

BIG NEWS! YWAM Got Their Ship!

Papua New Guinea (PNG) when compared to the rest of the Pacific Region has a health system in crisis. For every 100,000 people in PNG, there is just one dentist to take care of their oral health needs. With 87 percent of the population living in rural and remote areas, the travel time to receive treatment really is “the impossible”. Youth With A Mission Medical Ships - Australia (YWAM MSA) first set sail to Papua New Guinea in 2010. Over the last five years they have provided 180,680 health and training outputs. Their first ship, The MV Pacific Link turned 35 years old last year and was deemed ‘ready for retirement’. YWAM know the importance of the work they are providing to Papua New Guinea so the need for a new ship was imperative!

To raise funds and awareness to obtain this goal of a new ship, YWAM launched their **Overcoming the Impossible** campaign. On the 13th of July 2014, Henry Schein Halas together with YWAM hosted the first function aboard The MV Ammari to help kick off the campaign. We were very fortunate to have the Global CEO for Henry Schein Inc, Mr Stanley Bergman, on board for the evening. “Corporate social responsibility is about finding the right partners to make it happen. We’re very happy we found YWAM,” said Mr Bergman on the night.

Henry Schein Halas promoted the campaign by providing free lectures on board which gave customers the opportunity to view the new ship for which they were



fundraising and hear their amazing story. Overall, we had over 15,000 people tour the ship and over 600 people offer to volunteer and raise over \$200,000 to help YWAM!

As a result, we are happy to announce that YWAM have their new ship! Australia’s (YWAM MSA) new medical ship, the MV YWAM PNG, has just completed its maiden voyage to Papua New Guinea - eight weeks of healthcare and training delivery in six different provinces. Henry Schein Cares supported the voyage by providing dental consumables, instruments, and equipment; enabling the team to treat 620 patients living in rural and remote villages. For most patients, it was the first time they had seen a dentist - many had been experiencing pain and discomfort for many years. When the vessel returns to its home port Townsville, next month, the MV YWAM PNG will be fitted with a new dental clinic which will include four brand new dental chairs donated by Henry Schein Halas and Planmeca.

The new ship, will enable YWAM MSA to access more villages for longer lengths of time. This ship has the capability to increase by over 500%. It is estimated that 1.7 million people will have access to dental and medical treatment as well as immunisation and health training.

For more information regarding YWAM, visit their website: www.ywam.org



More great success stories inside....

Henry Schein Halas Staff Band Together to Help Wayside Chapel



Winter hit Sydney quickly and harshly this year, with temperatures plummeting in May. Come June, we were all feeling the cold, which made us think of the less fortunate who were not able to source new blankets and heaters. We discovered The Wayside Chapel and decided to coordinate a blanket and toiletry drive to assist them in the colder months. The Wayside Chapel has provided unconditional love, care and support for people on and around the streets of Kings Cross since 1964. Today, under the banner of love over hate, The Wayside Chapel creates a community where there is no 'us and them' by breaking down the barriers of judgement and providing a safe place where people from all walks of life are welcome just to 'be'.

Open seven days every week, the Community Service Centre at The Wayside Chapel is the first point of contact for people visiting. The centre is open to all and provides the little things people often take for granted: a willing listener, a shower with a fresh towel, clean underwear or assistance finding a bed for the night. The toiletries are essential as over 108 showers are provided each week to people who are sleeping rough.

Nationwide at Henry Schein Halas through the coordination of Henry Schein Cares we rallied together and donated to Wayside Chapel: travel size toiletries (such as soap, shampoo, conditioner and deodorant), razors, socks, underwear, towels, blankets and warm clothing such as tracksuits and jumpers.

The donation drive was a success! Henry Schein Halas donated over 50 blankets, 10 boxes of toiletries/socks/underwear and dozens of warm jumpers and towels! Henry Schein Cares wants to thank everyone that took part of this donation drive as every donation makes a huge difference to anyone that walks into The Wayside Chapel for a warm shower during this cold winter.



The Wayside Chapel

Common Ground Community Outreach Clinic Bringing dental care to Adelaide's homeless population

Imagine being on the streets at just 9 years old, on a cold rainy day, not even a teenager, yet you would have to wonder why life has thrown you such a bad hand. Melyssa, who is now 19, found herself in exactly that position and has struggled for the last 10 years. After 10 years on the streets, going to see a dentist is not a priority or a possibility for someone like Melyssa. With thanks to the people at Common Ground in co-operation with doctors and staff at the Youth Homeless Centre – Street Link, Melyssa was given access to much needed dental care, she is now out of pain and working to get her life on track.

