

October – December 2015

New Link In PNG

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Baptist Mission in Papua New Guinea is a community clinic that works in the bush with only 3 nurses and 3 health workers. They are the only health care available for miles and reach their patients by plane and then hiking to their homes. As there is no doctor they have to deal with all illnesses and emergencies with basic equipment which is why a Swinfen Telemedical link has been set up to assist them. Our unique mobile app will also be a huge help.

A MESSAGE FROM YEMEN

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Dear All

*May I take the opportunity of Christmas and the coming new year to wish you all the best of everything. This organization deserve the best wishes all over the year for the great job helping needy people. I cannot have words to convey the meaning of appreciation for the marvellous work done by this organization over the years
Best wishes*

Happy faces that make us smile

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*Happy Christmas from us all at Kikori Hospital!
Hugest massive thanks for all your help this year- often wonder how I functioned prior to connecting with Swinfen- it's been lifesaving, thank you all SO much!*



Yemen Conflict!

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In a country already faced with widespread poverty, vulnerability, food insecurity and lack of health services, the escalation of conflict in Yemen in late March 2015 has had a terrible impact on civilians, especially children and women.

Nine months later, nearly 5,000 people have been killed and 25,000 injured as a result of conflict. More than 1.4 million people have been displaced, sometimes more than once.

Education has come to a standstill for nearly 2 million children, with 3,584 schools, or one out of four, shut down; 860 of these schools are damaged or sheltering the displaced. The lack of functioning schools and continued insecurity delayed the resumption of the school year until November, normally scheduled in mid-September.

Many public health facilities have been damaged or forced to shut down. Before the escalation of conflict, more than 15 million people – around half the population – had no access to health care. That number has now risen dramatically, putting an already vulnerable population at even greater risk.

With the agriculture and fishery sectors heavily affected and food imports cut short by the crisis, livelihoods have been eroded and the ability of families to feed their children further diminished.

The bombing of defenceless civilians in their homes, all cities, roads, schools, hospitals and the very few available facilities of electrical supply has left every city in Yemen without electricity, blocking out food, fuel, drugs and other essential materials for basic living for almost 9 continuous months.



New Year Wishes

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As we say goodbye to 2015 the Swinfen Charitable Trust would like to wish everyone a very happy, prosperous and healthy New year for 2016

A Happy Seasonal Tale

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In July 2009 Swinfen Telemedicine received a case from an orphanage in China of a very seriously ill baby girl aged just 16 months. She had been abandoned with a heart condition, respiratory distress, severe pneumonia, had difficulty in holding her head up and was extremely malnourished weighing just 5.3kgs. Our system operator sent the case straight to one of our USA consultants, a Professor in Paediatric Cardiology, who diagnosed and gave advice on treatment.

After 2 months of treatment Candice started to show signs of improvement and we received the fantastic news that she was matched and was to be adopted by an American family. Sadly 6 weeks later she took a dreadful turn for the worst with Flu and was in desperate need of heart surgery but as she was matched to a family she would not be allowed to receive surgery from the government orphan fund. Candice was admitted to the local hospital with respiratory distress and mycoplasma pneumonia, we did not know if she was going to survive. They managed to stabilise her with drugs BUT still no heart surgery! She was returned to the orphanage.



As it was a matter of life or death the nurses of the orphanage decided that they would try and find a hospital that would be willing to do the surgery. Thankfully their efforts paid off and Candice was admitted, surgery performed and after a while in recovery she left the hospital with a smile on her face and even managed to say a few words. On her return to the orphanage our Swinfen consultant continued to give advice on treatment.

In March 2010 little Candice was adopted by her "Forever Family" and taken to her new home in America. Swinfen Telemedicine has

kept in contact with the family and very much look forward to hearing news of the special little girl – Candice.

Latest news from the family

"Our Candice is now 7 and half years old – can you believe it?! And she is doing wonderful. Her teachers give us glowing reports about her academics as well as her citizenship. Perhaps our proudest is when her teachers tell us that she is blessed with a very strong gift of compassion for others. We have seen this firsthand. Anyone who is sad or hurt is immediately a concern to Candice.

She is learning the violin and doing very well. She enjoys music, singing, art and seems to be conquering math and reading at an impressive rate. She is becoming more and more confident in making friends. Candice now has a dog! and he is almost as cute as she is.

Her latest cardiology exam was just a week ago and the doctors expressed some amazement. There is virtually no evidence of a past major problem with her heart. We were told there was no need to return for another three years.

May the joy of this season bless each of you! We are forever grateful!"





November Activity

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Swinfen Telemedicine System dealt with 35 cases this month, cases being sent from – Iraq, Papua New Guinea, Yemen, Tibet, Afghanistan, Pakistan, India, Indonesia, China, Zambia and Bangladesh) and generated 901 messages.

9 of those cases were sent using our unique mobile app.

2 new Swinfen Telemedical Links were set up – One in Zambia and One in India – both links are active and have already sent cases through the system.

