# Trinity Health International Update for CHA International Outreach Networking Call

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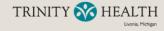
#### What is Trinity Health International?

- Organization
  - Subsidiary of Trinity Health. Separately incorporated 501(c)3.
- Governance
  - Internal board with senior Trinity Health leadership
- Staffing
  - Approximately 1.5 FTEs through Trinity Health plus local program staff
- History
  - Since 1981. Started at Trinity Health hospital in Mason City, Iowa.
  - Reorganization in FY08. Current focus on mission projects.
- Key Accomplishments
  - Nearly 200 projects in over 40 countries
- Sources of Funding / Support
  - Grants and Trinity Health support
  - THI currently produces operating income



#### Why International Ministry?

- Women religious set up health ministries all over the world, not just in the US
- Strong foundation in Catholic social teaching
  - There is a worldwide system of health care injustice that demands a response
     ("Global Health and Catholic Social Commitment" by Lisa Sowle Cahill in Health Progress, May-June 2007)
  - Key principles of Catholic social teaching that support a commitment to international health are
    - Dignity of the Person
    - Universal Common Good
  - Key areas of focus for international health are:
    - Basic health, nutrition, sanitation/clean water
    - Communicable diseases, like HIV/AIDS and malaria
    - Access to affordable drugs
    - Responsible recovery and redistribution of supplies and equipment



#### Where and How Does THI Serve?

- Republic of Marshall Islands
  - Administration of health plan / primary care program for people affected by US weapons testing and their descendants
  - Six sites including four very remote locations with multiple challenges including availability of water, power, phone and internet

#### Guyana

- Support for St. Joseph Mercy Hospital such as training experiences for leadership and medical staff and strategic planning
- Recent equipment and supply donations through collaborations with Hospital Sisters Mission Outreach and Global Links
- Recent successful collaboration with Catholic Health Partners to better structure and share support
- Participation in Catholic Collaboration
  - Catholic system CEO meetings on international health
  - Support for establishment of Catholic Health Association (CHA) position
  - CHA International Outreach Advisory Committee
- Coordination of Trinity Health Fundraising for Disaster Relief
  - Indian Ocean Earthquake and Tsunami, Haiti Earthquake
- Limited Support for Associate/Physician Medical Missions



### Marshall Islands, Bikini Atoll, July 25, 1946 Operation Crossroads "Baker" Nuclear Weapon Test

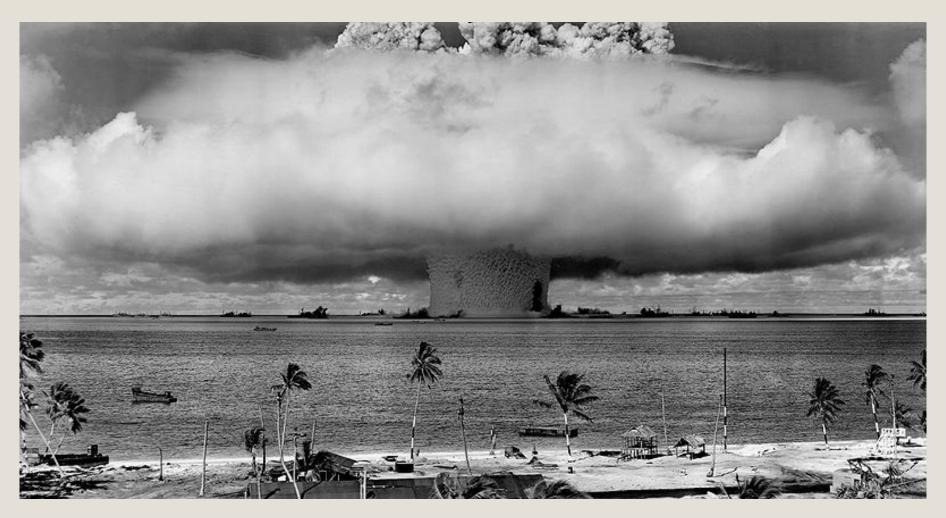


Photo taken from a tower on Bikini Island, 3.5 mi (5.6 km) away.

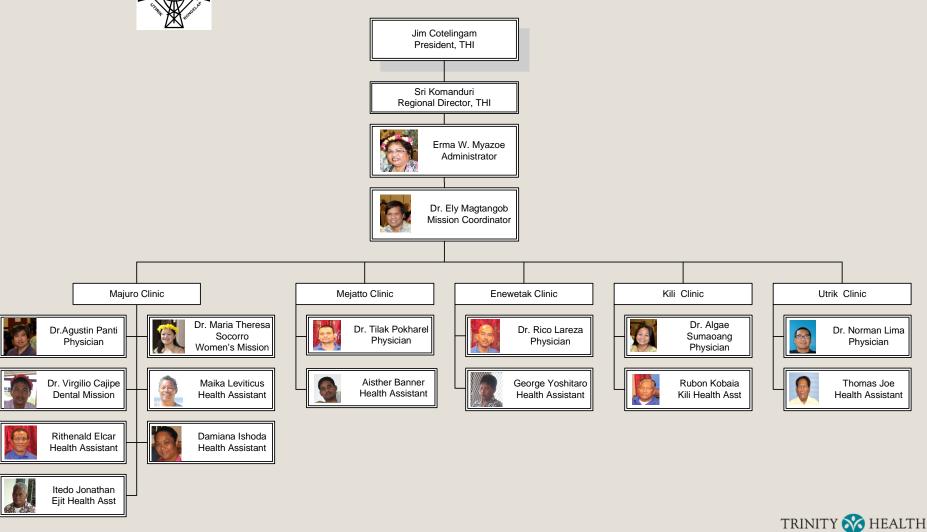
This was one of the 67 nuclear weapons tests done by the US in the Marshall Islands.

In 1956, the Atomic Energy Commission regarded the Marshall Islands as "by far the most contaminated place in the world".



#### 177 Health Care Program (177HCP)

Under Trinity Health International (THI)



## Diabetes and Hypertension Screening, Immunization and Well Baby Clinic







# Dental Mission and Eye Clinic







### St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Georgetown, Guyana