Common Ground provides tiered accommodation for people who are residentially and socially disadvantaged providing an opportunity to rebuild

healthy communities with specific support systems in place. In September 2011, they opened a Community Outreach Dental Clinic. Working in conjunction with the University of Adelaide, the clinic runs using a core group of volunteers as well as undergraduates from dentistry, oral health, medicine and nursing students. The significant experience gained by the students sets them up for a future career while at the same time treatment is offered to people who would not otherwise get access to care.

Since the opening in 2011, the clinic has seen over 750 patients with numerous repeat visits. They have provided basic restorative and preventative services and acrylic dentures for those who have been without teeth for many years. They are now partnering with

several dental laboratories and in collaboration with TAFE prosthodontic students, providing fabrication of dentures and night guards.

Common Ground aims to extend their service more broadly to Inner City Agencies to include underserved suburban areas. They plan to increase their portable equipment and require somewhere to store it so that they can better service more remote areas. To help them achieve these goals, Henry Schein Halas through the Henry Schein Cares Foundation will be supporting a fundraising event in Adelaide on the 16th October. For more information on the event and to book your place please email paul.finn@adelaide.edu.au if you are interested in volunteering please register your interest by emailing margie.steffens@adelaide.edu.au



Prime Minister Tony Abbott Shows His Support for Dental Treatment in Timor Leste

The relatively new state of Timor Leste is still developing in many ways. After their long struggle for independence, there is still a long way to go before they can establish a fully functioning health care system that can reach vast regional and isolated rural areas. As it stands, there are only 10 dentists to serve a population of over 1.1 million. For this reason, the intervention of the international community is vital for education and development of dental health and hygiene for the Timor Leste population.

The Timor Leste Dental Program is an innovative program consisting of Australian dental practitioners who donate their time to travel to remote villages to not only treat patients, but also train locals how to carry on with the work once they have left. The program is a registered Rotary project within the Rotary Australia World Community Service. Rotary Australia provides organisational and financial structure for the dental program. Dr Blanche Tsetong is the current Timor Leste Program Coordinator, based in Queensland, and has done 11 trips so far through some of the remotest parts of Timor Leste. She has nothing but praise for those who take time out of their own lives to help those less fortunate.

"This is not travel tourism. It is an expensive exercise, with our volunteers taking time out of their own practices and self-funding their trips. From the moment our volunteers hit the ground, they are there to work. The villagers are advised via their local churches and through mass that we are on our way, so when we arrive, there are already lines of people ready to be seen. We work as hard as we can until the line of patients is finished." The result is worth it, says Blanche, with volunteers expressing that it is a worthwhile cause, and many going back several times.

The volunteers have quite a task to fulfil, occasionally facing hostility from some locals, who are still wary of outsiders for fear of unfamiliar western practices. In addition to this, the lack of infrastructure and government support means there is nowhere to buy any dental equipment locally, meaning the program must source their supplies prior to leaving. For those they help, there is no denying the remarkable difference they have made in their lives. The thousands of patients would otherwise be forced to live with painful or debilitating conditions. Also benefiting are the locals who have taken the initiative to be trained in general dentistry by the Program's volunteers so they can become integral parts of their community and carry on with the good work that the Timor Leste Dental Program have initiated.

In August 2014, over 300 guests were joined by special speakers including the Prime Minister Hon Mr Tony Abbott MP and the Hon Member for North Sydney



Mr Joe Hockey at the Chatswood Rotary Club's dinner for the Timor Leste Dental Program. Mr Abbott praised the program for not just seeking a hand out, instead reaching out to him for his support to help them help raise the money needed to help others. Being a free service, the program relies on donations and community support to expand their work in the developing nation. The funds raised on the evening were put towards, amongst other projects, a Toyota Landcruiser and mobile dental equipment for the volunteers to better access and treat the more remote villages in Timor Leste. Blanche confirmed that it wasn't long before the Landcruiser was packed to the brim with supplies and taken into the field to assist volunteers with their work.

Henry Schein Halas, through Henry Schein Cares Foundation has been a long-time supporter of The Timor Leste Dental Program. Blanche is ever grateful for the ongoing support received from the Henry Schein Cares, and is immensely thankful for providing the Timor Leste Program with material and help.

Any support is appreciated by the Timor Leste Dental program, be it donations of time or money. If you would like to find out more information, visit the program's website at <http://timordentalprogram.org/>

The National Dental Foundation Lack of Funding Won't Keep Them Down!

The National Dental Foundation (NDF) was founded in 2004. It is a dentist initiated registered charity, acting as a focal point for charity work in the Australian dental industry. The Foundation has been incorporated and has received ATO Endorsement as a Public Benevolent Institution.

The NDF aims to provide dental treatment to Australians who do not have access to care. It also gives dentists who would like to volunteer a vehicle to be able to do so without leaving the comfort of their own practice. Since 2004 the NDF has continued to grow and in 2014 the dental treatment provided hit \$467,339.50!

