



# Hospital on Wheels

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## Editor's Rx

### A Modern 'Hospital-on-Wheels'

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**T**here can be no denying that we still have huge gaps in healthcare delivery in our country, especially when we talk of providing services to remote areas whose people have rarely seen a doctor or even a nurse.

This problem gets more complicated when we have a major calamity like Typhoon Yolanda which rendered nonoperational the hospitals and other healthcare facilities in the areas ravaged by the super typhoon.

We support the RP Health Craft Carrier vision of Dr. Jim Sanchez, a surgeon who has been doing medical-surgical missions since 1985, as a thinking-out-of-the-box concept to help fill in the gaps in providing our countrymen access to adequate healthcare delivery, especially during times of natural calamities.

The concept actually follows the ellipsis of the old proverb that "if Mohammed cannot come to the mountain, let the mountain come to Mohammed." If people in need of medical or surgical assistance could not come to urban areas where the big medical centers are, then we should have a stop-gap measure to bring modern medical science to these areas so the people could benefit from it, particularly during critical times. And these critical times don't come once in a blue moon. We have scores of typhoons hitting Philippine land every year, causing injuries and spawning illnesses especially infections.

"What we need right now is immediate response that can provide temporary healthcare in the area and that can only be provided by a readily available healthcraft fleet that can immediately go anywhere," explains Dr. Sanchez. He and his team have helped provide life-changing surgeries to more than 10,000 indigent patients in the more than ten years that they've conducted their free surgical missions.

They currently do their surgical missions with their "OR (operating room)-on-wheels"—a single, medically-equipped big van funded by the Quezon City Rotary Club, which regularly goes to far flung areas in the country to provide free surgeries. It has two operating tables and six pre-fabricated folded operating tables that allow doctors to perform eight surgeries simultaneously. Countless grateful Filipinos with goiters, cleft lips, cleft palates, hernias and tumors who have benefited from the almost monthly surgical missions are a testament to what could be achieved if this OR-on-wheels could be multiplied several times; and equipped with state-of-the-art medical facilities to make a virtual modern

hospital-on-wheels.

When an area is affected by a disaster, like what happened in Tacloban City and nearby areas in the aftermath of Typhoon Yolanda, all hospitals, drugstores, or clinics were not able to function in the next several months. Even the health personnel like doctors, nurse, medical technologists, and pharmacists were also



*Dr. Rafael R. Castillo, Editor in Chief, H&L*

asked to evacuate for safety reasons. Only a handful remained, and they felt helpless due to lack of facilities and supplies.

The RP Healthcraft Carrier could offer a solution when such problem arises, as likely it would from time to time. This virtual 'hospital-on-wheels' is a mobile hospital that can be quickly deployed to serve as a makeshift medical facility in times of great medical exigency.

Envisioned as a fleet of six air-conditioned buses and one support 40-foot container van, it will be fully equipped to function as a hospital. It will have provisions for water supply, gas, and electricity. Pre-fabricated tents will serve as the hospital wards, which will also have all the basic equipments and supplies to attend to the patients' needs.

"It is like an aircraft carrier, but it's a health craft carrier that is designed like a hospital. It is practically a hospital," says Dr. Sanchez of his pet project.

We wish this lofty project all the best; and to Dr. Jim Sanchez, may your tribe increase.

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## The Vision of Dr. Jim Sanchez

### RP Healthcraft Carrier

By Mylene C. Orillo

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*Dr. Jim Sanchez, a cosmetic surgeon known to help indigent patients through his medical and surgical missions in underserved areas all over the country, shares his vision on how a virtual 'hospital on wheels' can help fill in the healthcare gap in remote areas, especially during times of natural calamity*



Every year, approximately 80 typhoons develop above tropical waters, of which 19 enter the Philippine region and six to nine make a landfall according to the Joint Typhoon Warning Center (JTWC).

But every time major calamities and disasters happen – whether natural or man-made – we are always caught off-guard. We don't have even ready volunteers or enough supplies, relief goods, or medical drugs.

Just like what happened in Tacloban City in November 8, 2013 when it was devastated by Typhoon Haiyan, known as Super Typhoon Yolanda. It was considered as one of the world's strongest and deadliest tropical cyclones ever recorded, killing at least 6,300 people.

"What we need right now is immediate response that can provide temporary healthcare in the area and that can only be provided by a readily available health craft fleet that can immediately go anywhere," says Dr. Jim Sanchez, a cosmetic surgeon who's known to help indigent patients through his medical and surgical missions all over the country.

