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# MDs serve in Third World out of charity, dedication

United Press International  
NEW YORK — Some people think of doctors as fat cats, living in expensive homes and riding around in Cadillacs. But there is a group of doctors who have sacrificed financial gain to help less fortunate persons in other areas of the world.

For 20 years North American doctors have been visiting underdeveloped countries, saving the lives of thousands of people and curing countless others of serious diseases. Without them there would be no hope for many ill people in the Third World nations who would otherwise never see a doctor in their lives.

These American and Canadian doctors belong to MEDICO, an organization dedicated to providing medical assistance to people overseas. They have served in 30 nations where people suffer from serious diseases that have been eliminated in the United States. These countries have a ratio of doctors to patients that is lower than in America,

where there is one doctor for every 500 people.

In nations as diverse as Nicaragua, Tunisia and Burma, these doctors have established medical programs and train local personnel so that ultimately the locals can take over the programs. In many nations there are medical programs run by locals which would not exist if MEDICO doctors had not provided the initial instruction.

Some MEDICO doctors travel overseas for periods of several years and are given transportation expenses and a modest salary. Others volunteer to go for one month at their own expense and are not paid for their services while in the country they serve.

Dr. Charles Plotz, 56, of Brooklyn, volunteered to visit Afghanistan, which had one doctor for every 21,000 persons in 1965.

"I was tired of ordinary vacations and looking to do something useful," Plotz recalls. He was anxious to serve "people who need me."

The day he arrived in Afghanistan he was brought to the home of a man suffering from gonorrhea, rest in bed. But, even though he only had to rest two or three days, he had remained bedridden because he had never heard of gonorrhea from the local doctor.

"So for seven months he'd be lying in bed!" Plotz said.

Plotz's regular duty was in the icenna Hospital in Kabul where patients had to supply their own food and were not separated according to the diseases they suffered. Because there was no hospital food, relatives of patients camped out on the hospital lawn to prepare their meals.

In Avicenna he worked with nurses dressed Western style. Plotz calls this "a tremendous step forward into modern society for women" because, like most Afghan women, they had worn veils while working in the hospital.

In the morning he would do his rounds, treating and diagnosing illnesses such as diseases of the liver, bladderstones and cholera. In the afternoon he conducted a clinic teaching local doctors in medicine. "They were very eager to learn," he said.

At times it could be frustrating. The hospital had a blood chemistry machine operated by a Harvard-trained biochemist, but it often did not work because of the low and irregular voltage at the hospital. Sometimes the hospital's lack of sophistication proved to be beneficial. There being no central record keeping, each patient kept his own medical records and doctors were able to see records on other patients. Therefore no repeat tests were performed on patients as is sometimes necessary in America.

Plotz said that within American-style hospital facilities "You have to improvise, to learn to use your wits." Once, because the hospital had no intravenous fluids, boiled, filtered and reboiled water to make it. "That's the way you get a life."

He also had to use his wits outside the hospital.

Once he was brought to see the wife of a local chief who was sick, but he could not examine her because local custom forbade him to examine a woman. So he sent his wife to see her. She looked at the woman and returned.

"Either she's pregnant or she's got fibroid tumors," she said.

It turned out the woman had fibroid tumors.

"Ever since I've relied on my wife's diagnosis," he said with a smile.

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# U.S. nuke detonated in Nevada

United Press International  
YUCCA FLAT, Nev. — Scientists Thursday detonated the third announced nuclear test which had a yield of between 20 and 30 kilotons.

The weapon was detonated at 10:05 a.m. at the bottom of a 1,000-foot vertical shaft at the Nevada Test Site.

Earth motion from the blast was felt only slightly in Las Vegas, 200 miles south. The test was named "Kloster."

The 150 kiloton maximum equivalent in yield to 150,000 tons of TNT.

It was within the limits of a treaty negotiated with Russia which prohibits underground testing. The United States has observed terms of the treaty since March 1975, though it has not been ratified by the U.S. Senate.

Several aircraft including helicopters circled ground zero during the detonation. One helicopter carried a surveillance camera and the other was equipped with special radiation monitoring devices.

A Department of Energy spokesman said the detonation was successful and that no radiation reached the atmosphere. The test originally was scheduled for Wednesday but was delayed because of adverse winds.

Kloster boosted the total number of underground tests announced by the United States since the ban on atmospheric testing in 1963.

There have been 499 tests at the Nevada Test Site including previous atmospheric detonations.

Kloster was conducted by Lawrence Livermore Radiation Laboratory of the University of California.

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