



for AGM
November, 2015
Chairman's Report for Year Ending
March 2015

Greetings. The past year has once again proved to be full of challenge and satisfaction as MAA fulfils its role of donating valuable, unwanted medical goods to developing countries. In any typical year about 2,000 cartons of goods have gone overseas to medical centres, doctors, hospitals and pharmacies. Our rather congested rooms at Greenlane Clinical Centre continue to effectively handle large quantities of inwards and outwards goods. I am amazed and humbled by what the team of volunteer workers manage to achieve week by week. The Board wholeheartedly thank those Wednesday volunteers, led by Store Manager Mary, for their results. A recent half-year report listed 24 countries where goods have been delivered. It is very rewarding to our team to see supplies, otherwise destined for a dump, given a second life where a need is so high. I want to thank some key people who enable MAA to continue. Wholesalers PWR and Propharma play a huge role in moving stock from pharmacies into their stores in Auckland. The Auckland District Health Board allow us to use the rooms we have. They have housed us for many years and we appreciate it. I cannot list the large number of other companies, wholesalers, importers, medical services and individuals who donate goods to us – but we thank you sincerely. Our Board continues to meet throughout the year keeping a low-key eye on how MAA is running. They tackle all sorts of issues as they arise. As all are volunteers, I wish to thank them for the time willingly given from their busy working careers. During the year the ADHB have given us

access to a 63 m² store room on the Auckland City Hospital site. This has good shelving and is valuable to us, but it is a long way from our main rooms.

Twice in the last 2 years we have held Fund Raising evenings with a meal and entertainment, which have been well attended. Both have brought in significant funds, which have covered our running costs, plus giving us a modest financial buffer. They were a lot of work, but have certainly been worth the effort.

Since the last AGM, Pat Munro has taken over the role of secretary and Raj Chaudhary has become our treasurer. Both Pat and Raj quickly became part of our team and we thank them for the work they do.

Attached you will find a report from the Christchurch branch. They continue to do good work down there and keep us supplied with stock from Canterbury suppliers.

MAA is in good heart. I am delighted to be part of such a valuable organisation.

Thank you to everyone, who has any role in helping, guiding and supporting Medical Aid Abroad.

Murray Kerr, Chairman

STORE ANNUAL REPORT

Medical Aid Abroad stores has served more than 15 countries around the world this year.

We have supplied goods to more than 6 shipping containers (20ft) through various charitable organisations. This excludes numerous small supplies sent from us through doctors, pharmacists, nurses, medical students and individuals travelling to developing nations around the world, especially the Pacific and areas of natural disasters. Much of the work is achieved through the hard work of a handful of very committed volunteers that tirelessly pack and sort supplies every Wednesday. We would welcome more hands as our MAA continues to expand now with three store areas to keep our supplies.

The purchase of the MAA van has been a blessing as it continues to move our stock with no problems other than a bit of exterior body work. It would be great to have some sponsorship and logo on this wonderful vehicle.

I am grateful to our many donors that give generously to our cause especially Fresh and Clean, ADHB, EBOS, PHL, Red Cross, PWR, Propharma, Selwyn Medical Centres and many individual and companies that believe in our credibility and know that we are able to deliver appropriately as a charitable organisation. I am equally grateful to groups and organisations who take and deliver these supplies to overseas areas of need. The blessing of MAA work is in the friendship and the gift of giving and receiving through the hands of all these people. It has been a tremendously successful year for us as we will be closing 2015 soon with over 2000 cartons (November and December not yet counted). This excludes our involvement with coordinating supplies of hospital beds, medical machinery, anaesthetic machines, wheelchairs, frames, walkers etc. I thank the MAA executive for the great support and vision for this work, the fund-raising and guidelines to achieve our goals. I look forward to 2016 with great expectations for expansion into more store areas and more outlets for our supplies reaching out to the people whose lives depend on what we are sending and doing. Thanks everyone. Have a blessed Christmas and a prosperous new year.
Mary Ponifasio, Stores Manager

TREASURER'S REPORT: 18Nov 2015
Financial Report for Medical Aid Abroad for the year ending 31 March 2015 presented to The Board of Trustees at the Annual General Meeting on 24th November 2015.
Executive Summary:

CHRISTCHURCH REPORT

MAA Canterbury is now well re-established in CDC's new warehouse. A flexible team of 8 volunteers handles medicines returned from local pharmacies. Once sorted we send goods via Propharma to MAA Auckland with whom we have a good two way working relationship for distribution overseas and also supply goods to local Doctors etc who are going to hospitals in needy countries. Our operation is basically well bedded in and we are now working on further ways to improve our service especially increasing distribution through local medical personal.

