

ANNUAL REPORT

HANDS TO CLINICAL LABS

OF

THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES, INC.

Jan. 1999 - Dec. 1999

MISSION

The Hands to Clinical Labs of Third World Countries, Inc. (HCL) is an international charitable health care organization incorporated in the State of New Jersey in 1987. It is dedicated to relieve human suffering by improving diagnostic facilities in the most vulnerable parts of the world - developing countries. The mission is accomplished by transplanting resources and know-how from developed to developing nations.

HCL is a not for profit, non-political, non-sectarian tax exempt organization qualified under Section 501 © (3) of the United Sates Internal Revenue Code. HCL is also registered with the Office for Projects Execution of the United Nations Development Program and with the US Agency for International Development.

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MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDER

It is my pleasure to present the 12th Annual Report of Hands to Clinical Labs of Third World Countries, Inc. (HCL) for the fiscal year ending December 1999.

HCL was started in 1987 with the sole aim of improving diagnostic facilities in the developing world. HCL achieves this aim by transplanting resources and know-how *from* developed *to* developing nations. The "haves" have the responsibility to share their good fortune with the "have nots".

As an international health care volunteer organization, HCL's numerous shipments have reached over 50 countries, delivering laboratory equipment and texts since its inception in 1987. I am grateful to each of HCL's supporters for their time, hard work, contributions and expertise in making HCL what it is today. I encourage everyone to be a part of HCL, or any other organization with a genuine, humanitarian cause.

As Mahatma Gandhi once said, "I do not want a kingdom, salvation, or heaven. What I want is to remove the troubles of the oppressed and the poor." A great fulfillment for me is to help others in developing countries by making a significant difference in their lives. Many developing countries have a high fatality rate from diseases which are preventable. By transplanting laboratory technology and resources, health conditions are improved in these developing countries. To bring hope and a promising future to those less fortunate all over the world, one country at a time, is our mission. I would like to thank each and every individual who has helped HCL help others. Together we are then all closer to salvation and heaven.

Mahesh C. Goel, DVM., Ph.D
Founder & National Coordinator

CONTINUOUS GROWTH

THE CHALLENGE:

There is a vast disparity between the clinical labs of developing countries and the labs of already developed countries. This disparity is most marked in the following areas:

1. Instrumentation
2. Supplies
3. Availability of scientific literature
4. Training of lab personnel
5. QC and QA programs
6. Proficiency testing programs

The labs of developed countries, namely United States and Canada, continually advance their technology. During technological advancement, U.S. and Canada accumulate a great surplus in the form of outdated instruments and excess supplies. This surplus can be used very efficiently in the labs of developing countries. The equipment is outdated only because it has been replaced by newer models. The outdated equipment is often in very good working condition. Acknowledging the acute need of laboratory equipment on one side and surplus on the other, HCL has developed means to transplant the surplus from the "haves" to the "have nots".

HCL's foundation is built with the help of volunteers and donor contributions. Shipping charges for transplanting the surplus equipment and technical literature are picked up by the recipients or donated by well-wishers of HCL. HCL has yet to receive financial support from any government agency.

IMPROVING HEALTH CARE:

HCL provides comprehensive service at no cost consisting of:

- Needs Assessment
- Training Programs
- Distribution of Lab Equipment
- Distribution of Technical Lit.
- Consultation on site or by mail

THE ACHIEVEMENT:

Since its inception in 1987, HCL has achieved the following:

	A	B
1987	3	3
1988	9	16
1989	13	28
1990	13	30
1991	12	36
1992	17	48
1993	10	32
1994	17	35
1995	14	36
1996	15	37
1997	24	53
1998	9	19
1999	1	2

(A) # of countries served

(B) # of shipments sent

DONORS

Charol Abrams, PA

Jayne Blair, UT

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Wilma Day, NY

Nisha Goyal, NY

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Seymour Sandberg, NY

TREASURY REPORT
(January 1, 1999 to December 31, 1999)

Since HCL's inception in 1987, it has not received any financial assistance from any governmental nor international agency. The organization is able to fulfill its missions by the dedication of its patrons.

The following are the details of the income and expense accounts for the year, 1999.

PUBLIC SUPPORT & REVENUE:

Cash Contributions	\$535.94
Reimbursement of Freight	-0-
Interest Earnings	\$240.61
In-Kind Contributions	\$6,211.00
Total Public Support & Revenue	\$6,987.55

EXPENDITURE:

Freight & Shipping	\$69.52
Postage	\$279.94
Printing	-0-
Registration Dues, & Misc.	\$15.00
Program Services	\$248.00
Total Expenses	\$612.46

FUND BALANCE:

Fund Balance on January 1, 1999	\$17,908.05
Excess of Revenue over Expenditure	\$6,375.09
Fund Balance on December 31, 1999	\$24,283.14

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LIST OF RECIPIENTS

Swami Vivekananda Charitable Hospital
(U.P., India)

The Sarvajanik Medical Trust
(Gujarat, India)

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