

# IMPACT



**The IMPACT Program seeks out caring and responsible hospital directors who believe in community outreach, and accountability.**

**It is important for us not to wait for the world to change to meet our vision, rather for us, to make the changes that we would like to see. PROJECT IMPACT encourages individuals with similar aspirations to reach out to one another. While building new friendships, we can work together, holding each other accountable and enabling one another to achieve our mutual goals.**

## **PROJECT IMPACT**

**Involves three essential components:**

- 1. Multiple and concentrated deliveries of 40 ft. containers of equipment to a facility whose director, staff and community members would like to team up with us to upgrade the level of healthcare in their facility while at the same time reaching out and offering support to other area facilities.**
- 2. A high level of community volunteerism, involvement and input, which assures an ongoing sense of ownership and responsibility. Diligent and professional team support with customs clearance and inland transportation is essential to the success of these projects. No taxes, tariffs or illegal payments of any kind are to be made. It is important to make sure that our equipment gets to its proper location and is put to good use.**
- 3. New facilities can be established in empty buildings, which have been donated, by a community or some member of that community. Renovations to existing facilities should be done with a great degree of volunteerism. In the rare case that we establish a facility from the ground up, it should again be done with donated land and a great degree of volunteerism. High levels of technology and sophisticated equipment are only brought into play in projects where it is appearing that proper systems and budgets are in place. Proper leading should be in the walls for stationary x-ray equipment. Proper budgets should be in place to upkeep, operate, and repair any highly technical equipment. Most poor facilities cannot afford to pay for equipment repair, operation and maintenance while serving the poorest of the poor.**



## TWION PROJECT IMPACT

**TWION's focus is to relocate multiple containers equipment to our IMPACT facilities beginning with basic equipment and supplies with our focus being to upgrade the level of healthcare. International Medical Equipment Collaborative (IMEC) who collects most of the used medical equipment, supplies and furnishings that we relocate, has and will continue to help make changes that are transformational. The IMPACT program provides targeted and effective care in the facilities that we are teaming up with. Volunteerism in the communities that they serve is encouraged. Painting, cleaning and repair work can be done by community members. As we bring equipment to hospitals, we encourage directors to reach out to small neighboring**

**healthcare centers, giving them advice and equipment that they now have available for relocation. This allows us to reach multiple facilities and provide more effective healthcare to many more people. Creativity is encouraged. In Peru we worked with the Navy to help turn river boats into floating medical facilities serving the people of the Amazon.**







Mali, Africa 2006



Chiquimula, Guatemala 2006

It is important that while carrying out these projects the equipment is not piecemealed to various facilities unless there is an overage in the target facility. We normally discourage the creation of new facilities, however, if it is done, we prefer that it be done with a high degree of community volunteerism and effort and hopefully, donated land. We have found that in most poor communities there are plenty of existing buildings that can be transformed into healthcare facilities in a much more cost effective manner from both a developer and even more importantly user stand-



point. These efforts do not include highly technical equipment that can only afford to be used by the wealthy. Bigger better facilities and equipment does not equal better care especially when the equipment cannot be used. In fact in the wrong environment, equipment that is expensive to operate and repair can actually drain the budgets of healthcare facilities. More highly technical equipment is considered and used as our projects develop and programs are set up to maintain them.

## INSTALLATION OF DELIVERY ROOM

Before



After



## Peru

**In Peru we were able to transform a portion of the Regional hospital in Cajamarca. We worked to install a pre-delivery patient area and delivery room. Just after doing so, a baby was born! It was so exciting. The women and children's center was upgraded by installing 3 examination rooms and a reception area.**

**The Children of Puruay Alto School showed everyone that they knew the meaning of teamwork when the truck carrying supplies and furnishings for the area health center and school couldn't make it up the mountain. Teachers and children alike helped to carry desks, file cabinets etc. to their new home!**

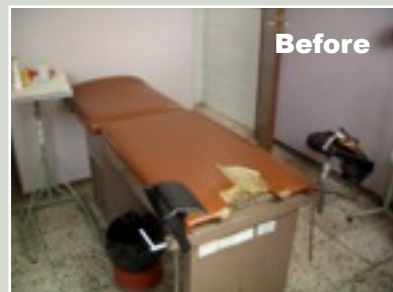
**Containers of equipment were appreciated in Huancavelica and Chachapoyas with hopes for more deliveries in the future. An assessment of the regional hospital in Chiclayo (a hospital that we initially did not plan on visiting) proved to be one of our most needy projects for future deliveries in Peru. In addition, we have had a request to deliver equipment to Hospital Santa Rosa in Lima.**



