

WE CARE 2014 MEDICAL & EDUCATIONAL MISSION

Overseas Medical Assistance Team (OMAT) in collaboration with Women Of Mission Intl. (WOMI)

Sponsors Medical Outreach to Linden, Guyana – July 24 – July 31, 2016

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The Overseas Medical Assistance Team (OMAT), and the Women Of Mission International (WOMI) are set to conduct their annual medical mission to Linden - Guyana, from July 25 to July 31, 2016. The medical mission services are administered free of cost to hundreds of patients each year. In addition to these services, the mission will also facilitate a mental health lecture for medical professionals at the Linden Hospital Complex; a community Health forum; a National Woman's conference; a Students First Educational program and a Fitness Walk and Health Fair.

The visiting team includes medical doctors and surgeons from the USA, and support staff, the volunteers will work collaboratively with the nurses and other medical personnel attached to the Linden Hospital Complex. The team is led by Lindener **Dr. Stephen Carryl**, Chairman of Surgery at the Wyckoff Heights Hospital Center in Brooklyn, New York and President of OMAT. The team includes **Leon Lewis**, MD OB/GYN, **Michael Kirlew** MD-GP, **Rupert Thomas**, MD Urologist, **Giselle Blair**, MD-GP, **Althea Clement RN**, Midwifery, **Errol Liverpool**, PHD Psychologist, **Samella Carryl** High School Student, **JoAnne Carryl** LMSW - OMAT Mission Coordinator and Co-Founder of OMAT, **Bonieta Primo**- LMSW, **Bibi Ali** Business woman and mission volunteer, RoseMary Williams mission volunteer, **Linda Felix-Johnson**, Educator - team coordinator and President of WOMI, **Guliana Jacobs** Business owner and WOMI Vice-President, **Carol Archer** Special Education teacher and WOMI member. The medical team plan to work with the local nurses and other medical personnel attached to the Linden Hospital Complex and the Educational and volunteers will be working in the community.

The schedule of activities for the visit is as follows:

1. Daily medical treatment and surgeries at the Linden Hospital Complex;
2. Student First Literacy Program at the One Mile Primary on July 26, 2016.
3. A Mental Health forum; Proactive Teen/Young Adult Parenting Program
4. An all-day National Women's Conference themed, ***"Know Your Purpose" Time for Action*** on July 29, at the Egbert Benjamin Center on Republic Ave in Linden;
5. A Community Fitness Walk and Health Fair on Sunday July 31, 2016.
6. Community outreach (Hauranuni Girls Home) Linden Soesdyke Highway)

Over the years, our dedicated team has worked around the clock during the visits to provide critical surgeries and medical consultation to the people of Linden and Region 10. The 2016 team is very excited to provide these much needed services. We hope that residents of Linden and Region 10 would seize the opportunity to receive free and expert medical treatment, complimenting the existing services offered at the local hospital and health centers.

Medical and Educational professionals are encouraged to join us, become a volunteer and provide services to the people of Region 10 and Guyana on an annual basis. Volunteers who are interested in this and other WOMI initiative are asked to contact Women Of Mission Intl. by email at womenofmission@gmail.com or lfelix21@aol.com by phone 347-362-1362.

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The Overseas Medical Assistance Team (OMAT) had a humble but focused beginning. In 1991, Dr. Carryl led a group of nurses, physicians and other volunteers on a humanitarian mission to the Linden Hospital Complex in Guyana. There, the group responded to the needs of the community by conducting surgeries, medical clinics, health fairs, non-invasive screenings and wellness lectures. The response was so positive, that Dr. Carryl, with the assistance and blessing of his late father and other supporters, decided to organize the group. A year later, the Overseas Medical Assistance Team was officially founded as a non-profit organization with the mission to enhance the quality of medical care in developing countries. The OMAT currently focus on two missions a year - to Haiti and Guyana.

The OMAT was one of the first responders after the earthquake in 2010 devastated Haiti. Dr. Carryl led a team through the Dominican Republic to get to Port au Prince to provide trauma assistance. As a result the OMAT arranged for prosthetic services for patients and provided a two-year grant for the salaries of three physicians to serve at a local hospital caring for victims of the quake.

Recently the OMAT was responsible for training five Haitian physicians in laparoscopic surgery. The physicians from hospitals in Port au Prince and Milot came for training at the Wyckoff Heights Medical Center, where the OMAT president, Dr. Stephen Carryl, serves as the chairman of surgery. Dr. Carryl traveled to Haiti on two occasions to supervise those physicians as they performed their laparoscopic cases. This is a tremendous benefit to patient and physician alike. The recovery time of these surgeries are a special benefit for patients who travel miles for treatment. The OMAT continues to assist in training and enhancing of skills of local personnel so that they can continue in the OMAT's absence. The OMAT hopes to do the same for the Linden Hospital complex.


WOMI prides itself in being a reputable organization that provides extensive services for the people of Linden; through community nutritional programs, scholarships to women, annual Women's Empowerment forum/conferences, Vocational Studies Scholarship, Students First Tutoring Program, annual back pack program for students, partnership with the Overseas Medical Assistance Team (OMAT) on the 'Medical Outreach and Support' program. In addition, WOMI is launching its Sponsor A Student project in a Literacy program designed to assist students experiencing difficulty with reading and comprehension, and a backpack and school supplies program. We plan to expand our programs to other communities of Guyana in 2017 with a National Educational Conference/Workshop to include teachers and administrators from the 10 Regions of Guyana.

Our mission is to make a difference in the lives of women and girls through education, counseling, support services, scholarships, business opportunities, mentorship and empowerment opportunities. To enable women to have full and equal participation in the processes that ensure their health, education and economic independence; and where everyone has the freedom to define the scope of their life and their future and strive to achieve their full potential.

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