

COMMUNITY HEALTH CELL

21st October, 1993

TO LATUR IN SOLIDARITY - II

- * The informal network of voluntary agencies in Bangalore have had a very spontaneous response to our campaign of collecting donations, clothes and supplies for distribution to the Earthquake disaster victims.
- * In another communication last week at the request of CHAI, Secunderabad, we had appealed for volunteers for general, medical and counselling work among the disaster victims. This too received a good response. On 19th three nurses (Sr. Lourd Mary, Sr. Mariamma and Sr. Mariamma) from St. Philomena's Hospital left for Hyderabad to join the CHAI medical relief team. On 20th Dr. Parthasarathy and Dr. Ashok Kumar Jain of the Orthopaedics Department and Sr. Prema and Sr. Jyothi, all from St. Martha's Hospital, followed.
- * On 21st the next team of ten volunteers left for Latur via Sholapur by Udayan Express. The team consisted of Mr. S.J. Chander of Community Health Cell. Drs. Sanjeev Levin, Vidya Raman, Shiva Raman and Michael Ray of St. John's Medical College, Mr. Nagaraj of H.A.L., Srs. Carmeline Rumas, Merciana Pegado, and Pushpa of Carmel Nivas and Mr. Stanley Joseph.
- * This team had a short orientation programme at Community Health Cell on 21st morning, when CHC team members and others shared ideas and principles of relief work - drawing on previous experiences from work among Bangladeshi refugees (1972), Andhra Cyclone victims (1978) and Bangladesh Cyclone Disaster (1992). In the afternoon Dr. Srinivasmurthy, Medical Superintendent of NIMHANS shared his impressions of the earthquake disaster (he visited it recently) and provided a general orientation to the team to handle psycho-social consequences of the disaster.
- * While we await news from these volunteers about the challenges of work in Latur we look forward to getting more volunteers for the next team which is scheduled to leave Bangalore in the first week of November. All those who are keen to join future teams may please contact the following immediately. Dr. Shirdi Prasad Tekur/Dr. C.M. Francis/Mr. M. Kumar of Community Health Cell (531518); Ms. Krupa of Service Civil International (359583) & Dr. Gerry Pais of OXFAM (India) Trust (565134).
- * Also keep track of further newsletters and notices that will be sent as we get more news from the Bangalore volunteer teams.

Bangalore
9th November 93.

From:

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Helicopter Design Bureau
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To:

The Chief Medical Officer,
HAL Hospital
Bangalore-560 017.

Sir,

Sub: Request for Medical donation for
Earth Quake Relief Work.

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I have attended the Earthquake Relief Work from 21.10.93 to 07.11.93 from Bangalore based Volunteer Organisation.

The Base camp at Nandurg and Sarni and covering 6 villages by Mobile taking care of Health Sanitation & Rehabilitation of Victims.

With my personal attendance, apart from large cases of Injuries, huge epidemic diseases like Scabies, Diarrhoea, measles were noticed mostly among children & women folk.

The following medicines are high consuming and acute shortage:

- a) Septran(Syrup)
- b) Ampicilin(Syrup)
- c) Iron Tab.
- d) Iron with Folic Acid 4%
- e) Brufen
- f) Benzel Benzit
- g) B-Complex

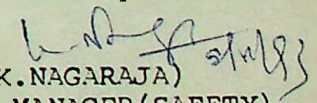
I will be extremely grateful, if the above medicines for treating around 300 patients/day is donated from HAL for the noble cause of Relief Work.

The package may kindly be handed over to Dr.Parthasarathy/ Dr.Ashok Jain of St.Marthas Hospital who are co-ordinating the Medical activities.

Next batch of Doctors & volunteers are leaving to Latur on 15.11.93 tentatively.

Thanking you,

Sincerely Yours,


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DY.MANAGER (SAFETY)
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