



Transit Center Report



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Transit Center reaches out to Toru-Aigyr Village

9/10/2010 - **TORU-AIGYR VILLAGE, Kyrgyzstan** -- "This is the first time they've seen Americans from the military," said the colonel in Air Force service dress uniform, standing in front of the 27-year-old school building located just over two hours south east of the Transit Center at Manas.

Addressing the crowd of village elders, school faculty, parents and students - the 376th Air Expeditionary Wing vice commander thanked them for letting the Airmen share in the celebration of Eshenkulova School's gift of new computers. "We understand the importance of education as the foundation of the future," said Col. Brian Brandner. "And there's nothing more important than the opportunity to help young children grow up to meet their dreams and ambitions."

The Transit Center's humanitarian assistance director, Maj. Elliot Safdie, said the project, funded by the U.S. Central Command, was very fulfilling to oversee. "This was a very exciting

project from the moment we heard about it to the purchasing of the computers to sitting down with the vendor and setting up the delivery and we're just happy we could help you realize your goal of a new technology center," said the Major.

Ardak Abdrashytovna, school director, said the Transit Center's donation of computers and school supplies Sept. 7 makes a huge impact. "Parents and teachers are happy the Colonel and Major visited us here today and provided the \$10,000 project. We have an information technology class that will use the equipment tomorrow."

The director, who oversees 11 grades with students ages 7-17, said that a burden was eased on the community. "This village is considered to be middle status ... a lot of people are unemployed here so for them as parents it's really difficult to provide all the station-



Transit Center Airmen donated \$10,000 in computers and school supplies to Eshenkulova School Sept. 7.

ary and all these needs to these kids and the fact that you provided all these supplies really eases my job and the parents' situation as well."

Manas Transit Center (MTC) Humanitarian Assistance Aug-Sep

The following items have been captured as completed projects from Overseas Humanitarian Assistance Shared Information system (OHASIS) and Off Base volunteer airman activities. **09 August 2010** — Delivered fruits, vegetables and sand box toys to the Belevodsky Orphanage.

11 August 2010 — Visited Bishkek Elderly home and provided public health education; Increased health awareness by donating 20 laminated handouts, 20 laminated posters and hand sanitizer.

14 August 2010 —Delivered medical supplies and medications to five separate hospitals offering relief of shortages impacted by large number of casualties in June. Cost: \$132,000

15 August 2010 —Visited the Manas Social Village, home for the mentally and physically challenged. Moved furniture and a piano that was donated by one of the MTC's cooks. Additionally, they provided funds for the purchase of food. Cost: \$ 200

16 August 2010 —Visited Nizhanchuisk Orphanage and donated 140 pounds of children's clothing and assorted hygienic and toiletries.

16 August 2010 — Completed donations of excess mattresses. 1,603 mattresses were donated to



The U.S. Air Forces Central Band performs for middle and high school students at the House of Culture in Kant.

over ten local organizations and 100 were donated to the Osh Psychoanalysis Center in Osh. Cost: \$8500

11 & 16 August 2010 —Purchased and installed one new interior door and performed minor maintenance and repairs at the Center for the People. Discussed future projects with the Sisters that operate the center.

21 August 2010 — Picked up elderly women from the Babushkas group and took them to a luncheon. Airmen also provided a monetary dona-

tion, took them grocery shopping and provided for cab to take them home.

23 August 2010 —Visited Belevodsky Orphanage, interacted with children, donated wash clothes and shampoo.

25 August 2010 —Completed CoW Women's Business Development Center in Shopokov. Cost: \$740,000

26 August 2010 — Donated 8 DVD external drives, 1 box of school supplies and 1 box of children's English books to the Birdik School. Cost: \$690

26 August 2010 —Visited Children's Cancer Center and donated fruits, crayons, school supplies and played with children for two hours.

27 August 2010 —Completed Birdik School one year warranty punch list.

1 September 2010 —Donated school supplies, teaching aids, textbooks, computers, paintings & furnishings to the Syn-Tash School in Syn-Tash. Cost: \$25,000

1 September 2010 —Donated school supplies, teaching aids, textbooks and computers to the Jhetigan School in Syn-Tash. Cost: \$9,950

7 September 2010 —Donated school supplies, teaching aids, textbooks and computers to the Eshenkulova School in Toruaygir village, Issyk-Kul Rayon, Issyk-Kul Oblast. Cost: \$10,000

8 September 2010 —Visited Children's Cancer Center

TCM joins efforts to inspire Kyrgyz emergency care

9/24/2010 - BISHKEK, Kyrgyzstan -- Three Transit Center at Manas doctors took part in an international effort to help Kyrgyzstan build its emergency medical care capability by training 14 local medical doctors and surgeons during a two-week course that concluded Sept. 18.

