



# MESSENGER

## MEDICAL MISSION INTERNATIONAL

### MMI Rushes Life-saving Aid to Tuberculosis Victims in Uganda

To help Ugandan doctors counter the exploding TB epidemic in Africa, Medical Mission International is supporting an experimental programme in Mbuya near Kampala. "Reach Out Mbuya" – a TB and HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment organization – is the MMI MedNet Programme Partner in Uganda.

Tuberculosis (TB) kills more than 500,000 people and infects 2.3 million more in Africa every year according to the World Health Organization (WHO). More people who get TB die from it in Africa than in any other WHO region, partially due to the HIV/AIDS crisis. More than 35-40% of the patients in the Mbuya programme have both TB and HIV/AIDS.

The "Reach Out Mbuya" programme is based on a well-established strategy known as DOTS (the internationally recommended TB control strategy). First developed in Tanzania in the 1980's, it uses community health workers and volunteers to support the patients and make sure

they are fed and taking their medications until they are cured.

DOTS is critical for not only treating TB but for organizing a community health programme in Uganda that will help the country administrate the retroviral drugs required for treating HIV.

The MMI funds are used to assist community volunteers who visit the sick and help provide food, medicine and educational services.



### MMI's KEY GOALS

#### 1. Health

MMI attacks the root causes of disease to promote overall wellness. We recognize that nutrition, public health, and sanitation are essential to solving long-term medical problems in the developing world.

#### 2. Healing

MMI is committed to first response medical intervention. We support appropriate medical treatment in times of disaster and emergency, both personal and in the community. MMI supports medical professionals and the critical role of clinics, hospitals, and institutions.

#### 3. Hope

MMI focuses on the poorest, most desperate countries of the developing world. Through the unique MMI approach, we seek to unite charities and combine resources to solve both long and short-term health problems.

*Thousands of precious children know Health, Healing, and Hope for the first time because of your compassion. The children thank you!*

*- Sister Joan Clare*

### SAVING LIVES

Your ongoing support allows us to save lives in some of the poorest most desperate countries in the world. These are just a few of the places where children are being saved because you care.

#### Congo



MMI rescues homeless children and helps them reintegrate with their families or find foster families to protect them from exploitation, street violence, and sexual abuse.

#### Uganda



MMI's "Reach Out" program offers community-based medical attention and social support for thousands of children and families living with infectious diseases.

#### Malawi



MMI operates a widespread nourishment and food security program for children and their families living in famine-prone regions of Northern Malawi.

# MMI Africa Update:

Tens of thousands of children receive one of the most effective treatments for good health

With your help, MEDICAL MISSION INTERNATIONAL has delivered more than 8 million doses of anti-parasite medication to children and their families all over Africa. Very few treatments are as effective for saving lives as these simple, inexpensive tablets.



It is like a “magic bullet” against this deadly condition.

Just two tablets a year can keep children free from the silent killers that keep them malnourished and anemic--

two of the most dangerous conditions for children and mothers. But without these amazing drugs, little bodies can't use the nutrition they receive; and they become weak and susceptible to a host of infectious diseases like malaria and tuberculosis.

This simple treatment saves countless lives, and MMI is proud to make anti-parasite medications a large part of our commitment to bring Health, Healing, and Hope to sick and suffering children all over the world. We couldn't do it without you.

*In addition to the 8 million doses of anti-parasite medication, MMI regularly sends shipments of food, clothing, emergency medicines, and medical equipment to many of the poorest countries in Africa like Uganda and Sudan.*



## Special Thanks from Sister Joan Clare

For your tremendous generosity to the people of the Philippines after devastating typhoons

*I can't thank you enough for your tremendous generosity to the people of the Philippines as they recover from the devastating typhoons that forever changed their lives.*

*Some lost family members and loved ones, others lost homes, churches, and family businesses, but the stories that have come back of the strength and determination of these precious people have touched my heart deeply.*

*The rebuilding efforts are slow, but the medical and*

*relief supplies you've helped me send have meant the difference between a life of hope and giving in to death for countless children and their families.*

*We will continue to do all we can to support the children of the Philippines, because of your compassion.*

*I am so grateful for all you have done and will continue to do for the children of the world.*

*Sincerely for the Children,*

*Sister Joan Clare*



## Make Your Donations Go Farther Sign up for MMI Direct Debit (DD)!

- ▶ **MMI DD is Easy** - No need to fill out a new cheque every month. Your one-time authorization is all you need.
- ▶ **MMI DD is Efficient** - More of your gift goes to heal hurting people because handling costs are reduced.
- ▶ **MMI DD Does More** - Because we can count on your regular support, the doctors and hospitals we support can plan budgets and provide more services.

Visit our website at [www.mmi-hk.org](http://www.mmi-hk.org) to sign up today!



Medical Mission International  
1C Wing Yee Commercial Building  
5 Wing Kut Street, Central  
Hong Kong  
Website: [www.mmi-hk.org](http://www.mmi-hk.org)