



# The FIMRC Force

VOLUME 5

JANUARY 2006

## High Expectations for 2006

### 2005: Many Accomplishments

From expanding chapter resources to embarking on new fundraising ventures, 2005 was the year that FIMRC moved forward with much momentum:

#### Chapter Communications

September marked the start of the first newsletter for FIMRC's college/university chapters. The chapters also received various communication tools to help their marketing efforts on campus: palm cards, flyers, and donor letters.



#### Fundraising

##### Combined Federal Campaign

In 2005, FIMRC participated in the Combined Federal Campaign for the first time.

##### Marine Corps Marathon

The Finish For Kids team, which ran to support FIMRC and The Carefree Foundation, raised approximately \$60,000, which was divided equally between the two organizations.

##### Online Fundraising Program

FIMRC took advantage of a new online fundraising mechanism through YTB Travel Network. Tickets purchased on FIMRC's YTB online site earn FIMRC between \$6-\$15 per transaction.

##### New Clinic

Residents of the town of Alajuelita, Costa Rica now have local access to acute and preventive healthcare services as a result of a new clinic established by FIMRC in September.

##### Clinical Rotation Program

In December, FIMRC was approved by the Executive Director of the Costa Rican Social Security System to offer a six-week clinical education rotation program.

##### 2006: An External Focus

The current focus of chapters—fundraising—will shift to educational and training. Promoting job opportunities, mentoring, establishing a global health educational series, and medical missions will become top priorities.

At clinic sites operated and funded by FIMRC, FIMRC will

establish Field Operation Managers who will have direct control over the budgetary, personnel, partnership, and clinical needs.

International health programs and NGOs that FIMRC has supported, financed or offered human capital will become its partners in health. These partners have the ability to increase donations, strengthen resources, attract medical mission volunteers, and future staff.



Medical missions will have an emphasis on educational opportunities for both undergraduate and graduate students. Students in clinically-based programs such as nursing and medicine will have the opportunity to work in direct patient care.

Non-medical volunteers will have the chance to learn about the communities in which FIMRC operates, health disparities around the world, and the opportunity for humanitarian work.

### REMINDER!

#### Medical Missions



It's not too early to start planning for a

medical mission trip during your Spring Break!

If chapters have members who are interested in going on a medical mission, please send an email to [missions@fimrc.org](mailto:missions@fimrc.org) for more information.

It's going to be a GREAT year for missions!!

# Earthquake Relief Project Update



According to a January 6 United Nations News Service report, “*Winter in northern Pakistan has come late*

*but with a vengeance, unleashing three days of rain and snow that is adding to the misery of survivors of the 8 October earthquake, grounding relief flights and causing landslides that cut off road access to many affected areas.”*

Hopefully, those living in the earthquake ravaged regions of Pakistan and India will find some comfort in the supplies donated by FIMRC. Although providing medical disaster relief is beyond its scope, FIMRC has been determined to help these disaster victims.

Amina Qutub, Ph.D, Vice President of Administration, spearheaded FIMRC’s supply donation effort. She contacted a relative who operates PIEDAR, a well-respected NGO in Islamabad, for assistance with distributing the supplies collected by FIMRC. Amina also made arrangements to ship all of the donated items.

## Many Deserve Thanks

In addition to Amina, there are many others who deserve thanks for their participation in this project:

**FIMRC’s University of Georgia**

**Chapter:** Under the direction of Lauren Myer and Elizabeth Christi Theriault, Medical Supplies Committee Chairs for UGA, and President Matt Haney, the UGA Chapter collected basic orthopedic medical supplies as well as wash basins and surgical aids.

**FIMRC’s George Washington University Chapter:** President Susan Joo organized GWU’s supply collection of vitamins, pain relievers and hygiene products.

**Private Donors:** Ms. DiPasquali is thanked for her donation of supplies and clothing. These items were delivered to a local family who survived the earthquake (including Sidra, a two-year-old girl who was pulled from the rubble by her nine-year-old brother). Appreciation is also given for the time donated by Megan Donnelly and the PIEDAR volunteers in Islamabad.

## Ongoing Mission

FIMRC’s first shipment of collected supplies arrived at PIEDAR headquarters November 22. The second, most recent shipment arrived January 2. Later in January, PIEDAR volunteers will report on the distribution of these supplies to refugee centers, families, and orphanages that are hosting the earthquake victims.

## Rebuilding Efforts

In an ongoing effort to help survivors of the South Asian

earthquake, FIMRC representatives have been corresponding with numerous parties to assess the needs of the affected area, and its ability to obtain and deliver vital supplies. Over 600 amputees have been documented as a result of the earthquake. The impact on the local communities and the rehabilitation of the survivors will prove tremendous. FIMRC is working to help obtain surgical equipment and prosthetic aids for the Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences in Islamabad. The following individuals should be thanked for helping FIMRC initiate this effort:

### Johns Hopkins University:

- Rashid Chotani, MD, MPH Director, Global Infectious Disease Surveillance & Alert System Program for Humanitarian Assistance, School of Public Health; Assistant Professor, Emergency Medicine, School of Medicine

- Carol Gentry, Nurse Manager, OR Pediatrics

- John Hundt, Department of Surgery, Administrator

- Adnan Hyder, MD, MPH Assistant Professor, Depts. of International Health and Health Policy & Management

### Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences:

- Imran Sikandar Khan, M.D., Associate Professor & Surgeon, Depts. of Trauma & Orthopedics

### Zimmer Corporation Representatives:

- Chris Hudak
- Kristi Hunnicutt

Supplies collected by FIMRC chapters and supporters that were shipped to PIEDAR are as follows:

- ankle supports
- wrist supports
- ABD knee stabilizers
- splints
- knee immobilizers
- sweaters
- splint cast pads
- wash basins
- multivitamins
- aspirin
- deodorants
- toothbrushes
- soap bars
- shampoo
- conditioner
- alcohol gel hand sanitizer
- alcohol wipes
- school supplies