"It doesn't have to go to the area of the calamity; it can go nearest to the area as much as possible," Dr. Sanchez says.

### 'Hospital on wheels'

When an area is affected by a disaster, there is no healthcare, functioning hospitals, drugstores, or clinics for the next three months. Even health personnel like doctors, nurse, medical technologists, and pharmacists are forced to evacuate for safety reasons.

The RP Healthcraft Carrier, the Philippines' first 'hospital on wheels' is a mobile hospital that can be quickly deployed to serve as a makeshift medical facility in times of need.

It consists of a fleet of six air-conditioned buses and one support 40-foot container van that will be equipped to function as a hospital. It will contain additional water supply, gas, generator sets, and pre-fabricated tents and will be deployed simultaneously for two weeks.

The RP Healthcraft Carrier will be able to act as an emergency healthcare facility in situations such as natural disasters (typhoon, earthquake, etc.) as well as a secondary hospital to augment existing medical facilities in remote areas.

"It is like an aircraft carrier, but it's a health craft carrier that is designed like a hospital. It is practically a hospital," explains Dr. Sanchez.

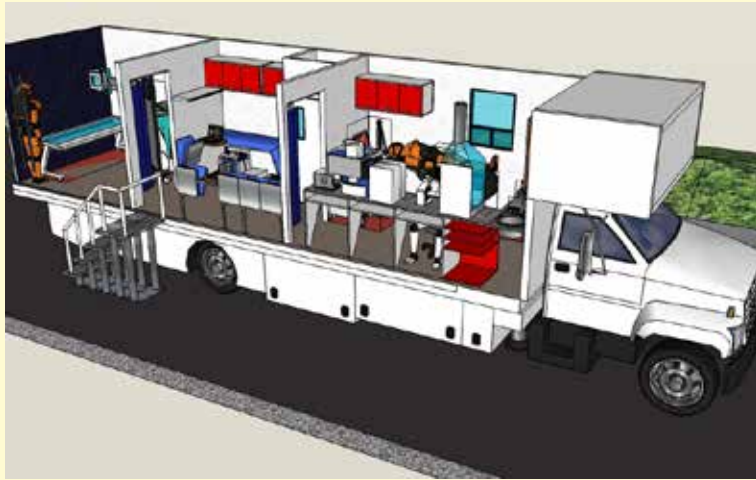
At present, there is only one surgical van that has been in existence for the past nine years where minor and other surgeries like hernia, cleft lip, goiter, and external surgeries are being performed. It has two operating tables and six pre-fabricated operating tables folded that allow doctors to perform eight surgeries simultaneously.

The construction of additional two vans (or buses) will hopefully start this year. They are planning to launch the rest of the buses next year. These buses will have operating rooms where surgeons can perform minor and major surgeries under general or spinal anesthesia (gall bladder, gynecology surgeries, orthopedic, thoracic) depending on what is needed in the area. There will also be recovery and pre- and post-operative rooms for the patients' preparation before and monitoring after surgery.



Dr. Jim Sanchez





*A look inside the bus*

## 'Aging warriors'

Since 1985, Dr. Sanchez has been joining medical-surgical missions. Initially, it was once or twice a year, but it became more frequent as time passed by. Soon, he realized that an operating room on wheels is needed to be able to do more surgical missions and at a much lower cost.

In September 17, 2007, with the help of the Rotary Club of San Francisco del Monte RI 3780 (Quezon City), the Mobile Surgical Unit was launched. Since its launching, it has conducted over 160 Surgical Missions all over the country (as far as Cebu, General Santos City, Catanduanes, and Aurora Province) where more than 10,000 indigent patients benefiting from it.

After joining medical-surgical missions organized by other

organizations (local and international) year after year, Dr. Sanchez was humbled to find out that many have been doing these missions longer than him and on a bigger scale.

He also noticed that many of the "medical/surgical missionaries" (mostly Filipino-Americans) are "aging warriors" like him, while younger volunteers are becoming less and less. If you combine all missionaries' effort, it won't really make a big impact to the nation, considering that more than 27 million Filipinos are classified as poorest of the poor.

"Of course, it's not easy, but at least there's an initiative, and how can we find out if this is effective or fitted for our situation not until you launch it. For me, let's launch it. If it's not working well, then let's not reproduce it. If it's working well, then let's multiply it," he says with passion and conviction.

## Funding and manpower

Dr. Sanchez reveals that they get funds and donations from Doctors' Offering Care Service Foundation, which is tax-exempt. They also rely on different grants from the Rotary Club as the latter finds their projects very worthwhile and meaningful to the sectors of society they serve.

