

FAITH WORKS (INDIA), a Charitable Trust
presents

'Healing Touch'

- A Mobile Healthcare Project of Specialists for the Needy.



In association with Caritas - Goa





Deep in the heart of every Goan is a love for the land of their roots – Goa, earlier known as the Rome of the East. With the favor of God, some of us have been led to greener pastures that have better standards of living, education, social security, healthcare etc.

Gen 12: 1-3 ‘Now the LORD had said to Abram: “Get out of your country, From your family And from your father’s house, To a land that I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.’

As we are all descendants of Abraham, God therefore blesses each one of us to be a blessing to others. That is the reason why each of us have a desire to help the underprivileged and less fortunate. But geographical distance, lack of time, current job requirements, family commitments etc make it impossible for us to fulfill this dream on our own. By partnering with us in taking a fully equipped medical bus across the villages of Goa, we offer you an opportunity to fulfill your desire to be a blessing to the downtrodden.

Faith Works India is a Government recognized non profit Catholic Charitable Trust, based in Goa and involved in social work in the State of Goa since the last five years.

Faith Works India has initiated this project ‘**HEALING TOUCH**’ – a **Mobile Healthcare Project of Specialists for the Needy** in collaboration with the Catholic Church through Caritas- Goa. Many like minded related organizations are also assisting to carry out this much desired and noble venture. We have a need for additional equipment as well as monthly running costs. You can be a blessing to this project through donations (tax deductible receipts will be issued); supply of equipment as per our need; and land and property for further expansion. Further details are available on http://www.faithworks.co.in/healing_touch.html

We assure you that every cent you sow will bear abundant fruit.



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Presented

By

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- A Government recognized non profit Charitable Trust.



Mission Statement: Utilizing a mobile medical bus to provide quality healthcare that reaches out to all strata of society at a subsidized cost; made possible by the honorary services offered by a dedicated and committed team of specialist doctors, physicians, dentists, pharmaceutical companies, eye care industry leaders, technicians and social service organizations.

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1. ABOUT FAITH WORKS INDIA:

Faith Works India is a Government recognized non profit Charitable Trust based in Goa and is involved in social work in the State of Goa.

2. THE MANAGING TRUSTEES: Boromor Dias and his wife Yvette Dias are based in Goa involved in social work in the State of Goa for the last five years.



Yvette has 22 years of flying experience with an International Airline. She resigned as an In-flight Instructor. She too has given up her career to a life of service. She is an inspiration and mentor to women everywhere. She is committed to helping women, children and families discover their purpose through the radio program and through counseling

Boromor (Boni) was a businessman with 24 years of experience in the field of Information Technology along with international experience in Marketing. Five years ago, he set aside all his business (in USA, Israel and India) to serve the Goan community. He has committed his life to serving and helping every person, regardless of background and economic status to lift them out of their current difficulties. Currently produces and broadcasts radio programs that are inspirational which further lead to counseling- broken families; career guidance etc.

3. COLLABORATION: Caritas - Goa.

Caritas provides assistance to the poor, the vulnerable and the excluded on behalf of a billion of Catholics around the world. Caritas works on humanitarian emergencies, on human development, and on campaigning against poverty, exclusion, intolerance and discrimination. The role of Caritas Goa in 'Healing Touch' would be to set up health care cells across Goa and provide locations wherein the project can be executed from; to publicize the services in the appointed area, and to register/record/maintain the patient history.



4. OPERATIONS:

- **Radio programs:** Inspirational radio programs that lead to counseling.
- **Training Programs:** Low tech training programs for women – Paper bag making; Screen printing etc.
- **Medical outreach:** Faith Works associates closely with the Catholic Church (Caritas - Goa); with the Government; with the Medical fraternity of Goa along with The Goa - America Heart Foundation Trust (a non profit Trust set up with financial and technical support from the USA) in this new medical outreach named '**HEALING TOUCH**'.



RADIO PROGRAMS: 30 minute inspirational radio programs on AIR FM radio, address over six lakh listeners weekly. This leads to family counseling, career guidance, overcoming depression etc since the last five years.



This program is also broadcast on internet radio at www.moreloveradio.com and has a listener base of over one million listeners across 65 nations.

TRAINING PROGRAMS: Low tech training programs for women – Paper bag making; Screen printing etc are conducted in their village. This supplements the home income without daily travel to work and loss of time.



MEDICAL OUTREACH:

HEALING TOUCH - a Mobile Healthcare Project of Specialists for the Needy

Objective:

- Reaching out to the patient rather than the patient reaching out to the doctor is critical in villages.
- Providing Healthcare as well as Health based awareness campaigns at doorstep level.



Solution:

- **Mobile Clinics.**

Phase I: 'Healing Touch' will offer subsidized medical services initially starting in: DENTISTRY, GENERAL MEDICINE and OPHTHALMOLOGY.

Phase II: Specialist Doctors to visit the six centers on Sundays and public holidays

Healthcare is critical for each and everyone. Unfortunately, the basic healthcare needs of the lower strata of each and every society around the globe tend to be compromised not only in terms of affordability, but accessibility and simplicity as well. Standard and advanced diagnostic tests and specialist and super-specialist medical ethical opinions are even not accessible to some of the middle income groups as well. While the governmental agencies do their best, there is a vacuum of healthcare deficiencies in our society even today.



On a modest but ambitious level, '**Healing Touch**' is attempting to make a difference wherever it works. It is able to do that because of a single minded belief that healthcare for the poor and the needy should aspire for the same standards of excellence as healthcare for the rich; above all, it must reach out to where the poor actually live and work. Indeed, reaching out to the patient rather than the patient reaching out to the doctor is absolutely critical in a socio-economic situations such as ours, where potential loss of wages (in addition to cost of treatment) often hold people back from seeking medical care.



