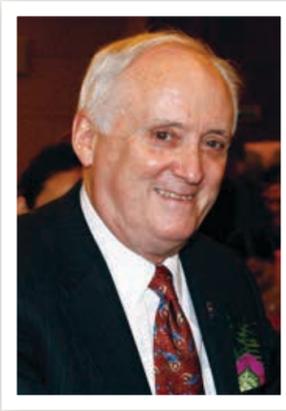


# FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

## Reporting Back On the Good You Do



Dear Friend,

On November 7th of last year, a typhoon with 174-mph winds — one of the most powerful storms ever recorded — slammed into the Philippines. Thousands were killed. Thousands more went missing. And millions were left without shelter after their homes were destroyed.

It was one of the most devastating natural disasters ever. But that's just one half of the story. The other part is how, together, we respond to the suffering we see around us. And in my view, this is far more important.

And that's why, in this issue of *HOPE News*, as in previous issues, we're checking in with you and reporting back. For over 55 years, Project HOPE has been working to heal the hurts of people suffering from disasters, disease and sickness in countries all around the world. Look at the Philippines, where our recovery work is ongoing. Or China, where doctors at the Shanghai Medical Center, a facility supported by Project HOPE, performed a stunning operation to save little twin girls. And there are more countries all around the world, where we ship medicine and medical supplies to save lives on your behalf.

In these pages, you can see exactly what your gifts have accomplished so far to fight disease, cure sickness and save lives in some of the toughest and poorest places on earth. This is the real, practical good that your gifts do to make a difference in our world.

Thank you for your support. Thank you for your partnership. And thank you for your compassion for people who are suffering.

Sincerely yours,

John P. Howe, III, M.D.  
President and CEO



The operation was a success! And now, these two baby sisters have their whole lives ahead of them, thanks to your generous support.

## Only a Painstaking Operation Could Save These Conjoined Newborns

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in the meantime, the babies had to gain some weight. At their birth, both of them together weighed under 11 pounds.

Finally, it was time. The surgeons entered the operating room. Assisted by a medical team trained by Project HOPE, they spent six hours rapt in intense concentration, using every ounce of their skill to perform this demanding operation.

When Dr. Chen Qimin, the chief surgeon, strode out of the operating room in his scrubs, the parents knew in an instant it was good

news. "The surgery went very well, as planned," he said.

Even though challenges lie ahead for the girls, their parents are overjoyed. "We didn't expect our daughters to be discharged so soon," they said. "We're grateful for the efforts of the health care staff."

Isn't it amazing to think that your support saves lives like this? Because of you, these baby girls and their parents can look forward to the future with hope and happiness. That's the real, practical good you do every time you give. **HOPE**

## Leave a Legacy of Compassion That Benefits Generations to Come

You can help shape Project HOPE's future through a unique gift opportunity known as a charitable gift annuity. A CGA is a simple contract between you and Project HOPE. You make a donation and we, in turn, agree to pay you a fixed, dependable payment for the rest of your life. After your lifetime, the remaining balance allows Project HOPE to continue providing medicine and medical supplies, strengthening health systems, educating health workers, fighting disease and improving the health of women and children in communities around the world. There are many other ways to maximize

your support of Project HOPE. One of the simplest is to include Project HOPE in your estate plans. A charitable bequest does not affect your current cash flow or assets, and is simple to revise, should your circumstances change. Best of all, you have the satisfaction of knowing that your philanthropic legacy will outlast you, providing a legacy of HOPE for others. For more information about charitable gift annuities, bequests and the many other ways to create your legacy of humanitarian help for people in need, please call our Planned Giving Office at 800-544-4673, ext. 472.

Your Gift Will Do 105 Times More Good!

**\$1 = \$105**

CLIP ALONG THE DOTTED LINE, AND RETURN WITH YOUR GIFT OF SUPPORT.



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Millwood, VA 22646-0255

**YES!** I know that my gift will multiply 105 times — sending donated medicine and supplies into poverty zones to save lives.

Here's my gift of:

\$25  \$50  \$75  \$100  \$250

\$\_\_\_\_\_ to help as much as possible.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

My email address is: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your tax-deductible check payable to Project HOPE, and mail it, along with this form, in the envelope provided.

Since 1958, Project HOPE has worked to make health care available for people around the globe. Your gift supports our lifesaving work wherever the need is greatest, including educating health professionals, strengthening health systems, providing humanitarian assistance and fighting disease.

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News about your gifts to fight disease, cure sickness and save lives



## See Your Gift Multiply 105 Times!

Every \$1 you give pays the shipping costs for \$105 worth of donated medical supplies. Thanks to you, those supplies will stream into poverty zones, where they save lives. You're doing 105 times more good for people who are sick and suffering. **PLEASE GIVE NOW, WON'T YOU?**

## Only a Painstaking Operation Could Save These Conjoined Newborns

### Your Support Saved Their Lives

It was a beautiful spring afternoon in China just outside the city of Shanghai. Everything seemed perfect for one couple, as they awaited the birth of their twin girls. They had faithfully followed the doctor's orders, took all the precautions and made all the preparations.

But on that special day in April, joy was replaced with pain when the doctors saw that the baby girls — little An An and Xin Xin — were conjoined twins, linked together at the chest and abdomen, putting both of their lives in jeopardy.

Within days of their birth, the girls were taken to the Shanghai Children's Medical Center. It was the only nearby facility with the resources to undertake the intricate surgery to separate the girls. This facility, one of the world's premier heart centers, performs lifesaving surgery on more than 3,400 children each year. Project HOPE helped to create this remarkable center for healing, and we continue to support it through your generous gifts.

The medical team devoted four months to working out the procedures for the operation. And

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Little An An and Xin Xin were joined at the chest and abdomen at birth. Read how your support of Project HOPE helped save them.

