

# EMAS SARY

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## THE PRIVILEGE OF PARTNERSHIP May 2016

Jesus and His disciples had to deal with ministry overheads. Imagine the privilege of being His partner.

A paralyzed man entered Jesus' presence, through a hole in the roof, lying on his bed, while being lowered down by a caring team who were gripping strong ropes. They'd carried him to the house where Jesus was addressing a crowd, the doorway was blocked by the throng of people straining to hear the Master, but that was not a significant deterrent to these determined friends.

In partnership, they worked together with a common **Vision**: to see their paralyzed friend made whole by Jesus; their **Mission**: to

bring him to Jesus, Mark 2:1-12.

The crowd around Jesus that day, caused a logistical challenge. The roof became the only route for getting the patient to the Healer. They needed strong ropes and good biceps. Removing tiles or digging through the roof created a hole, directly over Jesus' head. Planning the route, finding the equipment, and coordinating the human effort in Capernaum, left a hole in the roof. This resulted in roof repair costs.

Today, the task of getting 350 volunteers to nine countries on 13 missions comes with different logistical challenges, but by pooling administrative

and support services we create efficiencies that allow teams to focus on the mission. EMAS Canada coordinates human effort so that people can be made whole by Jesus. EMAS teams use the best ropes, they never give up on their mission, and they prepare for the hole in the roof, just in case. They believe that when Jesus sees their faith, He will act, Mark 2:5.

Our budget aims to keep EMAS Canada effective and sustainable, but we are lagging behind. The budget expresses our faith in Jesus, our confidence in your partnership, and our commitment to the EMAS vision.

**Enclosed is an explanation of the current opportunity for your partnership with Christ in His work through EMAS Canada.**

**Thank you for your financial and prayer support.**

Dr. Peter Agwa  
Executive Director

All scripture references are from the NIV Bible (2011)



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# SOMETIMES VALUE CANNOT BE MEASURED

By Drs. Stephanie & Stephen Milone

## INDIA NORTH

“Mom! I showed him how to pop a wheelie!”

This from our son while grinning from ear to ear. He had taught one of the local wheelchair bound children how to enjoy his wheel chair more. Our three children aged 11, 8 and 6 accompanied us on our second India North mission trip in March, 2016. It was heartwarming to observe the greeting our children received from the local kids the minute we arrived in Herbertpur, India. They too were happy to return and reacquaint themselves with the village children. The great thing about this particular location is that it is very easy to bring our family.

Our kids went every morning until noon to Anugrah House which offers a day program for kids with special needs to learn life skills. Our children helped practice sign language, worked on wheelchair mobility skills and helped develop fine and gross motor skills of these special children. As parents, it was wonderful to observe their humble acts of servitude. We are thankful they had the opportunity to be involved as well and we know their experience will be an influence in their future mission work.

It was wonderful to be back for many reasons. The best way to get over jet lag is to jump right in and stay busy! We quickly stepped into our roles as teacher/mentors. There was a new group of junior physicians. Several had already declared specialties and the others were still considering their options. Daily routines included morning devotions, followed by teaching opportunities in the family



Photo: Drs Stephen and Stephanie Milone, 2016

medicine clinic, during inpatient rounds and during our observation of physicians in the family medicine clinic. Formal interactive lectures were held in the afternoons. These were very well received by the house staff. It was very gratifying that they were so keen. It was evident they wanted to learn and become the best clinicians they can be with the limited resources they had.

The physicians and people at Herbertpur made us feel at home. We left feeling that we had accomplished good work and know it was appreciated and useful and the ripple effects of our work there are immeasurable. We'll never know how many lives we touch through the training and mentoring of the medical staff in remote North India, made possible by your prayer and support.

Our hope is to continue the work

God has started and to keep the momentum going. Your donations make this happen, and we are grateful.



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continue serving

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# CELEBRATE WITH US!

This year's EMAS Haiti team continued to provide hope to a disadvantaged community. The post-earthquake state of Haiti continues to slowly improve. The team travelled to Port-Au-Prince in February, 2016. One of the Team Leaders, Rachelle Brière, arrived in Haiti one week before the team to prepare for the team's arrival including orientation teaching sessions with Haitian nursing students.

This was the fourth year that Canadian healthcare students participated on an EMAS Haiti team mission as an academic elective. The student elective aspect of this mission is receiving positive feedback from all students involved, and continues to evolve into a formal reciprocal inter-professional education experience between nursing students at Université Saint Boniface and medical students at the University of Manitoba (also open to students from other Canadian universities). All five healthcare students on the team received student assistance grants from EMAS Canada with gratitude. A grand total of 950 patients (which was a 22% increase over last year) were seen and attended to in the time spent in Haiti.

