

IPOP

Annual Report 2011



The IPOP team assists local providers in the care of healthy triplets in the DRC

Dear Friends,

As 2011 comes to a close, we hope this note finds you with reasons to be thankful. We are grateful for your continued support, without which, we could not provide the high impact services that help our partners in Africa

and India improve the health care services available for local under-served children. Below, we are pleased to provide you with a snapshot of some of our recent activities in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Liberia and India.

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Mike Grills with HEAL Africa nurses in the PACU

Goma, Democratic Republic of the Congo Heal Africa Partnership

Thanks to a generous grant from Global Healing, IPOP has begun to support Dr. Hangi, a Congolese physician chosen by Heal Africa to obtain subspecialty training in Pediatrics at the leading medical university in East Africa, Makerere University (Kampala, Uganda). We will support him through the 4-year training period so that Dr. Hangi can return to Goma to assume a vital leadership role in delivering pediatric care in the region. IPOP is also supporting the salary of two Heal Africa nurses in the areas of neonatology and pediatrics. This commitment on IPOP's behalf reflects our belief that the best solution to solving health problems globally requires that we build local capacity, human and material, from the ground up.

In June 2011, Joshua Bress, a pediatrician from the University of California San Francisco followed in the footsteps of Dr. Chris Carpenter, a former IPOP pediatrician, to continue our mission to improve infant and child healthcare with a focus

on teaching and training local providers. We believe good care practices must be demonstrated and reinforced every day to be effectively integrated—something we take for granted in our own system of medical and nursing education in the United States. Joshua is overseeing the pediatric training program at Heal Africa continuously until June 2012. Mary Le, a pediatric nurse, worked alongside Joshua to continue the training and education of nurses in pediatric care for 6 months in 2011.

IPOP also supported Mike Grills, RN to more specifically address issues of nurse training and quality assurance across the entire hospital. Mike accomplished a tremendous amount in his months of work in the Post Anesthesia Care Unit. Several quality improvement initiatives were undertaken and local nurses were trained and rigorously evaluated for core competencies. Mike also created job descriptions for all nursing units.

India Update

In 2011, we continued to support quality improvement and research projects centered around newborn and child health at Vivekananda Hospital in Saragur, India. IPOP is working closely with Dr. Kumar, a pediatrician new to SVYM, to study a new protocol for transcutaneous bilirubin screening with UCSF pediatric resident Melissa Morgan. In addition to strengthening work we have done for many years addressing childhood malnutrition, we hope to start projects in the areas of childhood sickle cell disease, the treatment of maternal infection at the time of delivery and pediatric rehabilitation.

Physical Therapy



Laura Keyser works with a family to help a patient regain her strength and balance

IPOP continues its commitment to improving the rehabilitative services available to children in the region. Both of our physical therapists, Laura Keyser and Loran Hollander, are returning to Heal Africa and will continue their mentorship of the Orthopedic Officers. Working with the Orthopedic Officers they will coordinate health center visits and continue work in the club foot clinic. Laura and Loran will continue their work providing hands-on clinical mentoring as well as a structured lecture series.

New Work in Liberia with Global Strategies

In partnership with Global Strategies for HIV Prevention, IPOP is now operating in Liberia where we are sponsoring Dr. Mark Corden. His position includes program coordination for Global Strategies in the areas of pediatric HIV care and the prevention of mother-to-child HIV transmission. Mark is working to increase the quality of care at several hospitals in Monrovia through physician, medical student, and nursing education. Among his numerous projects are programs working to improve patient safety, accountability, and professionalism through hands-on mentoring as well as through the development of unit protocols and procedures. Dr. Corden is organizing workshops in January and February 2012 to train over 70 healthcare workers in HIV care.



Dr. Mark Corden with his team in Liberia

We hope this brief update captures some of the critical work we do at IPOP and inspires you to visit our website www.ipoproject.org and support our projects for the coming year. Any amount helps and we are happy to discuss specific needs with you at any time. We wish you a peaceful and joyful holiday season.

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