

Dear Dr. Haas:

I have sent copy of itinerary etc. by mail for your review. for next visit. Relief operations for quake affected area is being carried out on war footing. Rotary mid town is actively involved :

The state of Gujarat in Western India has been devastated by an earthquake measuring 7.9 on the Richter scale. As per the latest news nearly one million are rendered homeless and 25000 are dead. The following is an account of the work done by Rotary Club of Rajkot Midtown Dist 3060 India:

Rotarians of Rotary Club of Rajkot Midtown visited the severely damaged areas and decided that the most urgent and immediate need was to erect temporary shelters for the homeless. No ready made tents were available in the region. Hence we used bamboo, HDPE fabric, flooring, rope, tugs and nails and made a low cost prototype. We carried 100 such tents adequate for 1000 people and carried them to Morvi a town hit very badly. We identified one severely damaged area and in the adjacent plot we took the landowners' permission to create a temporary township. The benefitting community were a colony of 600 houses which had come apart and had nearly 120 dead bodies still buried under the rubble. The residents were staying in the open in severe cold conditions (7 degrees C). They had no toilets, warm food was unavailable and no relief had reached them. The government machinery was inadequate in the wake of such tremendous wreckage.

When we reached there the residents were in tears to see that somebody had come to provide some relief. With their help Rotarians cleaned up and bulldozed the new refuge area and started the work of construction. Our team of 30 was helped by 60 more affected residents of the wrecked houses. In just 5 hours we erected 100 tents and by 6 pm each of the homeless had a roof over their heads. The next day we created a kitchen which is manned by the community women and we set up 60 more tents and makeshift toilets. Help also came in the way of other NGO's who came and donated blankets etc. The local electricity company set up lights in the refuge area.

We have taken up this campaign in full force and have already provided 600 tents. These will probably be in use for at least 3-4 months till alternative long-term arrangements come up. We are taking the help of our Rotarians and other volunteers and hope to provide shelters on a very large scale. Tomorrow we have a consignment of 1000 tents arriving from another Rotary District

Jenny Doane wrote:

Dr. Shah,

I have received all of the letters, itinerary, etc from you. Thank you so very much. I hope that you are having a wonderful time with your GSE team from Argentina and Paraguay. Our team this year was from England

and this coming year we are going to go to the Phillipines. This past weekend our Youth Exchange District Committee placed our 28 outbound YE students. I really enjoy working with these committees and find that these people are our best ambassadors to other countries.

Dr. Haas will be bringing a club flag from my Rotary Club - Eastwood Rotary (Syracuse) to present to your rotary club. Will he need more than one flag? I really don't know how many rotary clubs he will be seeing.

Thank you,
Jenny

>>> Pratap shah 01/14 10:38 PM >>>

Dear Ms. Jenny Doane::

I have sent three different letters - Invitation, Support for the Visa, Provisional Itinerary by e-mail and Fax. Usually visa process is very easy.

At the moment, we have G.S.E. team of Rotarians from Argentina and Paragway. Please acknowledge the receipts of these letters .Waiting for C.V. and A photograph by overnight mail.

Sincerely,

P.C.

Jenny Doane wrote:
Dr. Shah,

Dr. Haas asked me to email you a copy of his CV. It is 38 pages. If you cannot open the attachment please let me know and I will have to send it to you in overnight mail.

I will also try and get a picture of Dr. Haas for you as well. That may take some doing.

If there is anything else you need please let me know.

Sincerely,

Jenny Doane
Staff Assistant
Department of Urology
SUNY Upstate Medical University