Through Mobile clinics that will visit the villages, 'Healing Touch' will provide quality medical and dental care- using the latest equipment and with the support of qualified, dedicated doctors, paramedics and health volunteers. For tertiary care, it will then co-ordinate with governmental and non-governmental agencies and healthcare institutions to provide effective healthcare. Thus we ultimately want to ensure that the entire range of healthcare is provided to each and every patient. The emphasis is not merely on treatment but on prevention and care as well as education and guidance.



'Healing Touch' will offer **subsidized** medical services (and in deserving cases **free of cost**) thru a custom-built air-conditioned, power backup medical van. It will park at the different parishes in Goa wherein **patients of all faiths**, residing in that area can avail of this medical facility. Onsite health camps for village schools will also be conducted. This onsite diagnostic and treatment medical van will be backed up with associations with leading doctors and medical institutions in the city for more detailed treatment at a subsidized price.

5. LIST OF EQUIPMENT ON BOARD:

- TATA 709E Bus with body built by the Indian Army.
- Power Generator, Air-condition, fridge, Water tank with Aqua Guard.
- Dental Chair with all related equipment including X-Ray machine.



6. REQUIREMENTS:

- Eye Check up equipment –Refractometer; Lensometer.
- Portable Ultrasound Colour Doppler.
- Portable X- Ray

7. MANPOWER:

- Project Leader
- Driver
- Assistant
- Nurse
- Accounts/Administrator/Storekeeper



8. ASSOCIATES:

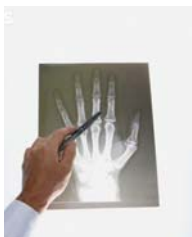
- Over **80 specialist doctors** including physicians and dentists are on the panel of Healing Touch to render field and consulting services.



- **GKB Hi-Tech Ltd** – Eye testing and free spectacles for the poor.
- **Lawrence and Mayo** – Spectacle frames.
- **The Goa - America Heart Foundation Trust** (a non profit Trust set up with financial and technical support from the USA)
- **Central Clinical Lab** - Government



recognized testing lab to offer tests at a discounted price.



- **Blood Collection kits** will be provided by government approved Lab at subsidized rates.
- **X - Ray Reports** in association with a leading radiologist at discounted prices.
- **Various Hospitals** to provide tests and operational treatment at prefixed subsidized rates.
- **Pharmaceutical** organizations to provide medication.
- **Maintenance / Purchase:** HI-Tech Engineering Works and Reliable Life Saving Systems -Mumbai; Dental Systems and Services-Maintenance of Dental Equipment.

9. ACTION PLAN:

PHASE I

1. 'Healing Touch' to run 6 days in the north and 6 days in the south. [Friday Holiday].
2. Health care cells created by CARITAS at different locations will create awareness, monitor and administer the logistics of appointment, patient history and deciding who should receive discounted treatment.
3. Dental treatment will be basic checkup, extraction and filling.
4. Charges to be nominal and the deserving cases to be free of charge except a nominal fee for registration.
5. Eye care will be eye testing. Discounts will be offered for eye glasses.



PHASE II

1. Bus to visit the above mentioned centers on Sundays and public holidays.
2. To have two centers in South Goa and two centers in North Goa where patients can be attended to. Locations to be preferably on the periphery of the cities. Latter one center in Vasco and one center in Ponda.
3. The medical bus- 'Healing Touch' will carry diagnostic equipment. Provisions to test blood also are made available. Three specialist doctors will accompany 'Healing Touch'.
4. Specialist doctors (combined) will attend to an average of 120 patients on Sundays.
5. Health care cells that will consist of the local General Practitioner, a registered nurse and a medical student besides other support staff. There will be two consulting rooms along with examination bed, TV, and DVD player in the waiting room.
6. Patients identified for further tests or medical treatment including surgery will be referred to pre-arranged hospitals that will admit them at a discounted price by the specialist doctor treating/diagnosing them.



7. Medicines will be provided free/reduced rates as per pharmaceutical company's supplies.
8. At the six centers, awareness will be made about hygiene, medical insurance, government health schemes, mother child relationship, AIDS etc.

10. FUNDING:

- a. **Initial investment:** Rs. 25 Lakh
- b. **Monthly requirement:** Rs. 50,000. (Driver, Nurse, Assistant, Fuel, Maintenance, Media, Office rent and staff)
- c. **Source of funds:** Partly our own and balance through donations in cash and kind. Funds are raised through sponsorship, raffles and donations- both with medicines and equipment.

11. EXPANSION PLANS:

1. **Augmentation** of the Mobile clinics to meet the demand.
2. **Increase** in the Mobile Clinics to combine with the Medical Centers to provide effective long term solutions.
3. **Counseling centers** to address different issues like child abuse, sexual harassment, equality and justice for women, empowerment of physically or/and mentally challenged people, legal issues, family planning, etc.
4. **Alternative therapies** - Homeopathy, Ayurveda, etc.
5. **Awareness programs** - Hygiene, Environment, HIV etc
6. **Mother and child care relationship.**



12. SUMMARY:

- With 'Healing Touch' we aim to give quality healthcare that reaches out to the suffering, the ignorant and the marginalized sections of our State of Goa.
- We aim to create a workable model that other states can emulate.

We look forward to your valuable support in raising the equipment/funds needed to provide quality health care that reaches out to the State of Goa.

Sincerely,

Boromor Joseph Dias



Managing Trustee

PS: More details are on the website www.faithworks.co.in

