

**“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.”
-Helen Keller**

On **Thursday September 10, 2015** Dave Heppner received a call from the Victoria Hospital in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan stating that they had a microscope to give away. Dave looked at it, took pictures and forwarded them on to Dr. Green, an Ophthalmologist working in Mae Sot. The reply was affirmative - - he could definitely use this microscope!

Dave picked the microscope up on **Friday September 11th**, along with some lumber to build a secure crate for it to be shipped in. (He needed to secure the arm so it wouldn't be damaged during shipping.)

On **Monday September 14th** we brought it to the Q-Line Trucking Company compound in Saskatoon to be shipped as far as Abbotsford, British Columbia. It left either later that same day or the next morning, arriving at the Fraser Valley Gleaners warehouse on **Wednesday, September 16th**. They had a truckload of dried soup mix leaving the next morning for Victoria and the microscope was loaded on this truck.

On **Thursday September 17th** that truck arrived at Compassionate Resource Warehouse where it was stored in their facility until our sea can was loaded, along with the remainder of the requested relief supplies. That sea can was loaded on the *Zim Rotterdam* ship on October 2nd bound for Bangkok. After clearing customs in Bangkok it was loaded on a truck and driven 800 kms. to our warehouse in Mae Pa, Tak, Thailand.

The PolyTechnic students unloaded this sea can on **Monday November 30th, 2015**. The microscope weighed 2,000 pounds, so a fork lift was hired to set it in a safe place in our warehouse. The microscope still needed a transformer attached before it could be delivered, so it was compatible with the 220 power in Thailand.

Glenn Lett an Electrical Engineer from Prince Albert researched the size of transformer needed and in **January, 2016** Dave transported this transformer to Mae Pa. Glenn arrived the beginning of February and installed the transformer directly onto the base of the microscope. Dr. Green was in the UK at the time, so we decided not to bring it to the clinic until he was back in Mae Sot.

Dave returned to Thailand for meetings the end of July, 2016 and he and Luc April had the privilege of delivering the microscope to Dr. Frank Green. It arrived at the clinic the morning of the 26th and Dr. Green was already using it for surgery that very afternoon. He was delighted!

It takes partnering with many people & companies to make something like this possible:

- 1.) Victoria Hospital, Prince Albert, SK. **(Donor)**
- 2.) Global Neighbors Canada, Prince Albert, SK.
- 3.) Q-Line Trucking, Saskatoon, SK.
- 4.) Fraser Valley Gleaners, Abbotsford, British Columbia
- 5.) Compassionate Resource Warehouse, Victoria, B.C.
- 6.) Global Neighbors Thailand, Mae Pa
- 7.) 2015 Team of Poly Technic Students, Moose Jaw, SK.
- 8.) Glenn Lett, Electrical Engineer, Prince Albert, SK.
- 9.) Dr. Green, Ophthalmologist - from Aberdeen, Wales, UK. **(Recipient)**

The ramifications are huge for the people needing delicate eye surgery. Each of you played an important role in providing the best equipment possible for Dr. Frank to work his "magic".

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!



Microscope arrives at the clinic



First patient to benefit from the microscope



Dr. Frank Green at work

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"Unity is strength...when there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved.
-Mattie Stephanek