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A special and valued friend of Project HOPE.



Your generosity multiplied. Always.

# THE RECOVERY CONTINUES: Five Months After the Philippines Typhoon

## An Inspiring Moment As the Hard Work Goes On

It happened in the Tapaz District Hospital, in a region of the Philippines that was in the direct path of the typhoon. An event that reminded all of us how fragile life is, and how tenacious.

Project HOPE nurses and doctors have been volunteering in this hospital since the typhoon hit last November, killing more than 6,000 people, leaving 2,000 missing and causing millions to lose their homes. In the midst of that devastation, nurse



Project HOPE volunteer Rochelle Bantug with the baby she helped to deliver at the Tapaz District Hospital in the Philippines.

In the devastation, a brand new life began.

Rochelle Bantug helped deliver a baby at Tapaz District Hospital. A brand new life began, filled with new hope and new possibilities.

The baby's mom was so overwhelmed by nurse Rochelle's compassion that she named her baby after her. And today, baby Rochelle is doing fine. It was an inspiring moment, revealing how much our work together really means.

And that's especially important since the recovery effort is ongoing. So far, with your generous support, we continue to help the people of the Philippines. **Here's just some of what we've been able to accomplish together:**

- More than \$16 million in medicines and medical supplies was shipped.

- 71 Project HOPE volunteers were sent.
- 5,562 patients were seen at outreach clinics, including the Tapaz District Hospital and the Rural Health Unit.
- 435 surgeries were performed.
- 1,711 educational and training contacts with community and health professionals.

This work goes on, powered by your support, and motivated by your compassion and love to help people in need rebuild their lives. **HOPE**

## UPDATE:

# The 1,000th Airlift of Medical Supplies Into Poverty Zones

This year, we commemorate the 1,000th airlift of medical supplies in cooperation with the U.S. Department of State — an occasion worth remembering!

It marks more than 20 years of compassionate people helping to send lifesaving medicine for those suffering with tuberculosis, pneumonia, hepatitis, diphtheria and other diseases in some of the toughest and poorest places on earth. Since 1992, we've been working with the U.S. Department of State to provide these urgently needed supplies, and your support has been a critical element of each project.

### Over the years, for example, the airlifts have provided:

- \$378 million in medical supplies to Tajikistan.
- \$22 million in medical supplies to Kosovo.
- \$60 million in medical supplies to Haiti.

- \$108 million in medical supplies to Honduras and Nicaragua.
- \$98 million in medical supplies to Kyrgyzstan.
- \$7.5 million in medical supplies to Indonesia.

And that's just a sample of the lifesaving help given to people who are sick and suffering around the world.

With each airlift, we take special care to honor the generosity of everyone involved. For example, we work closely with health officials on the ground to see exactly what supplies they need. We make certain that the facilities receiving the supplies can store them properly. And we follow up to



ensure that the supplies are being used. Tight controls like this prevent waste, so that all the medicine that's sent goes to saving lives — just as you would want.

Just think about a tiny baby in a hospital in Kyrgyzstan burning up with fever — a case of pneumonia so bad it could kill him. The doctor has tragically lost infants like this before, because he didn't have medicine. But not this time. This time, he has the antibiotics to save this baby's life. In a few days, this little boy is well again, cooing and squirming in his crib. That's the urgent need that exists in so many poverty zones around the world. That's why we do these airlifts. And that's the real impact of your generous support. **HOPE**



Your gifts to airlift medical supplies around the world multiply 105 times in impact to save the ones who are sick and suffering.

# In Loving Memory of Muriel Vincent, a Friend of Project HOPE

Muriel Vincent left a significant bequest to Project HOPE as her legacy of compassion for people in need. Her gift is a testament to her generous and caring nature. A noted professional in the field of pharmacy, she held a special place in her heart for Project HOPE, and our work to send medicine into poverty zones around the world to save lives.

She knew of Project HOPE through the Lambda Kappa Sigma International Professional Pharmacy Fraternity. She was a member of this venerable institution, which has honored and supported Project HOPE with its philanthropic and fundraising efforts for 50 years.

Born in Spokane, WA, Muriel received her B.S. degree in pharmacy from Oregon State University, and her M.S. and Ph.D. in pharmaceutical chemistry from the University of Washington, Seattle. She taught for two years in the School of Pharmacy at Oregon State University, and for 31 years in the NDSU College of Pharmacy before retiring as Professor Emeritus. She held pharmacy licenses for 50 years in Oregon, Washington and North Dakota. A highly accomplished professional, Muriel received numerous honors and awards throughout her long and successful career.



Muriel Vincent created her legacy of compassion with her generous bequest to Project HOPE.

Muriel's dedication and drive for excellence in her profession were matched by the compassion and extraordinary generosity she demonstrated for people in need. A true humanitarian, Muriel will forever remain a special and valued friend of Project HOPE.

## Discover HOPE Lifters: the More Convenient, More Effective Way to Give



HOPE Lifters is our caring group of supporters who commit to giving each month. As a HOPE Lifter, your gift does 105 times more good, because every \$1 you give helps to send \$105 worth of donated medical supplies into the world's poverty zones by airlift. And because you're giving each month, that adds up to an amazing amount of good. For example, if you pledge \$15 a month, that gets multiplied 105 times in impact, so you're doing \$1,575 of good each month. And over 12 months, that adds up to an amazing \$18,900 worth of medical supplies sent to save lives. Being a HOPE Lifter is easy and affordable, and the impact you have is huge.

To find out more about becoming a HOPE Lifter, check the box on the reply form, call Donor Relations at 800-544-4673 or visit: [projecthope.org/hopelifters](http://projecthope.org/hopelifters)