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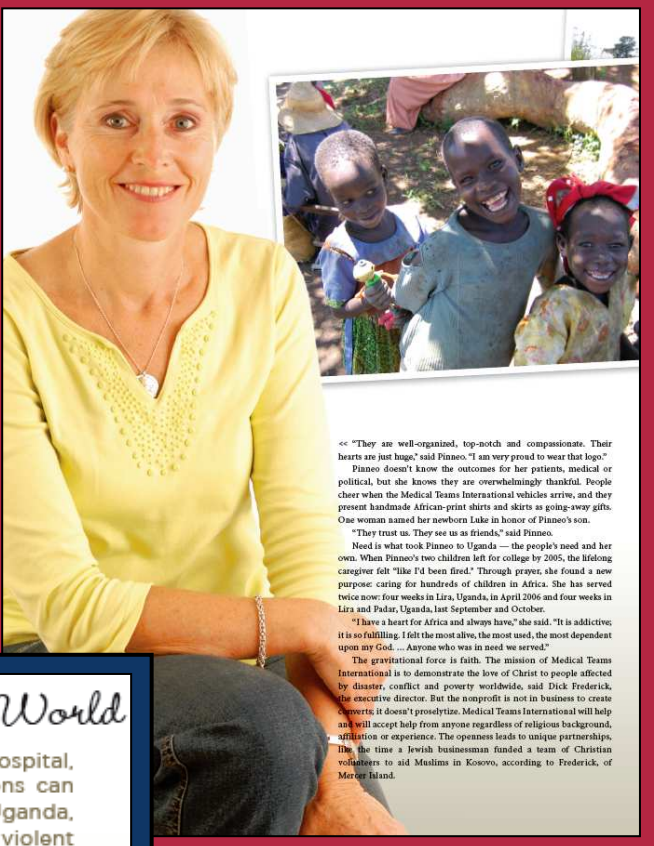


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Origins of Medical Teams International
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<< "They are well-organized, top-notch and compassionate. Their hearts are just huge," said Pinneo. "I am very proud to wear that logo."
 Pinneo doesn't know the outcomes for her patients, medical or political, but she knows they are overwhelmingly thankful. People cheer when the Medical Teams International vehicles arrive, and they present handmade African-print shirts and skirts as going-away gifts. One woman named her newborn Luke in honor of Pinneo's son.
 "They trust us. They see us as friends," said Pinneo.
 Need is what took Pinneo to Uganda—the people's need and her own. When Pinneo's two children left for college by 2005, the lifelong caregiver felt "like I'd been fired." Through prayer, she found a new purpose: caring for hundreds of children in Africa. She has served twice now: four weeks in Lira, Uganda, in April 2006 and four weeks in Lira and Padua, Uganda, last September and October.
 "I have a heart for Africa and always have," she said. "It is addictive. It is so fulfilling. I felt the most alive, the most used, the most dependent upon my God. ... Anyone who was in need we served."
 The gravitational force is faith. The mission of Medical Teams International is to demonstrate the love of Christ to people affected by disaster, conflict and poverty worldwide, said Dick Frederick, the executive director. But the nonprofit is not in business to create converts; it doesn't proselytize. Medical Teams International will help and will accept help from anyone regardless of religious background, affiliation or experience. The openness leads to unique partnerships. The, the time a Jewish businessman funded a team of Christian volunteers to aid Muslims in Kosovo, according to Frederick, of Merger Island.

STRONG HEARTS

Making Medical Differences Around the World

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 One tent and the medical relief volunteers inside remains an oasis of hope in this sea of uncertainty. Iney Pinneo, a 50-year-old pediatric nurse from Issaquah and a Medical Teams International volunteer, directed her compassion and skill toward each patient. AIDS, malaria, parasites and pneumonia are relentless.

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