Previously, the Federal Government realised how important organisations like NDF are, they had the foresight to see that people being treated were alleviating an issue in Australia where people who cannot afford to see a dentist just go without. The NDF received government funding between 2012 and 2015. This funding sadly came to an end in June and the NDF is now needing to raise money to keep the Foundation running at the current level. They have been networking across Australia and hope to privately fund the Foundation.

Henry Schein Halas through the Henry Schein Cares Foundation has always supported the NDF and the dentists who take part in the volunteer days. In May, we held a sale day where a percentage of sales were donated to the NDF. We were so happy to be able to hand over a cheque for \$14,000! Thank you for supporting us during our sale day and therefore allowing us to support the NDF in their plight to better the dental situation for all Australians.

Would you like to become a volunteer? Contact the NDF national coordinator by emailing headoffice@nationaldentalfoundation.org.au



One Man Making a HUGE difference in the Congo

Where would the world be without people like Graham Toulmin? A man who has worked tirelessly through his adult years committed to improving the level of dental care in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). In 2014 he came to visit Henry Schein Halas, advising us that he would make his final trip and with sadness would need to leave them to continue his good work. At the age of 67 Graham realised that he could not continue to travel back and forth and it was time to call it a day. During that final trip, with some persuasion from the Bishop he found himself agreeing not only to return to Congo but to return for 4 years to open and run a new dental school!

Dr Toulmin and his wife Wendy, will be arriving in Aru in August, to become the full-time Director of Dental Training for the ISTM Dental School and will oversee

the TREAT Project. (Training, Research, Education, Amenities, Treatment) During the 4 years they will train people so that on their departure the school and treatment centres can continue to run.

DRC is the size of Western Europe and well-trained dental practitioners are few and far between. The people in the country live in tremendous poverty with many health issues, political challenges including dangerous gangs and warlords in parts of Congo.

Dr Toulmin has been very active in the community raising funds for the project. He managed to secure a 40 foot container which left this month. He will be taking 20 second hand dental chairs, 2 OPG's, X-rays machines, cabinetry, a generator and as much consumable product as he can! Henry Schein Halas

through the Henry Schein Cares Foundation have been supporting and working with Graham for close to 15 years. His dedication, passion and commitment to the people and their desperate need for something better is to be admired. It was for this reason that we were so happy to help Graham and his wife Wendy as they gathered the equipment and consumables they needed for their new adventure.

Would you be willing to help them cover the remaining costs of setting up the Dental School?

Donations can be made directly to Henry Schein Halas – the Congo Account 2TOU001B or through Anglican Aid (tax deductible) - contact Graham & Wendy (0416 126 368) or by email gwtoulmin@cms.org.au for further information.



Nepal Relief

In April this year, a devastating 7.8 magnitude earthquake hit Nepal, destroying entire towns and villages. The death toll currently stands at over 8000 victims and continues to climb as rescuers slowly reach more remote areas. The number of misplaced and injured people is staggeringly higher, and aftershocks continue to hinder both rescue and re-build efforts. As the world scrambled to help in the wake of the natural disaster, one of our own staff members from our Sydney office was caught up in the drama as the earthquake unfolded. Shrinti and her partner were in their native Nepal to celebrate their wedding with family and friends when the disaster struck.

"We had only just had our wedding reception the night before it happened" Shrinti recalls. The next day they were on the third floor of her parents' house in Kathmandu when everything started shaking.

"The house was shaking so badly. When it finally stopped, we raced downstairs to the front yard. We were lucky my parents' house wasn't destroyed, but even on surrounding streets, other houses were just rubble".

Due to the aftershocks, Shrinti and her family had to camp in her parents front yard for the rest of the week. With no internet or television available, and only limited access to phones, there was minimal communication with the outside world, a fact that made it hard for Shrinti to assure her friends and family that she was safe.

Shrinti and her husband returned to Australia a week after the earthquake, and have been trying to do what they can from afar, sending money and donations to the relief effort. Still shaken, Shrinti and her husband consider themselves and their families lucky. However, they know there are so many others who still need our help.

Henry Schein Halas Australia pulled together to do their part for the Nepal Relief effort recently, raising funds through a joint bake sale and meat raffle in all our branches. The day was a delicious success, with the Henry Schein Cares Foundation matching all funds raised dollar for dollar.

The Henry Schein Cares Foundation globally raised funds calling on all Henry Schein employees to dig deep. The Foundation matching everything raised meant that Henry Schein Inc was able to send product donations to four U.S. NGOs: International Medical Corps, AmeriCares, Heart to Heart, and Direct Relief to assist their Nepal relief effort. Total retail value of the donation was USD\$500,000!



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