As to volunteers, they get residents, interns from medical centers that don't have service patients. They are, of course, under the supervision of junior consultants.

Soon, they are planning to maximize "telemedicine" where senior consultants can view the case via internet, and supervise their junior consultants wherever they are.

Telemedicine, according to the American Telemedicine Association, is the "use of medical information exchanged from one site to another via electronic communications to improve a patient's clinical health status". It comes from two words: Tele-, meaning "to or at a distance", and -medicine.

It includes "formulating diagnosis and decision on treatment based on the data and health information transmitted via telecommunications system. A growing variety of applications and services are being used nowadays such as SMS, smart phones, two-way video conferencing, and email."

"If the doctor is away, let's say he's in Manila or in the US, the resident can do the X-ray, ultrasound, 2D echo, CT scan and will send (the tests) via email. The senior consultant will then do the reading and interpretation," explains Dr. Sanchez.

"Whether you like it or not, these (senior) specialists won't stay in remote, rural hospitals. With this mobile hospital, they can go on rotation. So we get junior consultants or new graduates in their idealistic and early stage but who are already capable," he says.

Dr. Sanchez shares that many specialists are having a hard time in their early practice as they have to put up their own clinic, look for a place and patients and it would cost them a lot.

"Later on, these residents or interns will be busy so you get another set of graduates. This is the most practical. They will get a stipend from grants, donations, fundraisings, and tie-up with the media," explains Dr. Sanchez.



## Perfect training ground

According to Dr. Sanchez, the medical-surgical missions are perfect training grounds for residents and interns from private medical centers that don't have access to charity patients or 'service' patients.



*Fertile training ground while delivering first rate medicine under supervision of leading experts and operators in the fields of medicine and surgery*

This is a guided program where there will be junior consultants that are also guided by senior consultants thru telemedicine.

But he clarifies that "telemedicine" will only be applicable to certain conditions, procedures, and specialties. Telemedicine can be a potential research or study on how efficient it is and its applicability to other specialties.

"If there are studies like that, there's a research grant. We can tie up with centers or institutions abroad."

Dr. Sanchez also sees the possibility of other countries sending their residents to train in our country, but they have to pay. They can also have a joint study on whatever research can be implemented here thru study or research grants.

He also plans to maintain good and reliable documentation or records, or EMR (electronic medical records) of patients, which is a recurring problem in the Philippines.

"We don't have good documentation. We don't even have statistics. I'm looking at one health craft fleet per region in the next five years. So there are 17 regions, can you imagine if we have proper documentation and statistics?"

## Lack of specialists and infrastructures

Despite the growing number of population, Dr. Sanchez notes that there are no ongoing construction of government hospitals these days. Even if there is one, it cannot fully operate due to lack of funds, no plantilla for the staffs, no budget to maintain it, no machines, and no specialists to man it.

In order to build a structure like a hospital, the government needs at least PhP 500 million, and the infrastructure is static and immovable, according to Dr. Sanchez.

He gives a good analogy: "We need to cope with the modernization and technology as well. If we have fast foods with 24-hour service, drive thru and delivery, why can't you do that with health?"

Many patients don't have access to quality healthcare for many reasons. Some remote areas don't even have hospitals so that they will need to go to Manila for a check-up. But with the bulk of patients arriving in tertiary hospitals like the Philippine General Hospital, East Avenue Medical Hospital, Quirino, it would be impossible to handle all of them and give them proper quality care, says Dr. Sanchez.

"The purpose of mobile hospitals is to bring the healthcare to the people instead of people going to hospitals. The hospitals will go to the patient, and that's my purpose – to help the government reduce the load of patients," stresses the noted cosmetic surgeon.

Dr. Sanchez clarifies that the RP Health Craft Carrier is just a prototype. If the government thinks it's working, they can reproduce it using the DOH budget.

"I think this is more practical. We have specialists on rotation. But if you tell me the specialists have to live in remote areas—they won't live there! But if they go on schedule like two weeks, that's possible, on rotation basis," he explains.

## Coordination with LGUs

As to the schedules and venues of medical-surgical missions, the team of Dr. Sanchez coordinates with the local governments and rotary clubs or by invitations from private citizens and religious organizations as to which areas are underserved and needs priority.

"Almost all regions in the Philippines even in Metro Manila are underserved. Try going to the emergency rooms of government hospitals, that's where the patients are. Go to the outpatient, it's full of patients who can't be admitted because it's full already."