ANOTHER SWINFEN LINK IN IRAQ

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A teaching hospital, Babylon, Iraq has recently joined the Swinfen Telemedical links system. It has 30 beds, 5 specialist doctors, 5 registrars and 10 medical staff. It is a non-governmental organisation with a haemato-oncology ward. They have access to Bone marrow aspirate and biopsy equipment, histopathological and radiological investigation equipment.

This is our **52nd link in Iraq** and we look forward to working with them.

New Swinfen Telemedical Links

[13th November 2015](#) [Broadbiz Web Services Ltd.](#)

2 New Swinfen Telemedical links have been set up today.

One in India – a telemedical centre in West Bengal with only one doctor and very little equipment, offering the best medical care he can to his patients.

and one to Zambia – travelling doctors working in the bush, visiting areas that have no medical care whatsoever.

Shifa Foundation connect with Swinfen Telemedicine

[3rd November 2015](#) [Broadbiz Web Services Ltd.](#)

A Swinfen Telemedical link has been set up for '**Shifa Foundation Telemedicine Program**' to help give their patients the best possible care. They are a non-profit organisation that do not charge any medical fees to those who cannot pay. This community hospital has 10 beds, one doctor with one assistant.

We welcome them to our network and look forward in assisting them with their humanitarian care.



October Activity

[2nd November 2015](#) [Broadbiz Web Services Ltd.](#)

Swinfen Telemedicine dealt with a total of 30 cases through October (8 child, 11 Female, 11 Male) from Iraq, China, Indonesia, Afghanistan, Armenia and Nepal. One of those cases involved 7 Medical consultants with a total of 90 messages.

We also set up 3 new Telemedical Links – one to Pakistan, Bangladesh and Egypt.

Latest news on Afghanistan/Pakistan Earthquake

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It is our understanding from a Swinfen referring doctor working in the field that the worst hit area is the Malakand Division, including Dir, Chitral and Shangla. Stranded and homeless families in these hilly, far flung areas badly need better shelter, warm clothes, food and medical facilities. The extent of the damage will not be known for days due to poor communication in this mountainous area already devastated by recent floods and landslides. As winter has arrived and snow is falling we can only hope that the relief efforts will reach the most vulnerable communities on time.

Hundreds have been killed by the earthquake, thousand injured, 50 Schools completely and 127 partially damaged, hundreds of cattle have perished. Over 2000 houses have been destroyed leaving people exposed to spend days and nights under the open sky in immense cold and snowfalls creating yet more hunger, disease and death.



We are very proud of this Clinic

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Centre for Health Clinic, Khalte, Nepal has had an extremely busy month. Now open to 12 surrounding villages the clinic has had 1155 patients walk through the door, dealing with cases such as Urinary Infections, Fever, Gastric, toothache, High blood pressure, eye and ear infections, Diarrhea and Antenatal to name a few. Keep up the good work.

0 – 5yrs = 120 cases
cases

6 – 59yrs = 764 cases

60+yrs = 271



Happy Days

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“We all have very busy days, but today I was rushing through the hospital trying to get to another part of the complex when a child shouted at me to stop. She was a patient that is now off treatment and had returned for a follow up appointment. She hugged and kissed me and asked if she could take a selfie with me. This brought a smile to my face and put me in a much better mood”. – MD, Children’s Hospital.



300th Swinfen Telemedical Link

[27th October 2015](#) [Broadbiz Web Services Ltd.](#)

Today we set up our 300th Telemedical link to a hospital in Bangladesh. This hospital offers special services for disabled, violence victims, Electronic Health reports and analysis from grassroots level. There are 9 doctors and 10 supporting staff members.

Teaching Others

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Another new link was set up today to a teaching University Hospital in Egypt. They have over 2000 medical trained staff and over 1500 beds. Hopefully they will learn from and teach others the importance of our Telemedicine system and our humanitarian work.

Great News

[26th October 2015](#) [Broadbiz Web Services Ltd.](#)

Today (26th October) we received fantastic news that the patient from China continues to improve slowly day by day with no more seizures or hallucinations. The headaches continue but are easing. She has started to eat more but her appetite is still not normal and she still feels weak.

The last 3 weeks have been very difficult and emotional for all the family. We hope that she continues to improve.

Not a simple case.

[16th October 2015](#) [Broadbiz Web Services Ltd.](#)

A 37 year old, fit, normally healthy, young woman who lives in South Asia, was admitted to hospital on the 1st October with a severe headache, vomiting, abdominal pain, diarrhea and a very high fever. The referring doctor performed a CT scan of the cerebrum, spinal tap, kidney and liver functions, blood tests and MRI scans. He asked for help from Swinfen Telemedicine with this very serious case.

After two days of antibiotics her headaches became worse, a stiff neck developed, she had episodes of general seizures and became sensitive to most antibiotics. It was not looking good for the patient and was moved to ICU.

Over 13 days and 85 messages through the Swinfen system, 7 medical consultants (specialising in Neurology, Neuroradiology, ENT Surgery, Internal medicine/Tropical diseases, Intensive care and Anaesthesia) all became involved in the case giving free advice on diagnoses and treatment. 2 system operators were also on hand, 1 in the UK and 1 in New Zealand. With the perseverance of the referring doctor the patient made a reasonable recovery and has now been moved to a hospital in Thailand for further treatment.