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Season's Greetings

COORDINATOR'S CORNER

We are ready for our return to Parañaque. We will be able to provide medical, dental, and surgical care. Fortunately, we were able to find a new hospital venue to host our general surgery and cataract surgery.

Anthea...with love, a love letter from North Carolina to the Philippines was thoroughly enjoyed by the audience. The support of the Filipinos and Americans in the Triangle was heartwarming.

Special thank to Anthea Neri and her team of performers including Aimee Moynihan and her dancers, talented violinist & pianist David Binanay &

Josh Mabellos, Tony Yarborough and the band for a great concert.

Kudos to the CMM 2012 US Coordinators for Cagayan de Oro (Ed Binanay & Emmeline & Andy Neri) for a job well done!

We greet all the CMM partners and wish them the Blessings of Christmas and a more peaceful 2011.

From: Fred Ng, Surgical Coordinator & Art de Leon, Medical Coordinator Anita C. Ng, logistics & supplies, Ruth de Leon, US-Parañaque Coordinator and Emma Dempsey, General Coordinator.

THE BEGINNING

Anita C. Ng, CMM volunteer

In 1993, Drs. Art & Rosemary de Leon, son Jay and I were invited to join a medical mission to Tagbilaran, Bohol under the sponsorship of the Christian Emergency Relief Team International led by Ann & Doug Hinton. During this mission, we endured difficult travel over unpaved, dusty roads and a rough boat ride to the remote island of Tintiman.

We were most likely the first medical team to serve the inhabitants of this island. We went with some medicine, candies, balloons and eager hearts, so we thought we were prepared. But nothing could have prepared us for the shocking and haunting images of the many young children that we encountered. The children were weather beaten and malnourished. Their red "sore" eyes stared emptily from gaunt faces, strangely highlighted by sun bleached hair. The children seemed oblivious to their oozing sores and their unthinkable conditions; and those ghostly faces have weighed heavily on my mind and in my heart for all these years since.

In this island, there is no fresh water supply, except when it rains. Everyone bathes with sea water; and fresh water must be retrieved from the city daily for drinking and cooking needs. But despite their desperate circumstances, the people of Tintiman Island were welcoming, open and sharing. During the

mission, the host family served us a lunch of fried fish. As we sat to eat, the whole town began to surround our table; we soon realized that their food would be whatever we had left behind. Trying not to embarrass the host, we took a thankful bite of our lunch, but offered the rest to the town people to eat. Tintiman Island was an eye-opener and the inspiration behind the formation of CMM. That first experience stirred our conscience and solidified our purpose and desires to form CMM.

Later that year, we requested the Philippine-American Association of NC (PAANC), a 501c (3) non-profit organization, to adopt the medical mission as one of its humanitarian projects. It was approved. The Carolina Medical Mission (CMM) was born.

In the 17 years of CMM, we have served over 110,000 medical, dental and surgical (including cleft and cataract) patients; we have traveled tens of thousands of miles all around the Philippines; and we have worked with over sixty professional, lay and local volunteers to serve the medical needs of underprivileged people of the Philippines. We are proud of CMM's work, efforts, and accomplishments; but we cannot be satisfied. As we look to the future of CMM, we reflect on the past and we pray that someone will see what we saw in the eyes of the children of Tintiman Island when we left – it is called 'hope'. We look for leadership to continue what has been a wonderful life's work of bringing Hope.

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January 25-30	CMM JOINT MISSION Paranaque City, Metro-Manila	•Erika Dempsey & Tony Cesare, proud parents of Samuel Joseph Cesare, born May 21, 2010.
February 5-10	THE MISSION OF LOVE VII Province of Marinduque Anita & Fred Ng MD, Tony Ng MD, and Estrella Ventura CRNA	•Condolences to the Ng Family on the passing of Victor Ng, father of CMM volunteers Eloisa Ng-Mambil and Joy Ng, DMD; father-in-law of Mignonne Ng, MD & Dennis Mambil; uncle of Tony Ng, MD & Adonis Ng; and older brother of Fred Ng, MD & Vicky Chua. May he rest in Eternal Peace.
February 14-20	OPERATION WE CARE The Rotary Club of Ohio & Delaware Rodriguez, Rizal Anita & Fred Ng MD	

“There is no expiration date on Hope!”

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