Before



After



Before



After



# NICARAGUA



Before



After

This Hospital is yours: take care of it



No hospital director that I have ever worked with has gotten the meaning of IMPACT more than Dr. Sonia Maria Herrera Seledon, a director at Hospital Cesar Amador Molina, the regional hospital in Matagalpa, Nicaragua. After we began bringing equipment to the hospital, she got volunteers together to paint the whole outside and inside of hospital. During my last visit in November 2006 the excitement and pride of the volunteers (painting the hospital) was contagious. Volunteers even did a painting on the wall in a waiting area that said "Este Hospital es Suo Cuidelo" meaning "This is your hospital, take care of it." Windows and ceiling tile have been replaced/repared and cabinets built. As we bring containers of equipment to this facility (in 2006 we delivered 5 contain-

ers) Dr. Sonia takes the things that can be salvaged from her facility and makes them available to up to 16 small area clinics! That's teamwork!



**Sister Bilma, also in Nicaragua, is teaming up with us to work on an IMPACT Project at Hospital Materno Infantil Mauricio Abdalah in Chinandega. While others at the hospital have a fatalistic outlook (wanting us to pay for physical upgrades and repairs) it hasn't stopped Sister Bilma who seems to have a true understanding of the IMPACT PROJECT. Sister Bilma has gone to a local prison to get workers who have painted portions of the hospital and done tile work to create new bathrooms. This creates an atmosphere that helps to assure me that the equipment being delivered will be in good hands. The task of redoing a hospital can be overwhelming but by redoing one portion of the hospital at a time, it seems more manageable. Projects with local participation always seem to work better.**



**Our project at Hospital Jose Nieborowski in Boaco, Nicaragua will hopefully be able to tie them over until a new facility is constructed.**





## Guatemala

**Our first delivery to Hospital Modular “Arana Osorio” in Chiquimula, Guatemala in 2005 had many problems after it’s arrival in country. The container actually went into abandonment. We struggled to get the container back and eventually (approx. 6 months later) it was delivered to the hospital. The container was welcomed once it arrived at its proper location. However, because of our difficulties, I made a decision to discontinue deliveries. When I told Dr. Lemus of our decision, he was disheartened and made a commitment to REALLY work with us to handle customs issues on any future deliveries. He also committed to upgrading the facility.**

**In 2006, we insisted on getting a pre-authorization number for customs clearance before we shipped the container to the hospital in Chiquimula. It took some time and a lot of effort but in the end, it was worth it. The container went through customs with no problem! Dr. Lemus and his friends picked me up at the airport. We drove up to the hospital, which now had a fresh coat of paint inside and out. The children’s area**

**was painted with storybook like scenes and many windows had been repaired. Another example of IMPACT and teamwork. I could tell that Dr. Lemus was so proud...me too! The beds that we had sent the year before were in place and**



**looked great! We added linen, chairs, side tables and other supplies and furnishings including a surgery room. We purchased a new air conditioner for the surgery room and fans for the maternity area. Blankets and a small wardrobe were given to an abandoned baby who only had a torn sweatshirt as her blanket.**



# MALI, AFRICA



## Mali, Africa

After helping the Roc Foundation to expedite their project in Peru, they asked if we would like to partner with them on a project in Mali, Africa. At the end of 2006, TWION shipped a 40ft container of equipment to Mali and then went to help expedite that shipment and a 20 ft. container of mostly wheelchairs shipped by The Roc Foundation. The delivery was met with open arms and many more requests for future deliveries



TWION is looking for Gold Star contributors for PROJECT IMPACT Hospital Gabriel Toure in Bamako. This hospital is in need of approximately 9 – 15 containers of equipment and would be done over a course of time. We intend to begin by bringing very basic equipment such as beds, delivery rooms, children's critical care equipment etc. While doing our assessment, I witnessed many women laying on the floor. Babies in intensive care are doubled up in cribs and during malaria season some children lay on the floor. If we are able to raise enough funds we will try to reach out to rural healthcare facilities and clinics.





