encourage this work. Once again, two photographers, Gary Daniels and Greg Smith from Caris Limited, did a remarkable job. Danny Carrigan also joined us on the trip.

We also visited one of the feeding stations that have brought many children from malnourished to a state of normal nourishment. It seems that this program will close after the end of this year because of the lack of interested donors. We are about \$25,000 under our budget for this project just for 2008.

We were able to visit some of the burn victims that we sponsored for corrective surgery over the past few months. There are others who need our help and we have offered to fund eight more cases.



We sponsored eye surgeries in the village of Hilisamatano on island of Nias, Indonesia.

The feeding stations are changing the lives of malnourished children on Nias.

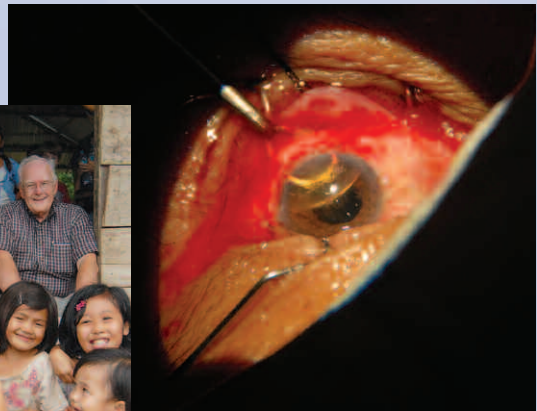


### PHILIPPINES

We have made several visits to Mindanao to visit the orphans we have there. Both the boys and girls dorms were damaged in recent storms and both are over-crowded. We are making repairs and adding rooms to each of the dorms. Our experience in helping orphans in the Philippines has been so positive that we are planning to build a new orphanage within the next few months. Please read the request for funds on the back page.

Our representative in the Philippines, Dr. Samuel Carriaga, is working very hard and has conducted numerous clinics over the past few months. Dr. Sam works well with the small congregations there and has them partner with him in each of these missions. The local church provides for both living quarters and food for the volunteers. Hundreds have been treated and we hear that it has helped churches in each location. In our year-end report, we will give you the names of all the places Dr. Sam worked on our behalf.

Salvador Carriaga is totally in charge of the "Give a Goat" program. We are impressed with what we saw in the area where we visited. *BandS* is happy to receive funds for this program. All funds given for this work are sent directly to this project. *BandS* board of directors recommends this work.



We completed 95 cataract surgeries on 72 patients at St. Lukas Hospital.



Rosalyn served as caregiver in Shenyang, China in August.

One of the cleft lip children that Drs. Strawther and Fulks of Health Talents International performed surgery on.



We visited our Leyte orphans in Butuan, Mindanao in June. We will be building a similar orphanage in Cebu.

## GUATEMALA

Each year, *Bands* partners with *Health Talents International*. This year we co-sponsored 65 cataract surgeries and 10 cleft lip/palate surgeries. We did not record the names of the eye surgeons, but the Plastic Surgeons we want to recognize for their good work are Drs. Philip Strawther and Dwayne Fulks. What a blessing they have been to the many children they have treated.

## CHINA

We were faced with a lot of road blocks on our trip to, from and in China. Space is limited, so we will not reveal all that happened. We can attribute some of the problems we experienced, to the tight security due to the Olympics in Beijing. But, most of the problems were things we did not anticipate nor could we avoid them. The hospital we first contracted with, reneged on the contract. Ron Brown, president of *Agape China*, managed to get another facility in a three day period. This hospital presented problems each day and we found it impossible to do the number of surgeries scheduled. One sad part of this was seeing mothers on their knees begging us to operate on their children. We treated 57 children under these

difficult circumstances. We sent 8 patients to a nearby hospital and paid for their surgeries. We will also fund 45 surgeries that will take place in another city in China, completed by Chinese surgeons. These will be monitored by one of *Agape China's* workers. By the end of the year, we will have treated 100 cleft children.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

The two neediest areas of our ministry right now are funds to cover the cost of our feeding stations in Nias. We need \$25,000 to cover the cost of these stations through the end of this year. We are hoping that the local government will take over this program in January 2009.

We have committed *Bands* to finance the building of the first phase of an orphanage in Bogo, Cebu, Philippines. \$25,000 will build the first building that will allow us to take care of ten orphans. You have heard me speak of "pockets of poverty" in places where we work. Bogo is such a place. There are many orphans living in unsuitable places in this area. Our experience with the orphans from Leyte has been such a joy we believe we need to do more.

Thank you for your interest in this ministry and for your generous support over the past six years.



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