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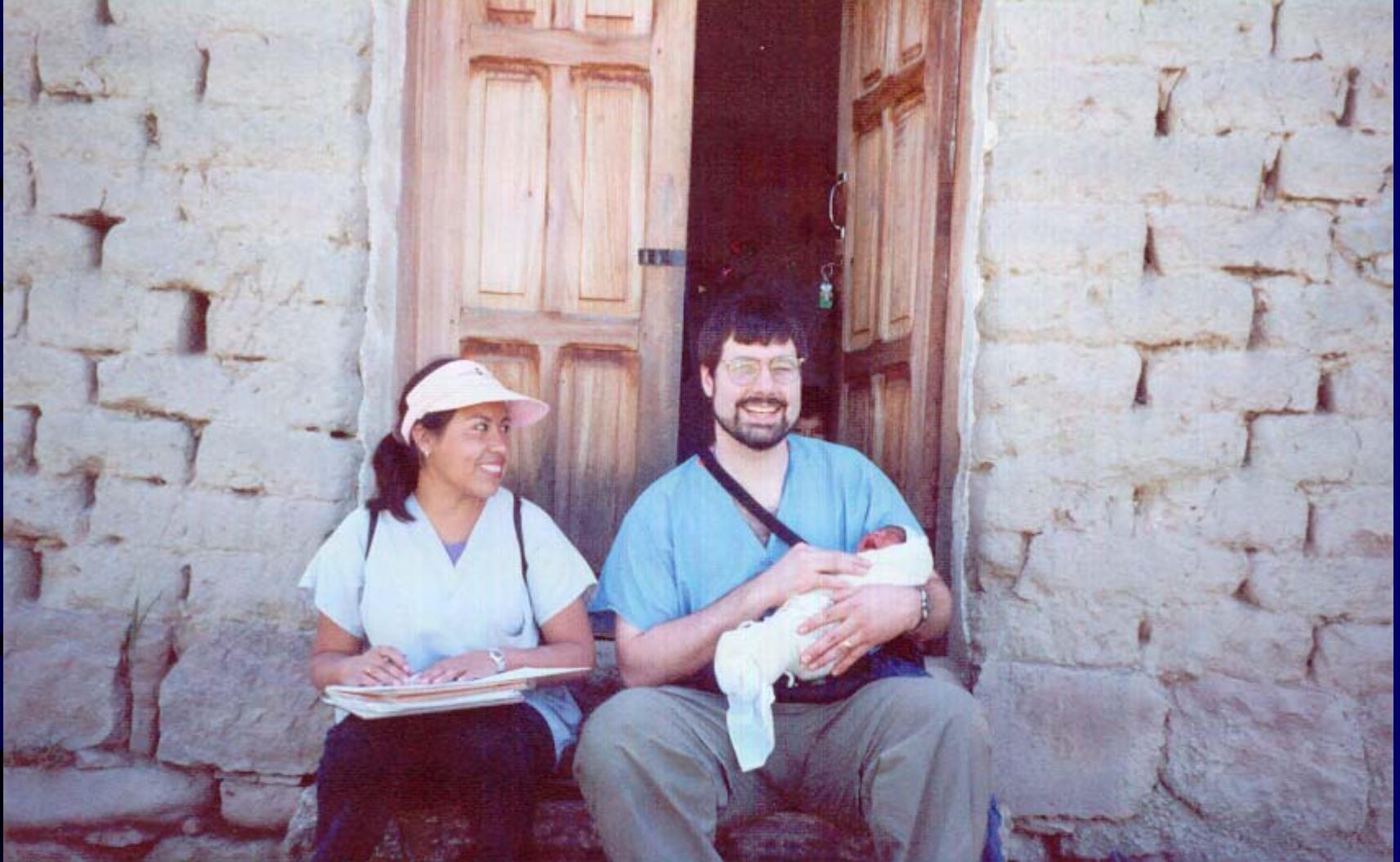
Categorical IM Residency

HCMC

Fellowship for 7/2004 in
Medical Toxicology at UCSF

The following pictures provide
a glimpse of some unique
experiences I've had
(international elective) and a
little snapshot of my outside life
through the nearly three years
I've been at HCMC.

Post-call with dog and
goddaughter...



International elective (5 weeks): PG-II year. Mallco Rancho Bolivia. Public Health and General Medicine experience with Spanish lessons in Cochabamba, Bolivia.

International Travel

- “...I had never seen a zebra crossing before, never seen a tram, never seen an unsliced loaf of bread (never even considered it an option), never seen anyone wearing a beret who expected to be taken seriously, never seen people go to a different shop for each item of dinner or provide their own shopping bags, never seen feathered pheasants and unskinned rabbits hanging in a butcher’s window or a pig’s head grinning on a platter. And the people --why, they were Luxembourgers. I don’t know why this amazed me so, but it did. I kept tinkering: “ That man over there is a Luxembourger. And so is that girl. They don’t know anything about the New York Yankees, they don’t know the theme tune to the Mickey Mouse Club, they are from another world.” It was just wonderful...” Bill Bryson in the Introduction to: *The Best American Travel Writing 2000*
- “...Travel is the best way we have of rescuing the humanity of places, and saving them from abstraction or ideology...” Pico Iyer



Adult Medicine clinic at Mallco Rancho APSAR hospital: PG-II year elective. Subsistence farmers and Quecha only speakers (Incan language). Attending is Dr. Conmargo IM trained in Bolivia.



Not your ordinary trek up a few floors and down the hallway.
RN and I waiting for a dog to be tied up prior to vaccinating
some local subsistence farmer's children.



A trek (fording a small river) to an isolated community to do PE's on children assessing incidence and prevalence of various diseases and triaging sick children back to the secondary hospital

International Health



Wife, Bonnie, accompanied me to Mallco Rancho, Bolivia. We worked on a potable water project and were involved in community vaccination and screening programs. Above is Bonnie weighing an infant.



PG-I year
Extracurricular
activity: Coaching
my wife, Bonnie at
the United States
National
Taekwondo Team
Trials at the United
States Olympic
Training Center,
Colorado Springs,
CO. Bronze medal.



PG-II year: Extracurricular. Wife gets gold medal, I win a few but end up with a black eye (USTU Nationals).

PG III: Goddaughter and I
at my brothers wedding.



While residency is a very busy and rewarding experience one needs to have an active life outside the hospital. Not only was I able to do this at HCMC but it was encouraged and my mentors, the faculty and the chief residents took active interest in and promoted my outside endeavors: *Thanks to Dr. Davidman, Dr. Davies and The Chiefs...*

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions on life in an IM residency and/or my experiences at HCMC: timothywiegand@yahoo.com

