



182 doctors registered this year for the Workshop on severe urogenital malformations in children.

15 children received surgery in total.



International Medical Workshop

Constanza, Romania 2014



Our largest workshop to date. 182 doctors registered with the workshop containing 15 surgeries in total. One girl came back to see us from a few years ago, she had been completely introverted and unable to socialize because of her incontinence. Since her operation, she makes full eye contact, talks openly and even sang a song for us. She's blooming as a human being which is the joy we see as a result of these workshops. Of course it about training, but the lives changed are innumerable.

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Prof. Dr. Thomas Boemers



Prof. Dr. Roman Metzger, Dr. Mircea Ardelean





Surgery broadcast to the lecture hall via 2-way communication for live questions and responses. Also this year, we had Jan Vozenilek filming the entire event.



Prof. Dr. Constantin Tica



Dr. Mircia Ardelean



Dr. Reza Vahdad

Prof. Dr. Thomas Boemers

Each year, doctors from the west share their techniques with doctors from the East This has a profound impact on the region.

Mobile Medical Unit

providing medical and optical access to the poor



poverty is still a main cause of the poor not having access to medical services.

The Mobile Medical Unit project continues its endeavour to reach out to those who do not have access to proper medical services. Romania continues to struggle with medical care and each year the population hopes for positive changes in the system. Even with the backing of the EU, the infrastructure has not been stabilized. Though private clinics are springing up in the cities, only the upper middle class can take advantage of such alternatives. The majority of the country is still left wanting. This project is reaching out where it can to make a small difference.

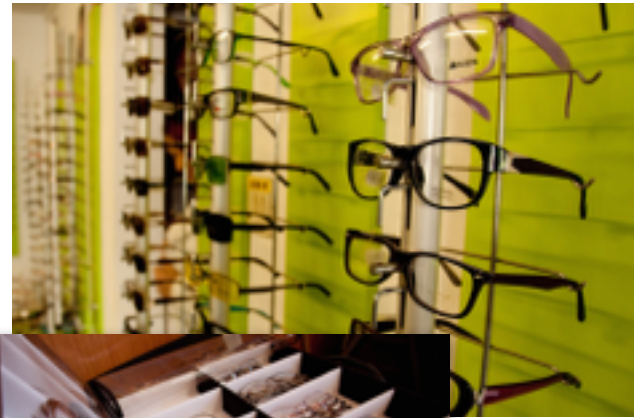


As in the past, medical tests are expensive for the general public, yet once diagnosed, treatment is covered by the national insurance program. The team of doctors we work with helps to bridge that gap by offering diagnostic services for free. In addition, we offer free optical services including frames and lenses.





One of the greatest joys in life is to see clearly again!



Round Table in Rome

working to change procedures which save lives

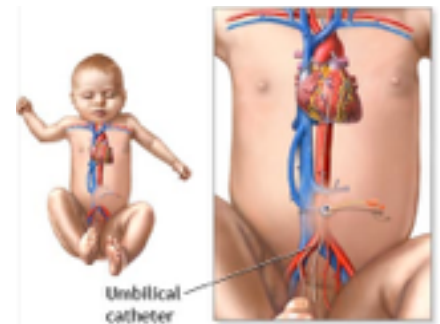


A few years ago in Chisinau, Moldova, while in discussions at our Medical Workshop there, the topic of umbilical catheterization came up between doctors. It seems that Chisinau (in the Republic of Moldova) was still using the method of infusing an infant with emergency antibiotics, fluids, medicines etc, via the umbilical chord. It's a quick way to secure access to the blood stream, however there are risks given its' proximity to the liver. It became clear in their research that a very high number of children who had had this procedure were returning to the hospital with portal hypertension, cirrhosis of the liver, and many other complications. Many of the children coming with these conditions don't have a life expectancy past the age of 15. Up to 80 children each year had come to the children's hospital with liver conditions as well as gastrointestinal bleeding. Although the West of Europe no longer uses this procedure, a formal "change of procedure" has not made its' way to the East.



Changing such a procedure doesn't happen overnight and with a few conversations or opinions, but rather requires a more formal approach and changes in legislation at the highest level of the Department of Health.

