

## Project GEMINI Continues Successful Project, Successfully Completes Another



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Project GEMINI (Global Emergency Medicine Initiative), our District's official international project hosted by the Rotary Club of Westborough, has moved ahead on two fronts.

On October 6, a team led by Tim Redding, will take its third trip of 2012 to Guyana to evaluate and further train EMS trainers in a mentoring exercise in a five day long program. There will be four trainers in all. Guyana trainees have been selected from the original class of 24 nurses or nominated by local hospital program directors. They will be accompanied by Paul Gallagher, GEMINI Director and member of the Rotary Club of Westborough, and Ovid Fraser, overall project leader, of the Rotary Club of Southborough. The over all purpose of the



project is to train teachers to teach pre-hospital emergency medicine skills to classes of first responder personnel. The Rotary sponsored team will bring along supplies and equipment which can be used by Guyana ambulance crews. This will be the final trip under the current matching grant, which has been aided by the Rotary Club of Georgetown. Previous trips took place in January and June of 2012. For further detail, photos and press reports go to the Project GEMINI website [www.geminow.org](http://www.geminow.org)

Under the guidance of Mick Godkin, Ph.D, of the Rotary Club of Westborough, a \$15,000 Matching Grant with the Rotary Club of Leon, Nicaragua allowed GEMINI to deliver equipment and training over 5 days at the Autonomous University of Nicaragua's Faculty of Medical Sciences in Leon (UNAN-Leon), and its teaching hospital. The trainers were all American Heart Association-certified trainers and consisted of 3 trainers from UMass (Mariah McNamara MD, Jorge Yarzebski Jr, NREMT-P (and the Rotary Club of Westborough), and Roy Clifford NP), 2 from Mexico and 1 from Texas. Twenty physicians and one UNAN medical student were trained in BLS and ACLS and all 21 passed the AHA test to become AHA certified in BLS; 17/21 passed the ACLS test and are AHA certified in ACLS. Fourteen of the 17 then did the course for to become AHA-certified ACLS and BLS trainers which they now are.



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