As responsible private citizens, Dr. Sanchez believes that we have to initiate this worthy endeavor to help the government and countrymen.

"We need to initiate and show them that this works. For a PhP 70-million budget only or let's say PhP 100 million as compared to building a PhP 500-million to PhP 1 billion-worth of hospital. With that amount, you can already have five to 10 health craft mobile fleet. This is healthcare in action."

## Call to service

Dr. Sanchez believes that it's high time for Filipinos to unite instead of complaining or criticizing the government.

“Every Filipino should think how he can help his fellowmen and our country. That’s the goal of the RP Healthcraft Carrier – educational and service at the same time,” says Dr. Sanchez.

“Hospital on wheels” is projected to conduct medical-surgical missions once a week, or one to four times a month. On the average, it can accommodate 50-70 surgical cases per trip; but if needed, it can expand operations up to 250 cases, depending on the number of days.

**“Let us join hands and make this happen. This is for our country and for our people.”**

Dr. Sanchez’ parting words were poignant: “Let us join hands and make this happen. This is for our country and for our people. Kasi masama ang combination ng mahirap na, wala pang pera; maysakit ka tapos wala kang pera, ni wala kang pamasaha; may pagkain di mo alam kung kakain ka bukas tapos magpapahospital ka ba; mag-pa-pa-hospital ka, i-co-compromise mo yung pagkain ng pamilya mo.”

(The worst combination is you’re poor and have no money, sick and have no money. You have food but you don’t know if you’ll still eat tomorrow then you still have to go to the hospital. If you go to the hospital, you worry that you might compromise the food of your family.)

We wish this vision for the RP Health Craft Carrier Godspeed.



*A vision waiting to happen, with your help*

**Jim Sanchez’s RP Healthcraft Carrier**

*By Dr. Chona Fernando, MD’80*

**T**he Mighty UST Medicine Class of 1980 had a fundraiser for the RP Healthcraft Carrier Project of Jim Sanchez, known as Dr. Charity in the Philippines. We called our drive “March Madness.”

After a 13- month hiatus from fundraising for Jim’s surgivan, our class decided it was again time to dig into our pocketbooks for our friend/classmate and our Kababayans. We initially aimed to raise \$20,000.00 over 3 months, ending our drive on May 30 when Jim comes to USA to do his presentations. We thought we faced a steep goal – a record-breaking \$20,000!. BUT, in less than a week our class topped our target! We raised \$22,000! Our class went euphoric!

We thought about ending our fundraiser after we reached our goal. But, some of our classmates suggested we keep on! One even offered to donate an extra 10% of total amount we raised! Chuchi de la Cruz became my generous anonymous donor. Our class did not want to lose the momentum! We were HOT! That was when we called our fundraiser, March Madness and upped the bar– to raise \$40,000 in a month!!

Our class president, Debbie Remorca and myself sent email and text messages asking for contributions. We made telephone calls appealing in behalf of Jim. Our class response was overwhelming for another week. I received 1-3 \$500-\$1000 contributions made through USTMAAA every day that I acknowledged and tracked. And then, sometime after mid-March we lost steam. There were several days of uncomfortable silence. I had the jitters as we were way off target!!

We encouraged maximum class participation for what ever dollar amount any one could give to help us reach our \$40,000 target. We welcomed pledges payable through USTMAA by 5/30. We asked more from our 2 M.D.- couple classmates. We called on everyone in our class across the oceans to pitch in. And then, we started our excruciatingly slow countdown on 3/21.

3 days before our deadline, Jim sent this to us: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NAe7wJkXIPE&feature=youtu.be>

Jim made a personal appeal for contributions. This powerful video captured why he asked for our support. Our neediest Kababayans lack access to health care. They wait years for life-changing surgery. Thus, it became imperative to launch the 1st 2 buses of the RP Healthcraft Carrier fleet at the soonest. You responded to the urgency of Jim’s call!!

We asked you, our friends, to step up when we needed you most especially over the last 48 hours of our March deadline. And, did you come through! You did not lose sight of the fact that we were doing something big and important for our Kababayans in dire need of our help. We all pulled together for our good friend, Jim!

Together, we succeeded! 51 of us participated in this drive--

that's a majority! We raised \$40,250.00 among us. Chuchi would take us to at least \$44,275, with an additional \$4025! All in our month of March Madness! This is certainly worth going crazy over!!

