



Children from the Rift Valley Children's Village arrive for check-ups



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*"Praise the bridge that carried you over."*

- George Colman

Dear Friends of FAME,

Just yesterday, we were visited by a young man working with orphaned children in a very remote area, roughly 3 hours from our clinic. He came to talk about two little girls, age 10 and 12, who are living with a very frail, very poor grandmother. Their parents died last year. Both girls have tested positive for HIV. Both girls are very sick right now with opportunistic infections, yet neither has access to affordable or accessible health care where they live. Tomorrow both girls will be coming to FAME Medical to see a doctor, and our Community Outreach Counselor will begin lining up the ongoing services they so desperately need and deserve. This story, and so many others, captures all the reasons we came to Tanzania to do this work...all the reasons we feel privileged to be here...all the reasons we appreciate each and every one of YOU who recognize the needs in this part of the world and do what you can to make our work in Tanzania possible.

Love & Blessings,  
Frank & Susan

**FAME Outpatient Clinic Busier By the Day!**



Temple Med students observe Dr. Mshana at Work



Nurse Siana weighing a malnourished child

According to USAID/Tanzania (2004), “eight out of ten children die at home and six of them without any contact with formal health services.” FAME’s “next step” is well underway! A hospital for rural Tanzania and an expanded Mobile Medical Service...

### A Hospital Taking Shape...



Health Center construction crew at work



Walls growing on Health Center Laboratory

### Mobile Medical Projects - *Help for Those With Little to No Access to Medical Care...*

Our Mobile Medical Outreach continues to take us to very remote locations in the country. Most recently, we treated roughly 900 people over a six day period, young and old suffering from malaria, intestinal parasites, respiratory infections, infected wounds, malnutrition, TB, HIV/AIDS and more. Amani Hirji, a farmer and community leader in the area, hosted our entire team, as we worked from dawn til dusk. Partnering with Paula Gremley & Mwangaza, Minnesota International Health Volunteers, the Babati District Medical Office, and community members, we managed to treat roughly 900 people. An ENORMOUS THANK YOU TO these organizations, as well as the following individuals who volunteered their time and expertise: Dr. Golru Ghaffari, Tracey & Ally Warson, Temple University Medical Students Mike, Eric, Jennifer & Jeremy, UK Medical Students Hannah, Roseanna, Melanie, & Catherine, UK nurse Anna, UK physiotherapist Will, Canadian physical therapy student Robin & medical student/MIHV volunteer Ben.

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FAME Mobile Medical Team Members - Babati



Patients eagerly waiting to see a Mobile Medical doctor

**The Many Faces of FAME's Mobile Medical Service.**



Volunteer Doctor, Golru Ghaffari treating a sick baby



FAME Doctor, Ivan Mwaluko at work on Mobile Clinic



Mobile Clinic patient



FAME Lab Tech, Julius Ombeni, testing for malaria

**Mobile Medical Edutainment!**

-Using traditional music and drama to teach prevention-



Sangoma Musicians/Drama Troupe Providing Health Education to Babati Mobile Clinic Patients

## Tales From the Bush...

by Dr. Golru Gaffari



I spent 4 years of my childhood in western Africa and always knew that when I became a doctor, I would go back to Africa to help. When I actually got into medical school and subsequently into emergency medicine residency, returning to Africa was still my goal. I was lucky enough to find Dr. Frank and the FAME clinic through a friend who had worked with him. Dr. Frank was gracious enough to take on an emergency medicine resident.

After months of correspondence with the volunteer coordinator, I found my way to Karatu and the FAME clinic just in time to go off on my “African bush” mobile clinic experience. I didn’t know what to expect or what we would see. The 4 hour road trip to Babati was spent picking Dr. Frank’s brain apart. At the mention of snakes, I began to wonder what I was thinking.

The first day of the clinic, after seeing the 2nd patient, any apprehension I had was gone. I was reminded why I wanted to come to Africa. We had a father bring in his 2 young sons, a boy of 8 or 10 and a young man of 16 or so. His younger son was brought in with an infection cut to his leg. His friend and he were playing with a machete and he was cut. Luckily, the cut was not deep, but he was developing infection to the leg. While I was tending to the younger son, the older brother was sitting in the chair and initially I could not understand why he was “ill.” It was when I turned my attention to him that I realized that he was guarding his right arm and had an improvised bandage around his arm. As I began to unwrap the ‘bandage’, I noticed the drainage coming from the wound. When we finally exposed the area, we found that he had an old extensive burn to his arm which had exposed bone. I was shocked. He was an epileptic who was unable to

obtain his seizure medication, had seized and fell into Jire. This had happened at least 4 months prior and he had not obtained any medical care. We were able to make this young man comfortable, clean his arm, and bandage it properly. We gave antibiotics to him and were able to refer him to a hospital for proper follow up care.

This was just one of many incredible stories that I experienced. I have only begun my journey as a physician and my time in Africa will stay with me forever. Even before I left, I was planning when I could return and work with Dr. Frank again. The work he does and the care he provides is life saving for many of the patients. The people in these regions don't have access to medical care and being able to see over 800 patients in 6 days was life altering not only for the patients, but for those of us taking care of them.

## FUNDRAISING 2009 – A HEARTFELT THANKS....

We were met with incredibly gracious hospitality and enthusiasm during our Spring 2009 fundraising trip and would like to say "THANK YOU" to the following individuals for hosting fundraising events for FAME this year: **Molly McCormick, Jim & Sandy Steen, Christy Clark, Elliot Hillback & the Genzyme Team, Crystal Patil & Betsy Abrams, Medical Relief Foundation, Mike & Cindy Kamm, Dr. Kathy McKenna, Dr. John Brownrigg, Jeanne Artress, Emma Olson, Lorraine & Jon Menell, Dr. Kim Shriner, Ken Timmerman & Crescenta Valley Adventist School, Mike & Allison Shuken, Jack & Nan Paddon, Rebecca & Scott Ellis, Terry Walton, Beth, David & Catherine Finch.....**AND to each and every one of you who stepped up to the plate to help our hosts plan and organize these amazing events! Despite the present global economic challenges around the world, all of FAME's supporters continue to demonstrate amazing generosity and commitment! We couldn't do this without you!!!!

## HOW YOU CAN HELP FAME...

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- Host a **fundraising event** Spring 2010
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