

Local Nonprofit, World Missions Possible, Invites Houstonians to Help “BOOT OUT EBOLA” in Sierra Leone

Nonprofit to Provide Supplies and Support to Wellbodi Clinic in West Africa

Houston-based nonprofit World Missions Possible is no stranger to West Africa – leading eight volunteer teams of Houston-based doctors and nurses to bring medical care to over 4,200 patients in remote and rural West African villages. But now one of its partners, Wellbodi Alliance in Sierra Leone, is fighting a rare, but fatal, enemy: The Ebola virus.

“We are in phone contact with the doctors and nurses there and worry every day for their health and welfare. These healthcare providers are the real heroes. They

teams to Kono, Sierra Leone, and provided training in pediatric resuscitation and life support (abridged Advanced Trauma and Cardiac Life Support), Ultrasound, CPR, sterilization, infection control, and eye care in regional healthcare provider training and EMS capacity building in 2011 and 2012.

The 2012 WMP team assisted with the rampant Cholera epidemic – the worst in 15 years that claimed hundreds of lives and affected 12,000 people – as well as endemic typhoid, malaria, and parasitic



The local Houstonian health care providers (as pictured above) in Sierra Leone and their specialties: WMP Medical Director Dr. Thomas Flowers (ACLS & ATLS instructor); WMP President Roxane Richter, EMT (vision screening & triage); Dr. Jason Gukhool (ultrasound training); Joanne Fisher, RN (sterilization & infection control), and Brad Starkey, Flight Paramedic-C (trauma & pediatric). In 2013, World Missions Possible donated a mobile x-ray unit, ultrasound, 2 defibrillators, and a 20-foot container worth over \$100,000 in supplies and medications to Wellbody Alliance.



Pictured are: (L to R) back row: Wellbody Alliance Co-founder, Houston native Dr. Dan Kelly, three clinic staff, WMP Medical Director Dr. Thomas Flowers, and (front row, centered) Wellbody Co-Founder Dr. Bailor Barrie, and WMP President Roxane Richter, EMT, with entire Wellbody Alliance Amputee Clinic staff in Sierra Leone.

are risking their own lives to care for the medical needs of others,” said World Missions Possible President Roxane Richter, EMT, “Houstonians can help us to get this clinic protective gear, supplies, and supportive medications they need to stop the spread of this terrible disease.”

HCA Clear Lake Regional Medical Center Emergency Physician Dr. Thomas Flowers, and Elite Care Emergency Physician Dr. Jason Gukhool, led two WMP medical

diseases. In 2013 World Missions Possible sent a 20-foot container with over \$100,000 worth of medical supplies including an ultrasound, defibrillators, 220 spinal anesthesia surgical sets, and the region’s only operational x-ray unit.

To aid Wellbody Alliance in the current Ebola epidemic, a “Boot Out Ebola” charity scramble golf tournament will be held from 1 p.m. - 6p.m. on Monday, Sept. 22, 2014, at Sweetwater Country Club,

located at 4400 Palm Royale Blvd., in Sugar Land, Texas. Tickets are \$200 per player or \$700 a foursome, including 18-hole play, cart rental, lunch, and cash bar cart service. At the end of the tournament, Dr. Dan Kelly, an infectious disease specialist and co-founder of Wellbody Alliance, will present a live update ‘From the Frontlines’ of the fight against Ebola. All proceeds from the event will benefit Wellbody Alliance (www.wellbodyalliance.org - “Wellbodi” means “good health” in local Krio language) and tickets, donations, and hole sponsorships at \$500, \$1,000, \$2,500 and \$5,000 are available by (mailed) check or online at www.worldmissionspossible.org

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World Missions Possible is a “Best in America” & Proud Member of 2012 & 2013 U.S. Combined Federal Campaign “Charities Under 5% Overhead.” Since 2001, WMP has provided medical and aid outreach in hard-to-reach, overlooked, and underserved rural areas in 16 developing nations (including Ghana, India, Nicaragua, Mexico, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Swaziland, USA, Viet Nam, and Zambia). To date, WMP has provided approximately 590 surgeries, 5,560 medical exams and care, 6,000 eye exams, and distributed over 7,750 free pairs of eyeglasses – all free of charge to the patients. The organization has been recognized as “Best in America” by Independent Charities of America. Operating as an audited 501(c)3 organization, World Missions Possible averages 3%-5% administrative costs, as it has no hired staff and has always relied 100% on volunteer support and donors. WMP is a proud member of Combined Federal Campaign “Charities Under 5% Overhead” (2012 & 2013). More information is available at: <http://www.worldmissionspossible.org> ▼