But wait! Some of you, my friends, promised to contribute after tax day-- 2 more weeks and then you can make donations through USTMAAA or make your pledges through Debbie or me. Leo Yason, M.D. would ask for donations to Jim's RP Healthcraft Carrier project in lieu of gifts for his 5/14/2016 birthday! A few of us would be around when Jim does his presentations in May. These venues would be extra opportunities for fundraising. How about if we target \$50,000 for this spring fundraiser through 5/30/2016? That is just another \$5725! Quite, doable? YES!!

As promised, I listed my donors for this March Madness Drive. I am profusely grateful to you, my Friends, for your generous contributions. Jim, you hear us loud and clear -- we have your back! We support you and we want you to succeed helping our Kababayans!! You rock!

**TEAM WORK MAKES DREAM WORK!! ARRIBA OCHENTA!!!**

Love you all, my Friends and God bless. Enjoy your weekend!!

### Chona

Albano, Rita	\$ 1,000
Bacani, Vic	1,000
Borja, Mel Ancheta	200
Bunag, Joji	3,000
Casabar, Ruben	1,000
Co, Ed	1,000
Co, Sally Tan	1,000
Daing, Christie Ramos	100
De Castro, Chuck (in memoriam)	1,000
De Castro, Monet Benito	1,000
Del Carmen, Nats	250
Del Carmen, Ruby	250
De los Angeles, Andy	100
De los Angeles, Sandra Ang	100
De los Santos, Edith	200
DePerio, Alice	1,000
Dorotan, Jaime	1,000
Esparaz, Ben	500
Esparaz, Fe Lapena	500
Feliciano, Ming	100
Fernando, Chona	5,000

Galang, Janet	500
Gamez, Gerry	500
Gonzales, Poten	1,000
Gracia, Emily Ulanday	500
Jaravata, Rudy c/o Debbie	100
Kabigting, Emily Barrido	100
Lim, Alfred	500
Mendoza, Manny	1,000
Muallem, Nabil	300
Negranza, Rollie	1,000
Ornedo, Ed	1,000
Pichay, Honey	1,000
Ramirez, Sally Arcillas	250
Ramos, Elynn Santos	500
Ramos, Ferdie	500
Remorca, Debbie Uylangco	2,000
Reyes, Lito	1,000
Sarmiento, Sam	500
See, Cynthia	1,000
Soberano, Nani	1,000
Soliven, Betty	1,000
Tiamson, Malou	1,000
Tuason, Fely	200
Tupas, Omie Leynes	500
Tupas, Willie	500
Umali, Danny	1,000
Vasquez, Joebert	1,000
Villanueva, Meldit (pledge)	1,000
Yason, Leo	1,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$44,275</b>

fleet.

Although we topped our goal and raised \$44,275.00 the task was not easy. We began by soliciting \$1000 from each classmate. Of the 52 of us who participated in this drive, 26 contributed \$1000, 4 gave more than \$1000 and 22 gave under \$1000. We knew we asked a lot from our friends. But, we are also blessed with so much that we could share -- and, still have enough! After our initial euphoria, we sputtered towards our target -- until, Jim sent us this video.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NAe7wJkXIPE&feature=youtu.be>

As you see, my Colleagues, the need is great. Our Kababayans wait extremely long to access healthcare. Through Jim's noble service, we have this opportunity to help alleviate their suffering. He now asked for our help to launch these initial 2 buses of the RP Health Craft Carrier fleet. We cannot afford to just sit back and squander away our chance to participate in this important Bayanihan effort for our Kababayans. It is imperative that we help!

Jim is trying to raise \$100,000 and this has been his road towards his goal --

Class 1980 March Madness Drive 2016 \$44,275

Class 1980 Surgivan Fundraiser 2014 \$ 7395

UST Medicine Class 1970 Donation \$15,000

GRAND TOTAL \$66,670

My Colleagues, Jim is still short \$33,330. Our class goal is to deliver \$100,000 by May 2016 -- when Jim comes to do his program presentations in the USA. We appeal to your compassion and generosity to reach our \$100 K target.

## BEYOND MARCH MADNESS \$100 K Marathon for the RP Health Craft Carrier Project of Jim Sanchez, MD "An Appeal for Assistance"

Chona Fernando, M.D.'80

**O**ur Mighty UST Medicine Class of 1980 just concluded our drive to raise \$40,000 in a month -- a challenge we called March Madness -- to help Jim launch 2 buses of the RP Health Craft Carrier



Our class can no longer do this alone. We ask you to participate in this fundraiser for our neediest Kababayans, the sole beneficiaries of this project. They have very little or none.