The Kyrgyz State Medical Institute for Retraining and Continuous Education is hoping these very students will emerge amongst the country's foremost emergency care experts. The Transit Center's clinic was



Dr. Arieu Endesh treats a "patient" for shortness of breath. Three Transit Center doctors took part in the effort to help Kyrgyzstan build its emergency capability.

asked by the Centre of International Migration and Development, Germany, to instruct this course specifically for medical doctors to learn the broader scope of trauma and emergency health care as the Kyrgyz medical community moves to offer trauma care at all of its hospitals.

Mr. Heini Schranz, a medical advisor for the center since 2007, said the German government is helping the Kyrgyz government in this effort since the hospitals here are decentralized - and most focus on a different medical specialty.

Because of this Russian-style of specialized medical training, the majority of doctors lack a trauma medicine or family medicine background - experience that's needed in an emergency room, said Col. Alan Reid, 376th Expeditionary Medical Group commander.

"Anytime any of the hospitals or medical centers and other non-governmental organizations allow us to partner we consider it exactly what it is - a privilege. It allows our doctors to expand their experience as well as become better physicians by listening to their questions and rethinking how they would treat the patient."

The curriculum and majority of the lec-



Dr. (Capt.) Richard Speakman, center, 376th Expeditionary Medical Group, Transit Center at Manas, discusses medical emergencies that involve a "patient" suffering from shortness of breath.

tures were already prepared, allowing the Transit Center doctors to mainly focus on communicating the material. "Each of us did about 20 lectures - if we had to prepare all the material we'd only have time allow from our clinic's mission to cover three," said Dr. (Capt.) Lance Black of the Transit Center, who said he enjoyed interacting on a physician-to-physician level. "So many Airmen volunteer in the local community - but for me, being able to help out using the professional skill I've been trained in made the experience especially rewarding."

Dr. Black said the two-week course the students received covers all of the types of trauma they see in three years of residency. The topics ranged from pregnant patients having a complicated delivery to treating patients with an altered mental status.

Transit Center Humanitarian Assistance Aug-Sep continued



Chapel staff and Humanitarian Assistance team sort through a box donated for "Operation Warm & Dry II" Sept. 18.

and donated fruit, vegetables and toys. Airman played with the children. Cost: \$120

15 September 2010 — Distributed candy to the children at Vinogradnoye and two teams of volunteers split up and made repairs, mounted blackboard, cut the lawn, trimmed shrubs, raked grounds clean. Team then re-grouped and played with the children.

16 September 2010 — Donated school supplies, teaching aids, textbooks, refrigerators, kitchen equipment; pots, pans, cups, utensils to the Musa Baetov secondary school in Ugut Village, Naryn Oblast, Ak-Talaa Rayon province. Cost: \$ 6,000

18 September 2010— Visited the Nizhanchuisk Orphanage and delivered school supplies, played with children, taught them how to play Kickball. Cost: \$168

23 September 2010 Visited Bishkek School for the Deaf and provided funds and purchased with school officials yard and gardening equipment. Cost: \$230

23 September 2010 Delivered hygienic, sporting goods and school supplies to the Bishkek School for the Deaf. Cost: \$125

27 September 2010 Visited Vasilievskoe Village School and donated first aid supplies, school supplies, balloons, stickers and 84 goodie bags. Cost: \$125

Thank you notes

Letter of appreciation
 Addressed to the leadership of the US Transit Center in the KR
 From the personnel of Syn-Tash secondary school
 Named after K. Shakirov and populace of Syn-Tash and Kyzyl Aryk
 Villages
 Syn-Tash State Village Adm of Issyk-Atinskiy District

Personnel of the school, parents, local people of Syn-Tash and Kyzyl Aryk
 villages express their sincere gratitude to you for rendering assistance to
 our school and our kids. We live in the countryside and we are not always
 within the sponsors' eyesight. Many organizations promised us to render
 sponsorship but in fact they did not keep their promises.

You've given the opportunity to our kids to be educated in full and
 taught computer sciences. Schoolchildren who participate in paid
 courses are delighted with paints and paper provided by you.

