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OPTI-West has a versatile and capable faculty!

From time to time, we like to share news of our special projects our people are involved in. Here is a recent example:

Humanitarian Aid Trip to India

Amrit Davaa World Health Corp. President/CEO Dr. Natalie Nevins and her volunteer medical team returned from a humanitarian aid trip to India on December 2, 2007. Dr Nevins' team included Dr. Rebecca Giusti and Dr. Dan Miuli, along with a dental hygienist, pediatric nurse and four Pediatric Residents from the Kolkata Medical College in Kolkata India. Amrit Davaa's mission statement is to provide sustainable humanitarian aid, health and wellness education and healthcare to children and families in need. The team spent two weeks in the restricted region of Arunchal Pradesh, Tawang India, which is located 60 miles from the China border next to Bhutan. The local Monpa people are culturally Tibetan, with approximately 40,000 people in the region and 4000 in the city of Tawang. The primary focus for the trip was to start health and hygiene education and vaccinations for the 119 children at the Manjushree Vidypith orphanage. The children range from 4-18 years old. The orphanage is run by Lama Thupten a Tibetan monk from the region. The team worked with the local government officials and participated in a state sponsored local festival. The team provided medical support for over 500 of the local Monpa people at the festival. The team also provided care for the Buddhist monks at the Tawang Monastery and did health education at the local public school. The goal is to set up a sustainable free medical clinic for the region at the Manjushree orphanage over the next year.

Amrit Davaa World Health also works with orphans in Tijuana Mexico, and inner city emigrant youth in Los Angeles. To learn more please go to www.amritdavaaworld.org

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