

# Paraguay Baptist Medical Center Foundation *Newsletter*

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## A Note from the President – Jane Jones

Grateful! This is the word that has been on my mind lately when I think about Paraguay Baptist Medical Center Foundation (PBMCF). I am grateful for the opportunity to participate. PBMCF continues to fill in gaps at Centro Médico Bautista (CMB) and Universidad Centro Médico Bautista (UCMB), giving support that helps the hospital and university provide healthcare and share the gospel with all. Grateful! Dr. Mark and Rosana McIntosh have joined the board, bringing new skills and abilities. Grateful! The plans for the mission trip are moving full speed ahead, and our team of 24 is hard at work preparing to serve. God has put together His team of such gifted people. Grateful! Faithful donors continue to give generously to support the work of our foundation.

## Updates From UCMB’s Simulation Laboratory

In 2019, Universidad Centro Médico Bautista (UCMB) began construction for a medical simulation laboratory. Purchasing equipment for this lab has been an annual fundraising goal for PBMCF. To date, the UCMB lab has acquired 8 pediatric and 8 adult torso trainers, 1 CPR mannequin, and 2 life-size adult simulators.

Dr. McIntosh, PBMCF board member and faculty physician at UF Health Jacksonville, recalls, “In 1997, I led a group of doctors from the University of Florida - Jacksonville and we gave a conference to clinicians at CMB and Hospital de Clínicas. We also donated the first set of medical simulators to be used by Dr. Tom Kent who established the Advanced Life Saving and Emergency Medical Technician courses in Paraguay.”

Dr. McIntosh explains that medical simulation is an essential and widely used tool that enhances training and skill development because it provides a controlled environment for trainees to practice and refine clinical skills. High fidelity simulators and task trainers can mimic human anatomy and physiology allowing trainees to gain hands-on experience without the risk of harming real patients.

In a recent visit to Paraguay, Dr. McIntosh toured the developing simulation lab at UCMB and witnessed how simulation training is becoming a core component of nursing, technician and physician curricula, fostering a safe and effective learning environment for all.

Dámaris González, UCMB marketing supervisor, explains that your donation towards the simulation lab helps not only the university but all of Paraguay. UCMB is the only university in the country with the



**Training with the CPR Mannequin**

capacity to offer a four year degree in emergency medicine. This simulation lab is vital for the formation of emergency medicine in Paraguay, offering the only training of this type to medical professionals.

PBMCF aims to raise \$15,000 in 2023 to support the purchase of simulation equipment. UCMB reports that their most urgent need is for the purchase of life-size simulators, which can average up to \$11,000 each. The most expensive, a high-fidelity patient simulator with computerized capabilities, averages around \$57,000. Your gift of any size can help, as Dr. McIntosh and Dámaris would assert, bridge the gap between the classroom and the emergency room at UCMB and for all of Paraguay.



*Nursing students in training at the simulation lab (left). This simulation lab is vital for the formation of emergency medicine in Paraguay, offering the only training of this type to medical professionals in the country.*



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