



PHILIPPINES

BandS began the year with a very successful medical/dental mission to Butuan, Philippines. This is the home of *Sunrise Christian College* where Dr. Samuel Cariaga serves as president. He led and organized this campaign that was funded by *Caris Foundation* of Colleyville, Texas.

More than 2300 patients were treated by the team of health care providers. We are thankful for all the workers from the USA who helped in this mission.



During the time of the medical mission the area around the college was flooded. We were able with your support to provide rice and bottled water to many of the families affected by the flood.

The American team also surveyed the area around Legazpi, Luzon, where in December 2006 a horrific typhoon devastated the area. *BandS* and the *Caris Foundation* both sponsored teams, mostly college students, to assist in the clean up. Hundreds of homes were restored to function and some schools were able to begin classes a few weeks later.

INDONESIA

The work *BandS* began in 2005 on the island of Nias, Indonesia, continues. The *Caris Foundation*, *BandS* and *T.E.A.R.S. Foundation* continue their eye surgery clinics. We have successfully treated over 1,000 patients.



There are few things in life more rewarding than taking the pressure pack off the treated eye and having the patient exclaim that they can see. The young man in this photo is pleased with the result of the surgery we did on his grandmother. It is amazing that we can do this surgery for \$125.00 an eye.

BandS also began to minister to burn victims on Nias. You can see from the before/after photos that we are striving for function and not just esthetics. We have a waiting list of children who need this type of surgery.

NICARAGUA

We have worked with Malena Rampy, administrator of *Olive Branch Ministries*, in Nicaragua and Peru. Her trips are always well planned and we accomplish a great deal. The trip



Rosalyn and daughter Lee Ann serving in Nicaragua.

to Nicaragua was during spring break, which made it possible for my wife Rosalyn, daughter Lee Ann Brown (RN) and her two oldest children, Bailey and Hutton, to travel with me on this trip. (My apologies to Bailey and Hutton for not having a picture of them to publish).

After a grueling travel schedule during the first quarter of 2007, I was happy to stay home for a few weeks. April was busy with speaking appointments including the Lifeline Chaplaincy Dinner in Dallas, two lectures at the India Workshop in Kansas City, MO, and Sunday preaching appointments.

KENYA

On April 27, Mike Smith, Matt Steidl and I arrived in Nairobi, Kenya. We left the next day for Nziu, a village located 65 miles S.E. of Nairobi. There is a wonderful church there of about 250 members lead by a group of elders. I cannot adequately describe the poverty of the area. However, the people are wonderful. We conducted short medical/dental and eye clinics and then returned to *Made In The Streets* farm. It is always a pleasure to work with Charles and Darlene Coulston and with the staff at *MITS*.

We conducted a short medical/dental clinic for the staff and residents at *MITS* farm and we also did a one day clinic in Eastleigh where we treated children who live in the garbage on the streets. Many of these young people sniff glue. In this photo you see two young men who are sleeping because they are drunk from the glue and they also feel safe within the compound.

Young men ministered to by *Made In The Streets*.



These are the poorest of the poor and are being ministered to in an effective way by *MITS*.

Matt and I departed Kenya on May 7. Mike Smith stayed in East Africa until September 10, 2007. Mike has written a very interesting detailed account of his work there and if you would like to receive a copy please contact *Bands Ministries*. You may receive an email or hard copy at your request.



JOHN CONNOR BROWN

In May our family rejoiced with Bailey Brown (our granddaughter) on her graduation from Midland Christian School. Only a few days later, on Memorial Day, we were brought to our knees when we received the news that Bailey had been severely injured and Connor had been killed in a car accident.

I cannot imagine a family who has suffered a tragedy being surrounded with more love and support than the Brown and Bailey families received. The web page "Caring Bridge" has had over 100,000 hits. Hundreds of cards and letters have been received from all over the world. Our church families at home have been so loving and caring. Many of you contributed to a Memorial Fund for Connor, and we thank you for that. Holiday season is family time, and we are going to have difficulty getting through them. Your prayers are appreciated.

Connor is pictured with his grandfathers (above).

GUATEMALA

I did a one week clinic in Guatemala working with nice people like Silvia and Carlos. It was my first time to visit the *Caris Clinic*. I always work with *Health Talents International* when I go to Guatemala. I have been there so many times it is almost like home.



American and Chinese caregivers worked well together.



Dr. Holly Wall, a plastic surgeon, examines one of her patients.



The surgical team posed for this picture during a break in a very busy schedule.

C H I N A

August is the month we go to China. For almost one year we planned and dreamed of the work we would do and the places we would visit with Connor. It was difficult to go without him. Each ticket we canceled and reservation we changed reminded us again of the finality of this relationship with Connor on this earth.

My burden was made lighter because Rosalyn and our granddaughter Caitlin travelled with me. In fact, the entire crew of workers from here and several foreign countries made my work much lighter than I had anticipated. I thank them, each and every one.

Also traveling with us were Gary Daniels and Greg Smith. These men are professional photojournalists and with great expertise and sacrificial labor, they documented the trip with both still photos and video. We are especially proud of the 30-minute DVD they edited and produced. If you would like a copy, we will send you one at no charge. One very generous brother has produced several of these and given them to us to share with anyone who is interested.

Our team worked well together and with our Chinese counterparts. By the time this year ended we had completed 125 cleft lip and/or palate surgeries in China. The pictures above demonstrate the loving care these children received from these American mothers.

To qualify to be a care giver on our mission to China, you must be willing to hold babies for many hours a day and/or night.

We work three shifts because the hospitals do not have large nursing staffs and many of these babies are orphans and come without caregivers.

Lots of tears are shed when our caregivers have to give those babies back to the orphanages knowing that the chances of seeing them again are not very good.

We are recruiting workers for next year. We are especially in need of an anesthesiologist. We also need RN/s, especially those who have experience in recovery room procedures. Help us in this effort, please.

I hope you will remember *Mama Jo's House*. While we do not have anything to do with the day-to-day operations of this home for homeless children, we still have a great interest in this work.

There are 85 children being cared for and 12 homeless men are housed in their own compound on the campus. What was a barren junk area has been transformed into a beautiful garden.





Here I am with my youngest son Stephen in Peru.

P E R U

It was *BandS* first time to work in Peru, but not the first time to work with *Olive Branch Ministries*. We have come to expect our missions with them to be very well organized and productive. We were not disappointed.

It has been about 17 years since Stephen accompanied me on a medical mission trip. We remember that one with a lot of pleasure and we made a lot of memories on this trip as well.

Stephen taught Bible classes in the morning for three days and he really enjoyed that. He worked with me in the afternoons.

FINISHING STRONG

End of the year giving has historically has been good for our ministry. In all the years we have been working in this ministry, there has never been a year when we needed help so badly at the end of the year as we do this year. Needs in several places were greater than we anticipated. The US dollar is lower than previous years, and that makes everything we purchase in other countries cost more. We already are committed to a heavy schedule for next year. I leave on January 7, 2008 to work in the Philippines, Malaysia and Indonesia. I expect to be away for most of the month of January. I will be working in clinics, churches, Christian schools and hospitals. We hope to see 2,000 indigent patients in one clinic in the Philippines. Churches we have worked with in the past will be visited and encouraged. We have scheduled 150 eye surgeries in Indonesia. We also hope to visit several of the new congregations that have been planted since 2005 when we first went to Nias.



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