

## WEST PERTH ROTARY, MEDICAL EQUIPMENT RECYCLING (MERC)

### End December 2020 Report to the MERC Committee

#### 1. UWA Dental Chairs with Examination Light

UWA Dental School has now replaced their dental chairs and 64 donated chairs are stored in a Bibra Lakes warehouse ready to be shipped out to:

- South Sudan
- Tanzania
- Burundi
- Democratic Republic of Congo
- Jordan



Top: Father Sam, Dennis Phillips with Tina Arthur standing in front of the chairs and assessing logistics.

Top Right: Typical dental chair shrink wrapped and containing associated equipment ready to be transported.

Right: Typical dental chair prior to relocation.



## **2. Donations Accepted in October, November and December 2020**

- a. Mobility aids various from deceased estates;
- b. Wrist and knee braces various;
- c. Paediatric disability equipment including chair, walker and standing frame;
- d. Vacoped leg brace;
- e. Electric podiatric chair, hospital bed/mattress from Osborne Park Hospital;
- f. ECG machine from Perth Clinic;
- g. Aerosol Therapy Nebuliser;
- h. Examination gowns from Health Shack;
- i. Mattresses from Ability Centre;
- j. School desks and chairs from Education Dept;
- k. Airway resuscitators from Health Technology supplies;
- l. Wheelchair private donation;
- m. Mobility walker paediatric private donation;

We are now directing donations of moon boots and mobility aids to a charity that collects for communities in the Democratic Republic of Congo. For several months, we have been unable to find a charity that would accept these, so success!!

## **3. Donations Accepted in the month of September 2020**

- a. 2 new walkers private donation from Myaree
- b. Ambu airway resuscitators with mask from Health Tech supplies
- c. Folding wheelchair private donation
- d. full leg adjustable orthopaedic splint
- e. Hospital beds, etc from Ability Centre, Coolbinia
- f. Paediatric mobility walker for cerebral palsy from Western Kids
- g. Unicare wheelchair private donation from Kingsley
- h. 11 boxes adult pads private donation
- i. Medical instruments from Claremont deceased doctors surgery
- j. Reclining armchair and shower trolley private donation from Fremantle
- k. Walker, commode, shower seat, walking sticks and moon boot private donation from Fremantle
- l. Nebuliser machine and mask private donation from Floreat

Tina Arthur  
MERC Coordinator, 8 October 2020

## **End August 2020 Report to the MERC Committee**

### **4. Donations Accepted in the month August 2020**

- a. 14 near new hospital beds from Murdoch Uni Mandurah Campus
- b. 5 hospital beds from Armadale Hospital
- c. 10 bed trolleys from Armadale Hospital
- d. Waiting room furniture from Armadale Hospital
- e. 2 blood pressure monitoring machines
- f. Various hospital catering equipment
- g. 1 hospital bed private donation

- h. Box single use tourniquets from SCG Osborne Park going to South Sudan
- i. 2 boxes blood test kits from Hollywood Hospital to Nokor Tep Hospital

Items a) to f) will be going to Maweni Hospital Kigoma, Tanzania



Chris Alexander from Armadale Hospital, Tina Arthur Coordinator Medical Equipment Recycling (MERC) and Moonga Jacob representing Jacob Church Ministry reviewing medical equipment kindly donated by Armadale Hospital. Most of the contents comprising of hospital beds, patient transfer trolleys and waiting room furniture will be shipped out to the Maweni Hospital Kigoma, Tanzania on 9 September 2020 jointly sponsored by the Wannero Rotary Club and the Tanzanian church community

Above: This ambulance will also be shipped to Maweni Hospital Kigoma, Tanzania.

Below Left: Moonga Jacob accepting the ambulance with thanks!

Below Right: Murdoch University Mandurah Campus kindly donated 14 hospital beds also bound for Tanzania.



For ease of reference, I have added the July 2020 update to the last report so that we have a 'blog' of information/updates in one document.

Tina Arthur  
MERC Coordinator  
2 September 2020

#### **5. Donations Accepted in the month July 2020**

- Large box blood test kits from Hollywood Hospital
- Wheelchair from private donor
- Standing frames 4 off from MDWA
- Blood pressure machines and examination table from Osborne Park Hospital
- Large container unused surgery scissors and tweezers from Denmark Hospital
- Standing hoist with medium sling from Yellow Door Therapy.

This month we have had to decline additional hospital beds as our associated charities are not collecting these any longer due to excessive cost in shipping.

We have also declined consumables that are close to or out of date and referred them on to the RSPCA who will gladly accept these items.

#### **6. Update on Mary Help Hospital in Wau, South Sudan**

On 17 July, Dennis Phillips and Father Sam provided a list of items the hospital desperately needs in South Sudan. These include ultrasound and Xray machines.

#### **7. Update from Liberian Community of W.A. (LCWA)**

Our contact with LCWA Richard Jaber advised that he now has written approval from the Government in Liberia that the goods can be received duty free upon entry in Liberia. Richard is now finalising shipping arrangements with the sponsor Woolworths.

#### **8. Donations Accepted in the month of June 2020**

- 3 wheelchairs –private donation
- Mattresses and hospital beds from Osborne Park Hospital (OPH)
- Dentist chair from Mandurah
- 5 blood glucose monitoring machines
- Boxes of bandages/dressing for cancer treatment.

## 9. Update on Mary Help Hospital in Wau, South Sudan



Tina Arthur and Dennis Phillips inspecting equipment for shipping.



Loading medical equipment into the sea container is Alan Cockram from Osborne Park Rotary, Father Sam, volunteer Gloria, Tina Arthur, Colin Arthur and Dennis.

Father Sam and Dennis Phillips have given a presentation to the Osborne Park Rotary Club (OPRC) and briefed members on the hospital they support in South Sudan. They have since received a load of medical equipment collected by OPRC which they were unable to send to Cambodia due to the problems with the government not accepting second hand items.

The above photos were taken on 26 June 2020 during a busy bee on the site of Father Sam's catholic-church in Westminster. The contents to be shipped include wheelchairs, hospital beds and mattresses, ECG machines, patient monitoring machines, blood testing kits, disposable operating theatre aprons, sanitisers, CPR training dummies, anaesthetic machines, optometry equipment, computers, blood glucose monitors, books and blankets.

## 10. Burundi Community of W.A.

Tina and Colin Arthur met with Vita Dieudonne Leader of Burundian Community in WA. Inc on 1 June 2020. Vita has collected medical equipment from MERC at RPH some years ago and contacted Jill Smith who put him on to Tina Arthur. Vita is seeking medical equipment of high value to send to Burundi. He works with Barry Court who is the honorary Consul General of Burundi.

## 11. Containers in Fremantle

The contents of the 3 containers in Fremantle need to be rationalised and an itinerary prepared ready for shipping to Liberia. This will be done by John Tick,

Tina Arthur and members of the Liberian community. Richard Jaber from the Liberian Community of WA has advised John Tick that he is approx one month from getting all the necessary approvals to get the medical equipment through customs duty-free in Liberia.

**12. MERC During 2020-21**

Tina Arthur is taking 12 month break from Rotary due to being over committed with other not-for-profit organisations she is involved with. However she would like to continue in the same coordinating role for MERC if the committee agrees.

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MERC Coordinator