# BLANKETS FOR BABIES

The Blankets for Babies program provides not only a warm blanket, but in many cases, a special message from the person who donated the blanket.



# PRECIOUS LIVES

This program allows us to at times, give people a chance to survive or to have a better life. Precious Lives has allowed us to do such things as giving a child a tracheotomy tube and bringing a 70% burn child to the US Shriners' Hospital for life saving



TWION's Blankets for Babies, Gifts of Love, I want to Learn and Precious Lives Programs are all very much a part of our core PROJECT IMPACT.

# GIFTS OF LOVE

The Gifts of Love program provides a small gesture or Gift of Love that says "I care about you" and builds relationships!



# I WANT TO LEARN

I Want to Learn allows us to build a bridge between US project sponsors and in country schools, students, communities and teachers to bring supplies, furnishings and good will.



## People Making a Difference

**TWION has had many successes thanks to all of our wonderful contributors.**

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**TWION Silver Star Contributor for 2006 - The Kleine Foundation**

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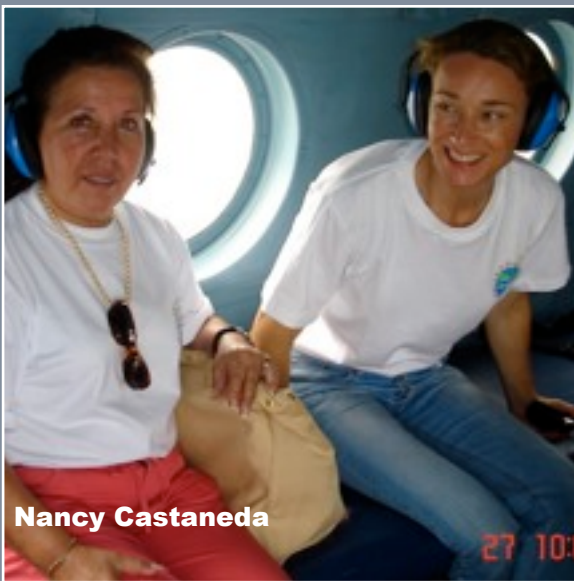
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**THE ONLY IN COUNTRY CRITERIA IS TO HAVE A SIMILAR VISION AND TO GET THE JOB DONE!** No other job is more important than what our in country teams do. Everything from customs clearance, shipment legalization, housing, transportation, gathering community volunteers to monitoring equipment and much much more! **THANK YOU!**

## PERU



**Nancy Castaneda**



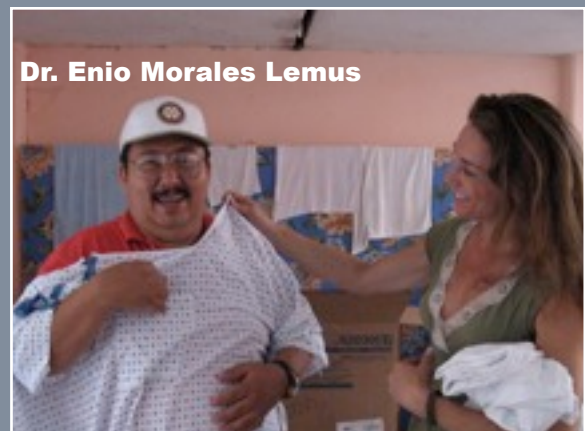
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# NICARAGUA

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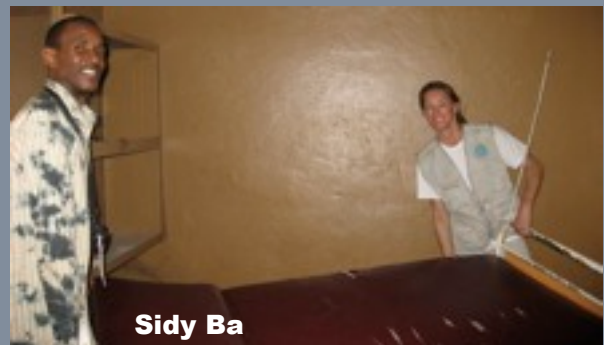
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