We are so close to reaching \$100,000! Sadly, we are not there yet. To get there, we need to ALL pull together. PLEASE, let us all get involved in this project to deliver healthcare to our Kababayans! We need every contribution you can give. Every dollar counts. It would be a mistake to do nothing because you could only do a little. Please send your contributions to:

[www.USTMAAAmerica.wildapricot.org](http://www.USTMAAAmerica.wildapricot.org). It is so easy –

Click on “donations” then fill out the form. Under “purpose,” click pass through. Under “comment,” please type for Jim Sanchez, M.D. RP Health Craft Carrier.

Please email me your donation confirmations so I can track our progress, acknowledge your contributions and give you regular updates on our efforts. My email address is: [CGFERNANDO55@COMCAST.NET](mailto:CGFERNANDO55@COMCAST.NET)

John Bunyan once said: “*You have not lived today until you have done something for someone who can never repay you.*”

Let our cry be TEAM WORK MAKES DREAM WORK!!

Thank you for your ACTION. Let us all move towards our \$100,000 goal! Please send in your contributions now. Here is that link again:

[www.USTMAAAmerica.wildapricot.org](http://www.USTMAAAmerica.wildapricot.org).

God bless you and I look forward to hearing from you, my Colleagues.



*DOCS (Doctors Offering Care & Service Mobile Surgical Unit), a precursor of RP Healthcraft Carrier*



*Dr. Jim Sanchez and the original DOCS Mobile Surgical Unit, a precursor of the RP Healthcraft Carrier*

### Thomasian CNN Hero

By Dr. Primo Andres

**H**ow often do we have a chance to acknowledge the wonderful accomplishments of one of our compatriots by shining a spotlight on him on a national, no, international, stage, like the CNN Heroes?

We are very familiar by now with the tremendous work of Dr. Juan “Jim” P. Sanchez in the field of plastic surgery mostly under regional anesthesia that had made it possible for him to do thousands of minor and medium surgeries in less sophisticated settings like classrooms, hotel rooms, houses and any place where he could find a space. Who benefited the most were the hundreds of indigent patients that he had attended to and operated on in several towns and provinces all over the Philippines, especially those with facial anomalies like harelip and cleft palate in the setting of medical and surgical missions.

Realizing the great need for this service, he had championed the construction of a mobile surgical unit under the auspices of the San Francisco del Monte Rotary Club of Quezon City, partly financed by friends, classmates, fraternity brothers, business partners and anybody else he could grab on to make the project work. And now he is embarking on a more ambitious project that will bring “the hospital” to the patients. The RP Healthcraft Carrier is such a prototype mobile hospital that is designed to render more sophisticated procedures in remote areas of the country where hospital care may be inadequate. It is his hope that this “prototype unit” will be eventually adopted and duplicated by

the government to make it sustainable as a public-private partnership (PPP) organization that will benefit the Filipino people. With such lofty goals, he needs a broader support and he is embarking on a whirlwind campaign traveling all over the United States to share his vision with all those who have not forgotten their country of birth and the people who have been left behind.

Dr. Jim Sanchez’s tentative itinerary is as follows:

**May 1, Sunday:** Fly from Manila to LA.

**May 2, Monday:** USTMAA Southern California

**May 3, Tuesday:** Fly to Harrisburg PA Chona Fernando hosting

**May 4, Wednesday:** Harrisburg, PA. Pick up by Jojo & Candy Priso.

World Surgical Foundation - Dr. Dom & Vennie Alvear

**May 5, Thursday:** Drive to Richmond, VA 9-11 AM: Dr. Sarie Laserna

2-4 PM - Washington DC, with Ambassador Cuisia

**May 6, Friday:** Drive to Baltimore, MD 9-11 AM: Dr. Zenaida Bengzon of Assn. of Philippine Physicians in Maryland

7 PM: Toms River, NJ - Dr. Vic & Sandra Bacani/Dr. Debbie Remorca hosting

**May 7, Saturday:** New Jersey 9-11 AM: Dr. Sam & Gigi Sarmiento/Dr. Chona Fernando, hosting in Cherry Hill

2 PM/Sleepover reunion with Class 1980

**May 8, Sunday:** drive to New York with Dr. Honey Gupiteo/Dr. Rita Albano

12-3 PM: meet/lunch with Royal Pontifical USTMAANY/APPY arranged by Drs. Malou & Tony Buendia, USTMAAA Foundation President

**May 9, Monday:** New York . Possible meeting with Dr. Rebecca Rivera (RC Rivera Foundation) and Lito Pernia,

NAFFA Region 1 chair.

