



NEWS LETTER

Dear Friends of CHP,
Greetings from Sri Lanka.

18 December 2008

I decided to make a working Holiday trip to continue our project's mission. This is my 26th journey to this beautiful land for the CHP.

I am happy to report that things continue to go well at the three hospitals we are helping to support. Kandy Hospital completed its first 120 cases without any fatalities and has gone well past this number with excellent results. LRH and The National Hospital, Colombo also continue to do state of the art childrens' catheterization and open heart surgery. The dedication of these doctors and the sacrifices they make continuing to treat the poor patients in the public sector makes our part seem so small.



Like back home the economy is eating away the ability to expand and go forward .

On this trip I brought with me over \$100,000 worth of equipment and supplies including the custom made operating magnification glasses for 3 of our surgeons. Since the cost of each pair is over a year's salary you can imagine how they are received. Without outside help they never would get these glasses which we consider essentials. These doctors perform operations on smaller and smaller hearts. With increased magnification comes the need for more powerful light. The equipment we sent years ago still functions but, shows signs of deterioration despite excellent upkeep. New and very powerful portable light systems are now available but of course expensive.

I have promised to get these doctors the new systems but I need your help. A state of the art system will cost \$20,000. A small amount considering the priceless impact it will have on the childrens' lives.

I understand that times are tough but many suffer more than we do. You might not even need a tax deduction but what a wonderful thought to give these surgeons light for this festive season. We at CHP have renewed our efforts to keep these wonderful programs going despite the bad times and with your continued support we will succeed. Many other items are needed and the doctor's list of wishes from Santa grows. We will pare it down and continue to offer hope for the 2000 children born with congenital heart defects in Sri Lanka each year and their brave families who give up everything to take care of them.

I wish all of you Happy Holidays and the hope for a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Sincerely

Yours,

Jeremy Torstveit, M.D.

CHILDREN'S HEART PROJECT - USA

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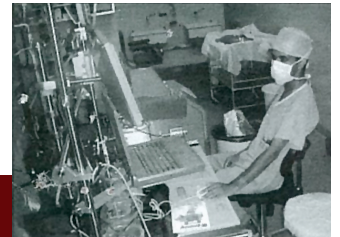
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Thanks to generous support from our donors, CHP accomplishments since 1991 include:

♥ **A dramatic increase in pediatric cardiac surgeries**

- In 35 CHP missions to Sri Lanka, the number of pediatric cardiac surgeries at the National Hospital has risen from less than 50 before 1991 to over 2000 annually in 2007



♥ **New facilities and equipment**

- Surgical instruments worth over \$120,000
- \$85,000 new heart-lung perfusion machine ordered for the new Children's Heart Center at the National Hospital. Installed May, 2003
- 2 new operating suites at the Children's Heart Center opened in 2000
- 10 SIMA physiologic monitors for the cardiac ICUs (from Hewlett Packard)
- \$185,000 SONOS 5500 HP echocardiograph machine (from a foundation)
- 4 refurbished heart-lung perfusion machines valued at \$150,000
- 15 optic loupes for the surgeons (\$20,000 total value)



♥ **Medical and surgical supplies**

- \$ 4,500,000 in medical/surgical supplies to cardiac units, catheterization laboratories and cardio-thoracic surgical units

CHP - "making a difference one child at a time one heart at a time."

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