

# A message from our President...

Dear Friends,

Dooley Intermed's half-century track record of outstanding service should give you peace of mind that your contributions are being used effectively. With your support, we have risen to the challenge in 13 different countries so far, and are now initiating a new project in Jamaica, our 14<sup>th</sup> country. Our established contacts and relationships often enable us to do what others cannot. We help many thousands of children, widows, mothers, and refugees in some of the most impoverished areas of the world, places where other organizations often cannot or will not go. As we say, "**Our work begins where the road ends**."

On behalf of our Dooley Intermed team, and the people we strive to help, we thank you.

Your continuing support makes these wonderful things possible.

Sincerely,

Scott Hamilton

#### Sister Clare Marie in Maggotty, Jamaica, sent a letter asking for help.

This new project began with a plea for help from Sister Clare Marie at the small Holy Spirit Clinic located in Maggotty, Jamaica, one of the poorest areas in the entire country. Their small clinic is staffed by a Polish



priest and three Sisters who are also nurses, providing the only source of medical care in the area. Their parishioners are very poor, with many blind and in need of sight-restoring cataract surgeries, prompting Sister Clare Marie's letter to the local Archdiocese. Her request eventually found its way to His Eminence Cardinal Timothy Dolan, Archbishop of New York, who forwarded Sister Clare Marie's letter to an eye doctor from our Gift of Sight program. We are pleased to report your Dooley Intermed team has arranged sightrestoring cataract surgeries for an initial group of 29 patients, to take place this May. Of course, there are many, many more patients in need.

Can you help answer Sister Marie Clare's prayers by providing the "Gift of Sight" to the patients of Holy Spirit in Maggotty, Jamaica?

## Providing a safe haven for orphaned and abandoned children.

Your support has enabled us to bring several more children to the Dooley Intermed supported home for orphaned and abandoned children in the Sankhu Valley of Nepal. We have now expanded to 33 children at the Eco-Home Orphanage because the consequences of saying "no" to a homeless, abandoned child are unthinkable. Many have come to us from truly heartbreaking situations, often unspeakably horrific, leaving them without hope with nowhere to turn for help. It is heartwarming, even miraculous, to see how these children grow and thrive in a loving and caring home. Every child flourishes in their new close-knit community of children with loving attention from our dedicated staff and receives nutritious meals, regular medical and dental



check-ups, new clothing, and high-quality education. Thanks to you, they now have a new life filled with happiness and opportunity. The need is ongoing, and there are many more kids hoping and praying that someone, somewhere, will find them and give them a home.



#### Will you help these children?

### Eye Hospital construction underway, bringing sight to the blind.



We are on the "home stretch" with this project, which will benefit tens of thousands of impoverished villagers yearly from both Nepal and India. This is the largest and most ambitious project we have undertaken in Dooley Intermed's 50+ year history. This new full-service facility will bring ongoing high-quality eye care to tens of thousands of men, women, and especially children in a region of great need. I'm

happy to report the first and second floors are now complete. The construction of the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor is currently underway, and everything is proceeding on schedule for completion in late 2020.

This vitally important project can only be accomplished with your generous support. This hospital will bring a profound improvement in the lives of tens of thousands of men, women, and especially children year after year. There are still naming opportunities for several rooms, and donations of any amount are urgently needed.



We still need your help to complete this great undertaking.

### Equipment donation enables top-quality outreach surgical care.

Dooley Intermed, with support from a foundation grant, was able to supply the Himalaya Eye Institute in Pokhara, Nepal, with a state-of-the-art Keeler Instruments 4-Sight device enabling rapid and precise presurgical measurement of eyes, thereby enabling optimal visual outcomes for thousands of patients receiving cataract surgeries. Dooley Intermed and Himalaya Eye Institute continue to collaborate on our "Gift of Sight" projects in extremely remote areas, preventing blindness and restoring sight in remote villages and are planning our next outreach project (see paragraph below).



Our Dooley Intermed Outreach Medical Teams often include volunteer monks.

The monks at Pema Ts'al Sakya Monastic Institute in Pokhara, Nepal, have been a vital part of our remote outreach programs. The young monks volunteer to assist our Dooley Intermed outreach medical teams serving as highly capable tri-lingual translators (*English, Tibetan, Nepali*) and as medical camp assistants. On a recent planning trip to Nepal, the monks presented plaques to Dooley Intermed commemorating the longstanding partnership that has provided urgently needed medical care and restored vision to so many people in need. Planning is currently underway for another outreach project in an extremely remote area never before visited by an eye or medical team. We'll keep you updated.





"There is no better way to thank God for your sight than by giving a helping hand to someone in the dark"

- Helen Keller

### Female Healthcare Worker Training, one of our best programs ever.



Volunteer Community Healthcare Workers are the frontline providers of medical care in Nepal's outlying villages. Often traveling on foot along mountain trails, they are a crucial link in providing healthcare services to people in remote areas. However, we discovered that few had received any medical training. Dooley Intermed, along with our local partners, hosted our second week-long training program for thirty of these highly motivated and dedicated women. Our training programs include pre and post-natal care, communicable and noncommunicable disease, eye care, disease prevention and referral, mental health, and diagnostic skill development. Upon completing the course, each trainee receives a backpack and portable medical examination kit. Most importantly, they are empowered with the knowledge required to provide primary care in outlying villages. This training program has been a HUGE success, one of our best programs ever. More than one hundred additional healthcare workers have since requested this fundamental training. It costs \$5,000 to train a class of thirty of these dedicated women. The benefit is

tremendous and ongoing. If you want to empower women and bring medical care to these remote communities, this is an ideal project to support.



Will you consider helping sponsor another training class?

#### Santa Ines Clinic, providing care with a 4-wheel drive truck & dugout canoes.



This very special Dooley Intermed funded clinic is a lifeline to more than 15,000 indigenous Miskito and Mayagna villagers, including more than 2,500 babies and toddlers all under the age of four. The Santa Ines Clinic provides vital care to populations located in fourteen extremely remote villages and settlements.

Dooley Intermed has been bringing care along Nicaragua's Coco River since the 1990's including the first full-time physician, nursing staff, and maternal care facility in the area. In 2020 The Santa Ines Clinic remains crucial to the villagers, and especially to young mothers and babies.

Outreach medical teams reach the most remote villages with an aging pickup truck along rough jungle tracks, while settlements along the Coco River are often accessible only by dugout canoes. 85% of the local population is classified as living in extreme poverty.



Your support helps thousands of babies and toddlers in need!