**May 10, Tuesday:** New York (medical & non medical groups - Dr. EJ Fernandez)

**May 11, Wednesday:** - fly to Chicago  
Afternoon- Dr Jesse & Nora Corres  
Evening - (FEU group - Dr. Gerry Guzman)

**May 12, Thursday:** Drive to Indianapolis  
Morning - Indianapolis, IN (IPMA & Barangay Club of Indiana - Drs. Leo & Ninna Solito)

Evening - Terre Haute, IN (USTMAAA, Barangay Club of Terre Haute - Dr Primo Andres)

**May 13, Friday:** Drive back to Chicago  
Courtesy call Consul General  
Dinner with Fred & Nora Tsai and Faye Mendiola (PCLC/Lions Club President)  
**May 14, Saturday:** Morning (CME PMAC- Dr. Gerry Guzman)  
Afternoon/night - Dr. Greg Tolentino  
7 PM - guest at the Inter-University musical revue at Hyatt Regency O'Hare, Rosemont,IL

**May 15, Sunday:** Chicago IL  
3pm - Chicago IL - (USTMAAA Midwest Dr Lori Floro)  
7pm - dinner with Dr Silverman/Dr Reyes (Classmates)

**May 16, Monday:** Fly to Wichita, KS (Dr Boy Abay)

**May 17, Tuesday-** Kansas City, KS

**May 18, Wednesday:** Fly to Houston, TX (Medical surgical Mission TX Dr Gil Agustin)

**May 19, Thursday:** Fly to Tampa - drive to Lakeland to spend time with family

**May 20, Friday:** Drive to Tampa  
6 PM: Meken Cabalen (Lulu Lozano), Phil. Assn of Med Tech/Florida (Lucy Bautista), combined groups of doctors and business leaders: venue at Phillipine Cultural Foundation, Inc./Tampa

**May 21, Saturday:** Fly to Oklahoma - Fil-Am Doctors (Dr. Nemy Gutierrez)

**May 22, Sunday:** Fly to San Diego,CA  
8 AM Arrival, pick up by Dr. Malou Tiamson to meet with Dr. Lino de Guzman, USTMAA SoCal President  
Lunch with classmates to follow  
1:30 PM: Fly to LA

6 PM Meet/Dinner with Imelda Borja & classmates/Dr. Rex Agtarap/ Dr.Sal Abiera/Tau Mu Frat brothers(combined)

**May 23, Monday:** Los Angeles, CA  
AM: LA Chamber of Commerce

Consul General Leo Herrera-Lim  
PM: SPSA - Drs. Ed Barcelona, Ed Quiros, Bing Quiros

**May 24, Tuesday:** Night flight to Manila

Ummmp! What a hectic schedule!  
Be sure to catch Dr. Jim in any one of the above stopovers and be a part of the phenomenon, the wave of humanitarianism and nationalism that only he can generate, **with our help.**

And with a stroke of genius, Dr. Chona Fernando, the Treasurer of the Mighty Class of 1980, and number one fun of Dr. Jim Sanchez, nominated him for the CNN Heroes of 2016. Not only is he so deserving, he is a sure winner. So do not forget to vote for him as CNN Hero should we be lucky enough that his nomination is accepted. **Mabuhay si Dr. Jim Sanchez! Mabuhay!**



*Harelip and palate surgery in Tanay, Rizal*



*Dr. Jim Sanchez, my hero, and yours too!*

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and monitor our progress.

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## UPDATED SCHEDULE OF DR. JIM SANCHEZ