And the football team is delighted with the uniforms and balls
 provided by you. We are very much interested in writing on the
 wall for humanitarian assistance.



Airmen from the Transit Center along with U.S. Embassy members delivered more than \$30,000 in school supplies to this village Sept



Ambassador Tatiana Gfoeller and Col Dwight Sones examine Syn-Tash secondary school's new computer room.

To: Col Sones
 Transit Center
 6 September 2010
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Dear Colonel Sones, LETTER OF APPRECIATION
 On behalf of the Jetigen Primary School named after Sulaimankul Jekshebaev, on behalf of the villagers of Jetigen village we thank you.
 We wish you peace and prosperity, all the best and bright future.
 In this holy month of Ramadan all the good deeds are appreciated by the God.

May God protect you!
 Respectfully yours,
 Kalieva N. Sh.,
 Director of Jetigen Primary School
 named after S. Jekshenbaev

Transit Center at Manas Economic Impact as of Sep. 30, 2010

Direct Expenditures	FY08 Actual	FY09 Actual	FY10 YTD
Payment to Kyrgyz Govt - Dip Note	\$17,400,000	\$26,620,000	\$60,000,000
Payment to Manas International Airport (MIA) (Airport Fees, land leases, contracts)	\$22,426,354	\$22,999,039	\$21,932,478
Contributions to Airport Improvements	\$131,000	\$30,600,000	\$0
Contributions to Kyrgyz Aeronavigation (KAN)	\$480,500		\$0
Contract Payments	\$35,351,310	\$24,601,908	\$38,589,978
Govt leases (non-MIA)	\$83,726	\$81,562	\$66,596
Programmatic Humanitarian Assistance (HA)			\$2,273,488
SubTotal Direct Expenditures	\$75,872,890	\$104,902,509	\$122,862,540

Indirect Expenditures

Estimated US Military local spending	\$946,000	\$1,037,530	\$1,161,743
Subtotal Indirect Expenditures	\$946,000	\$1,037,530	\$1,161,743

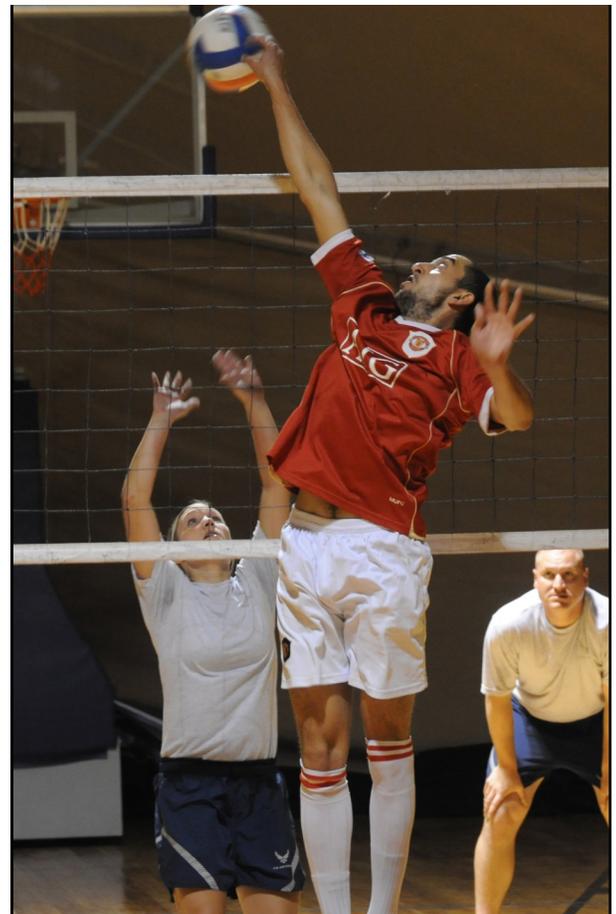
Total Economic Impact	\$76,818,890	\$105,940,039	\$124,024,283
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Joseph Villalobos, the Transit Center at Manas K-9 trainer, and Natalya Balabrikova, dog handler and trainer for the Department of National Secret Service, talk over one of her dog's biting skills.

FACTOID: The Transit Center at Manas employs almost 700 local Kyrgyz nationals.

FACTOID: The Transit Center has more than 50 humanitarian assistance projects schedule for FY11.



Twenty-five athletes and spectators from Nizne-Chuisk Village, including their Mayor, participated in the first ever Niz Village and Transit Center sports day at the Freedom Field House.