The Post-earthquake Construction Project continues. Land was acquired in 2005 by El Shaddai Church to build a Community Ministry Centre. In the aftermath of the 2010 earthquake, eMi in collaboration with community

elders designed a culturally appropriate, environmentally sensitive community ministry centre inclusive of a large community gathering space (church, youth centre, school assembly hall, and hurricane shelter), a primary/middle school, and a community health clinic.

Construction began and the first school building was completed in October 2011, followed by work on the flush toilet facilities, and construction of the second school building, and the foundation/basement for the large church building. The walls of the church building were completed in 2015. The completion and joyful inauguration of the massive church building was held in February 2016. Plans are under way to ensure full accessibility to the first floor of the two school buildings and the church building.

Not only are the impressive new buildings a great symbol of hope for the community, but the construction site continues to be a demonstration-training site for proper construction methods using appropriate, available, local technology and materials; and an example of solid financial stewardship. Despite all odds, the El Shaddai community continues to move forward with unrelenting faith, joy and hope that relief, healing and dignity will be realized as EMAS Canada continues to share its blessings with Haiti.

Photo: Haiti's new buildings completed.



## EXPLORATORY TEAMS

### **Nigeria:**

Neonatal resuscitation teaching team. Experience in pediatrics, Midwifery and/or pediatric nursing necessary. BLS and NALS certification are valued. This team will train RNs, midwives, traditional birth attendants and junior doctors. Dates to be announced.

### **South Sudan:**

A team of MDs, RNs and PAs for the National Institute of Health Sciences, Jonglei will teach in English to a class of about 50 Sudanese nursing, midwifery and clinical officer students. Sept 2 – 11, 2016

### **Zimbabwe:**

This multidisciplinary exploratory team is for a hospital based mission. It will be evaluating potential for collaboration with the health ministries of the Reformed Church in Zimbabwe. May 5 – 19, 2017.

### **Gambade (Haiti)**

The Gambade Medical Clinic Project Support Team of Compass Point Bible Church is building a team of medical professionals to visit the clinic to gain insight into healthcare priorities before long-term engagement. Our vision is that an EMAS team will engage for the long-term in capacity building, through training of national staff and improvement of services, through ongoing professional development. Nov. 16 – 14, 2016.

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

For more information on our exploratory initiatives

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# NEWS AND UPDATES

## EMAS HAS A NEW DATABASE SYSTEM

Starting in 2017 we will issue annual tax receipts unless otherwise requested and we will send them, wherever possible, by email. If you have questions, please email: [office@emascanada.org](mailto:office@emascanada.org)



# EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Our Director of Administration, Ellen Watson is retiring in the fall after many years of faithful service and we will miss her. We wish her all the best.

Therefore we are looking for:

**Bookkeeper/Office Administrator** to begin in September 2016. Full job description posted on our website: [www.emascanada.org](http://www.emascanada.org)

Please submit all applications with resume to Dr. Peter Agwa  
Email: [peter@emascanada.org](mailto:peter@emascanada.org)

# UPCOMING MISSION TRIPS

## VIETNAM

July 16 – 31st, 2016

## CHINA EAST

Oct. 21 – Nov. 12, 2016 (Urban)  
Nov. 4 – 11, 2016 (Rural)

## GUANGDONG

Nov. 5 – 11, 2016

## SOUTH SUDAN

Sept. 2 – 11, 2016

## CHINA SOUTH (Medical)

Nov. 2 – 12, 2016 (Xuzhou)

## GAMBADE (Haiti)

Nov. 16 – 24, 2016

Thank You for praying for these teams as they serve. For more dates go to: <http://www.emascanada.org/join-us/upcoming/>

## GIVE THE GIFT OF SERVICE

If you would like to volunteer to go on an EMAS missions trip there are several opportunities available to serve with our teams to heal and teach in a Christ-like manner.

To volunteer, please contact Peter Agwa: [peter@emascanada.org](mailto:peter@emascanada.org)



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# THE PRIVILEGE OF PARTNERSHIP

To serve all our teams with excellence and close the financial year in a healthy position we need \$15,000.00 before September 30th, 2016.

We invite you to partner with us to meet this goal, with a one time donation or monthly contribution.

It is our privilege as partners with Christ through EMAS Canada to give our resources for His work, Luke 8:1-3.



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