<b>Jim Sanchez Tracker</b>		
<b>Where in USA is Jim?</b>		
DATE	ACTIVITY	HOSTS
May 1 Sunday	Fly from Manila to Los Angeles	Have a safe and restful flight Jim. Welcome to the USA
May 2 Monday	Arriving in Los Angeles. Family time with inlaws	
May 3 Tuesday	Fly to Harrisburg, PA. Chona Fernando pick up/dinner/accommodations	Chona Fernando
May 4 Wednesday	700 AM: Breakfast with Dr. Alvear/son/Chona Fernando Drive to Pittsburgh: Brother's Brother Foundation/will ff up call then tomorrow, bring copy of your license, DOCS foundation paper	Chona Fernando
May 5 Thursday	Daytime w/Chona (this might be Pittsburgh/Longwood/Philadelphia)	Chona Fernandp
May 6, Friday	Drive to TOMS River NJ with Chona 7 PM - Fundraiser, Toms River NJ. Accommodation - Bacani	Dr. Vic & Sandra Bacani/ Dr Debbie Remorca
May 7, Saturday	9-11 AM: Fundraiser Cherry Hill 2 PM - Class 1980 Reunion, Sarmiento's	Dr. Sam & Gigi Sarmiento/ Chona Florentin
May 8, Sunday	Drive from NJ to New York  3-7 PM: Meet/Talk Royal Pontifical USTMAAA NY/APPY Buendia residence 7 PM: Dinner & accommodation at Buendia residence, Staten Island	Drs. Rita Albano/Honey Gupiteo  Drs. Tony & Malou Buendia
May 9 Monday	New York - Dra. Buendia is dropping you off at Dr.Carmin/Lina Alcidi Payumo's in Colonia 1 PM: Meeting with Dr. Rebecca Rivera (RC Rivera Foundation) and Lito Pernia, Regional 1 Chair of NaFFAA (National Federation of Filipino American Associations) at Seasons Restaurant(Menlo Park Mall) Dr. Sarmiento will meet you in Edison/ give accommodations /Sicklerville	Dr. Malou Buendia Drs. Carmin/Lina Alcidi Payumo  Dr, Sarmiento
May 10 Tuesday	Sicklerville/Newark accommodation at Airport Hotel	Dr. Umali
May 11 Wednesday	Fly to Chicago Afternoon with Drs. Silverman and Reyes Evening: FEU Group Accommodation	Lito Reyes to pick up Drs. Silverman/Reyes Dr. Gerry Guzman Dr. Lito Reyes
May 12 Thursday	Fly to Indianapolis 6:30 PM: IPMA/Barangay Club of Indiana at Donato's Pizzza 9 PM: Barangay Club of Terre Huate and accommodation	Dr. Lito Reyes Dr. Ninna Solita, MD'92 Dr, Primo Andres
May 13 Friday	1225 PM: Fly Indianapolis to Chicago Dinner Drs, Jesse & Nora Corres & Fred & Nora Tsai with Faye Mendiola (incoming PCLC/Lions Club President)	Dr. Primo Andres Drs. Fred/Nora Tsai

## Jim Sanchez Tracker Where in USA is Jim?

May 14 Saturday	8 AM: PMAC CME and interactive seminar at lunch Evening: brief talk at PMAC Inter-University Musical Revue Late evening: PAMET, PNAI Dinner Dance Accommodation	Dr, Gerry Guzman, PMAC President Dr. Ferdie Ramos Dr. Silverman
May 15 Sunday	Chicago brunch with Tsais (if not yet done) 7 PM: Dinner with classmates and accommodation	Drs Fred & Nora Tsai Drs. Silverman/Reyes
May 16 Monday	7-9 AM: Fly to Kansas from Midway Airport Shuttle service to Chase Suites Hotel. Lunch with Dr. Boy Abay Evening: Meet with Doronio Group	Dr. Boy Abay
May 17 Tuesday	Fly to Houston. Shuttle service to Hampton Inn Evening: Meeting with TAPP President, Dr. Nancy Magsino Pick and accommodation	Dr. Gil Agustin Dr. Joboy Rosario
May 18 Wednesday	10:35 AM: Fly to Tampa, Florida 6 PM: Dinner dance (Fun & Raising Fund <sup>®</sup> ; Meken Cabalen, PAMET, UST Med 80 at Philippine Cultural Foundation Inc. Event Center Accommodation	Lulu Lozano/Lucy Bautista/ Leo Y/Jobert V/Debbie R Dr. Debbie Remorca
May 19 Thursday	Drive to Lakeland. Family time	Dr. Debbie Remorca
May 20 Friday	Orlando with classmates	Dr. Debbie Remorca
May 21 Saturday	Fly to Oklahoma Meet with Fil-Am doctors Accommodation	Drs. Nemy Gutierrez & Ed Co Dr. Nemy Gutierrez
May 22 Sunday	Early flight to San Diego arriving 915 AM Meet with Dr. Lino de Guzman, USTMAASC President Lunch with Malou/Mila/Emile/Eca 1:30 PM: Flight to Los Angeles Dinner with Dr. Imelda Borja & Classmates/Dr. Rex Agtarap/Dr. Salvador Abiera Accommodation	Dr. Malou Tiamson Dr. Cynthia See
May 23 Monday	? Meeting with Con Gen Leo Herrera-Lim 630-830 PM: Filipino American Chamber of Commerce of Greater Los Angeles in BFG Conference Room 2nd floor, 5121 Van Nuys Blvd. Sherman Oaks, CA 91403 Accommodations at Chino Hills	
May 24 Tuesday	Night flight to Manila	Farewell and safe travels!