



Mercy Ships Canada Annual Report

2015

Lives Transformed...

Haingo arrived to us at 28 weeks old weighing only 2.2 kg (about 5 lbs). Severely malnourished, Haingo was starving to death because her cleft lip and palate prevented her from getting enough food.

Haingo was quickly admitted to the Infant Feeding Program so she could become healthy enough for surgery. Once she was at a healthy weight she had her cleft lip corrected, and then had her cleft palate surgery when she was just over a year old.

After seven months onboard the *Africa Mercy*, Haingo is happy, healthy and home. Her story reminds us of the extraordinary things that happen when people around the world join together with love, hope and faith.



The UN reports that every day 10 women in Madagascar die from complications due to pregnancy and childbirth, making women's health a main initiative for Mercy Ships in Madagascar. The Women's Health Program was hugely successful, with volunteers and donors helping over 535 women receive treatment for fistula and other devastating gynecological conditions.

Thanks to donors and volunteers, a permanent women's clinic was built to support women in need long after the *Africa Mercy* departs.

Mercy Ships Canada 2015 at a Glance



106 Volunteers



50,469 Volunteer Hours



2,875 Donors



1,765 New Donors

Message from the Board Chair

Mercy Ships Canada's (MSCA) mission is to alleviate the suffering of people in developing nations by providing medical, social and spiritual healing through various medical programs and activities, including the operation and supplying of the *Africa Mercy* hospital ship. Throughout 2015 we concentrated our efforts in Madagascar, where we joined with our 15 Mercy Ships (MS) National offices to provide program resources and trained volunteers.



MSCA's 2015 program of volunteers and projects, contributed to some of the major successes of the *Africa Mercy's* work in Madagascar. A few examples include: (i) The broadest ever and very successful Medical Capacity Building Program, with 137 participants adding to the total of 1,882 health care professionals trained. This included surgeons, doctors, anesthetists, lab and sterilization technicians, nurses and a dentist. (ii) The largest medical infrastructure renovation program to date at the partner hospital in Tamatave. (iii) The WHO Surgical Safety Checklist training, offered to 21 of the 22 regional hospitals across the country to provide major improvement in post-operative healing nationwide. (iv) The Ponseti Program, self-run and sustainable with 6 trained biomed technicians already training others across the country in equipment repair. (v) Crew's strategic involvement in providing crucial support for the Madagascar Government in promoting their National Surgery Plan. (vi) Fistula surgeries were performed onboard throughout the year while 16 Malagasy nurses were trained to continue with the on-going work in a permanent women's clinic.

A highlight of 2015 was the signing on of MS to the G4 Alliance for Global Surgery. Mercy Ships commitment to this will be embedded in the next Country Engagement Program in Benin, beginning in September 2016, followed by Cameroon as the destination for 2017/2018.

Within our Canadian Program, 2015 saw the advent of a new MSCA's Central and Eastern Canada Strategy, with the emphasis on reaching out to more French Canadians and French-speaking institutions. This strategy was designed to raise MSCA's profile in this part of Canada, while at the same time helping recruit more French-speaking medical and health professionals to serve as volunteers.

Our need to increase the number of volunteers and resources is in response to new projects being planned and approved for 2016. The number of projects will increase over the next four years as MSCA does its part in augmenting the 100% increases in resources needed to supply, manage and operate the new purpose-built hospital ship currently being built in Tianjin, China, due to be launched in 2018. The keel of this new ship was laid on December 18th, 2015 – an exciting moment - and its construction continues at a strong pace.

Our Canadian volunteers are responsible for paying all costs associated with their service aboard the *Africa Mercy*, including crew fees, travel expenses, passports, immunizations, insurance and personal expenses. Because of the commitment of our valued Canadian donors and corporate supporters, Mercy Ships Canada is able to use these direct contributions to augment crew fees and to pay for our contributed project expenses. As the Chair of our Board, I entreat you to continue your generous donations or become a supporter of MSCA. By doing so, you will ensure that the work of our Canadian volunteers is enabled for the greater benefit of the untreated patients of Africa.

Thank you,



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Elvie was born with her left foot twisted inwards. She struggled to walk, play and go to school. Then her mother heard Mercy Ships was coming back to Madagascar for a second field service, and Elvie was admitted to the Orthopedics Program. After months of surgeries, casts and therapy Elvie's feet were fixed!

Message from the National Director

In 2015 our mission of bringing hope and healing to the world's forgotten poor truly changed lives in Madagascar. We hope that this brief report gives you a glimpse of the work that has been done in the past year, providing an overview of the work of both Mercy Ships Canada and Mercy Ships International.

In this report you will find graphs and numbers that demonstrate the impact achieved during the past year. The most important thing I ask you to remember is that each number represents an individual life that was forever changed thanks to the donors and volunteers that make our work possible. You will also find in the report brief stories and photos of patients who are grateful beyond words for the care they received, and I hope these stories inspire you as much as they do me.