We are very fortunate to have the backing of local pharmacies, Canterbury DHB, Canterbury Pharmacy Group, CDC and ProPharma. The service we provide is recognised as being an integral part of everyday pharmacy. CDC and ProPharma deserve special thanks for the collection of goods from local pharmacies, the use of premises and transport of goods. *Alistair Douglas, Canterbury MAA, November 2015*

1. Commentary on The Statement of Financial Performance:

i. Gross income for year ending March 2015 was \$29,963 compared to \$11,192 for the previous financial year. The increase in income was largely due to the inaugural Fundraising Dinner where \$23,276 was raised.

ii. Total cost incurred for the Fund-raising Dinner was \$4,328. Store Operations and Manager's Cost were marginally higher than last year due to a higher level of activity. Vehicle cost was higher because the Van was bought part way through the previous year. Van and Office Appliances depreciation totalling \$1,925 were two non-cash items that impacted the bottom-line.

iii. Net Surplus for the year was \$8,354 compared to a Net Deficit of \$401 for the previous year.

2. Commentary on The Statement of Financial Position:

i. Current Assets at balance date represented by three ANZ bank accounts was \$26,185 compared to \$15,907 the previous year.

ii. Depreciated value of fixed assets was \$4,116 compared to \$6,041 the previous year. The Van and Office Appliances were depreciated on a Straight Line basis at 33% and 25% respectively. No depreciation was done in previous years.

I will be present at the Annual General Meeting on 24th November 2015 to answer any questions.

*Rajesh Chaudhary, CA Australia & NZ
Honorary Treasurer*

SOME STORIES from the year

To Mary and all the hard working staff at Medical Aid Abroad.

Thank you very much for being a part of our team and our work in the Pacific. Your support is invaluable and greatly appreciated. Looking forward to our ongoing partnership next year and into the future.

Thanks for your hard work. You do an awesome job in providing everyone with medical supplies. It is much needed and appreciated.

from the Marine Reach Staff

Hi Tibby,

We ended up doing mainly burns contracture work, so the things we got from MAA proved very useful. There was a lot of thinking outside the square. We ended up using the sponge off the plain scrub brushes as compression to tie over full thickness skin grafts. We spent time on the Rainbow Warrior 2, now renamed Rhongdhonu (means Rainbow in Bengali), moored at Cox's Bazaar, southern Bangladesh. Perhaps you could pass on my thanks to the other MAA folk. Hope you are well,

B...
(edited)

Dear Dr Mary Ponifasio,
Many thank both of you for sending donated. They would always remind us of your love friendship and warmth at every days. Thank you once again for the expensive gift and the consideration that inspired it.

Yours lovingly,

.....Fernando

Hi Murray,

Everything went very well on Saturday 26th when the day the container was loaded.

7 or 8 volunteers including a man who has a heavy truck licence all worked very hard and efficiently. There were tons of rice, sugar, cooking oils on top of medical supplies and medicines donated by MAA. The container left Tauranga on 2 Oct and is due to arrive Dalian, China on 27 Oct. Please join with us in prayer for a safe and smooth journey to its final destination Nampo, North Korea by mid November, before winter comes.

Thanks for your interest and support. Without MAA and your personal support we may not be able to load this third container.
Kind regards

Charlie

Dear Mary,

My name is Jono, my wife Destinee and I are doctors from NZ currently working in the town of Tonj in South Sudan. Last month we received over 30 boxes of donated medical equipment and supplies from NZ, most of them from Medical Aid Abroad. Our friend Larne' Wilson had liased with you and will be joining us here soon

We really cannot thank you enough for your generosity in donated these supplies! You may have heard that South Sudan currently has the highest maternal mortality rate in the world, and also a very high infant mortality rate. We are passionate about reversing those statistics in our area, but we really struggle to finance our Maternal Child Health Centre. So thank you once again for helping to make what we do possible!

Kind regards,

Dr Jono Macleod