We decided to take some steps towards the possibility of changing this procedure in Chisinau, and arranged a round table in Rome with Prof. Dr. Jean de Ville de Goyet, one of Europe's leading Hepatologists. We invited the heads of the Pediatric Hospital in Chisinau and the head representative of the Department of Health for the Republic of Moldova, to this round table in Rome which took place in Spring of this year.



Together we discussed many issues and challenges surrounding umbilical catheterization vs. intravenous in the vascular system via the arm, foot, head, jugular vein, and so on. After the round table, we continued the conversation over several

meetings which opened the door for the Moldovan medical team to make a complex study, documentation and interventions when they arrived back to Moldova. The Medical team, along with the Moldovan Department of Health, formed a Medical Strategy to eliminate this risk to the health of children in Moldova.



We are so pleased to announce that the procedure has now been changed! No more umbilical catheterization, period! This procedural "update" in Chisinau, and all the regions of Moldova, will save countless lives.

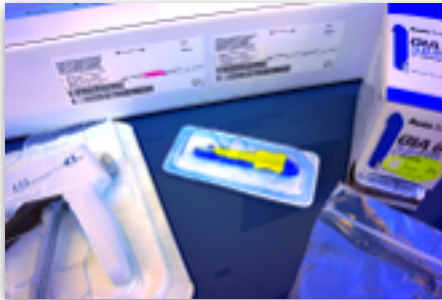
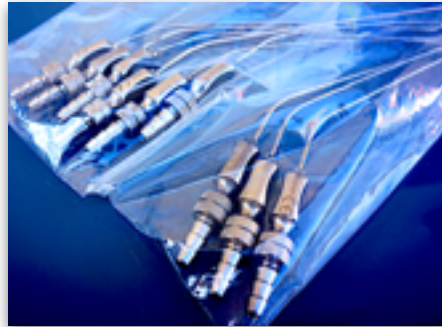
Medical Equipment Donations

fourth annual donated medical supplies pick up in Western Europe.

This year the SALK Hospital of Salzburg, Austria, came through for us again with a great donation of medical equipment and supplies which we were able to transport from Austria back to Romania and deliver to the Marzescu Hospital in Brasov and the Children's Hospital of Constanza, where supplies are in desperate need.



Using the Mobile Medical Unit to Transport Donated Medical Equipment from West to East



So appreciated

The hospital in Brasov and Constanza send their sincerest thanks!



Mobile Classroom

keeping children in school and teaching adults literacy

The Mobile Classroom Project is now in its 5th year of operation. This project offers after school programs for children of all ages to help keep them at grade level as well as literacy programs for adults. It provides school supplies, educational field trips, and a daily presence of a qualified educator

who truly cares for the families she works with.

In most of Romania, if a child is not at grade level, there is no option for them but to drop out and take their chances without an education. This means service jobs at the lowest pay-scale which are not enough to live on.



Our program helps to keep a group of about 75 children in school so that they have a real chance at a good future!



Speech Therapy



Back to School Socks & Shoes!

practical help for children



Each fall, there is an expectation for children to arrive to school with a list of supplies which have been pre designed by the local school system. Very much like western schools, this is a standard understanding. The

beneficiaries of our program are not always able to afford these things and in fact, don't often have the shoes they need to make the long walk to school. Our Back to School program provides both. The books and writing utensils necessary, and warm shoes for those rainy and snowy days where wet and cold feet can end up in sickness It's a joy for any child to receive "Back to School" supplies and to have new shoes for the season.



Thanks again to Ron and Susan Kubek for their volunteer work in these projects!



Hampers

bringing joy via provisions for the Easter and Christmas seasons



This program is in its 12th year. It is always our privilege to bring Easter and Christmas provisions to our sponsored families. Over 300 beneficiaries in total. It's a huge undertaking to deliver months worth of supplies to so many. It takes all our team and a few volunteers to pull it off. ... we love it ...



THANK YOU

What a great year and privilege extending a helping hand in the name of Christ to so many. Each project this year was challenging and wonderfully rewarding.

Thank You to everyone who has helped make all this possible. What a blessing for us to have you on our side!



In His Service,

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