In 2015 we had 106 volunteers contribute over 50,000 hours to support the work of the *Africa Mercy*. Our generous donors contributed \$2,087,732 in cash donations, directly supporting those working onboard to bring hope and healing to people in need. The work of Canadian National Office in Victoria, with the support of our Board, resulted in a 26% increase in new donors for 2015, and Mercy Ships Canada raised \$834,818 more in cash and contributed services than in 2014. All in all, it's been a great year.

Jesus asked us to love our neighbor, and it is His model that inspires us to provide much needed care for those in need. Applying this model we have seen much success in 2015, but we still have great challenges to overcome while gaining support here in Canada. At this time there are still way too many Canadians who do not know of our life transforming work. To this end I ask you to share the Mercy Ships story with family, friends and colleagues as much as possible so that next year we can report even greater success.

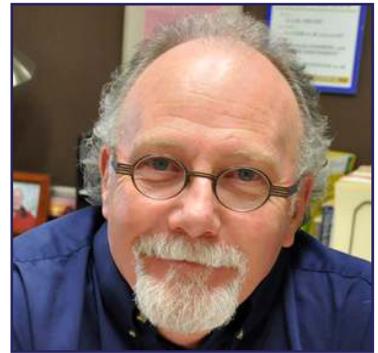
Looking to the future, the coming of a new ship in 2018 is incredibly exciting, and we are already looking ahead to ensure we are ready to meet an increased need for volunteers and our project funds. I hope you will continue to follow and support our work so we can keep meeting our ambitious goals to help transform as many lives as possible.

For those of you who support our mission through financial contribution and/or through prayer please know that we send you our heartfelt thanks. By joining together we can continue to transform the world one life at a time, and I feel very blessed to have you join us on our journey to bring hope and healing to those in need.

Wishing you many blessings, I remain, ever grateful,

Tim Maloney

National Director, Mercy Ships Canada



The Mercy Ships Canada Team



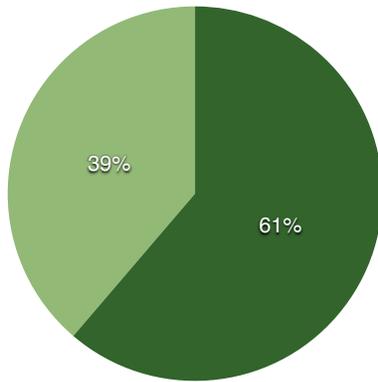
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Dyllan was three years old when a pot of boiling water fell on him, leaving him severely scarred and unable to breath properly due to the swelling around his throat. He could barely move his arms, and was in pain every day. Then a free surgery on the *Africa Mercy* changed his life forever. Thanks to donors and volunteers, Dyllan received a free treatment that allowed him to regain use of his arms and live the rest of his life free from pain.



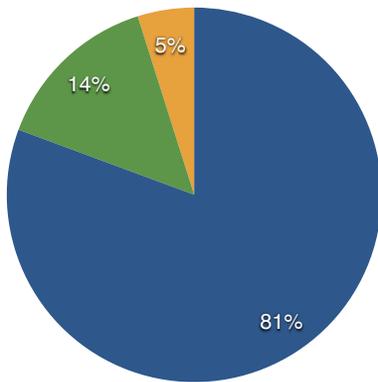
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Mercy Ships Canada



Revenue

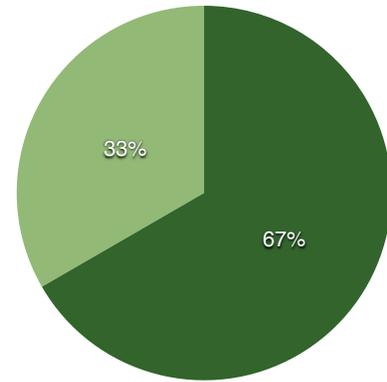
\$3,408,167



Expenses

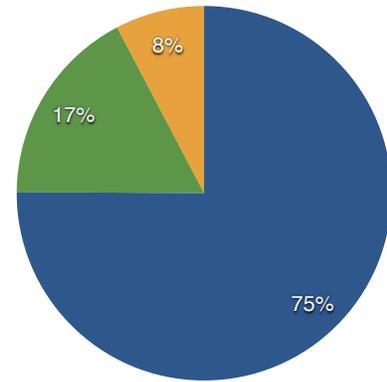
\$2,810,880

Mercy Ships International



Revenue

\$60,326,792



Expenses

\$66,957,971



When Tahiry turned 2, his mother noticed something odd - her son's legs were taking the shape of an "O". To her horror, as Tahiry grew, so did the bend in his legs. She didn't know what to do - a single mother who works on a farm and does laundry to feed her children, she couldn't afford the surgery Tahiry needed. Then she heard that Mercy Ships was in Madagascar, and she took Tahiry to the nearest screening. Thanks to donors and volunteers, Tahiry received a free surgery and treatment that repaired his legs!



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