



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
March 6, 2009

CONTACT: Maureen Kennedy
(608) 444.4397

**LOCAL GLOBAL HEALTH RESEARCHER
WORKS AMID BANGLADESH UNREST**

MADISON, WI—Richard R. Love, MD, Professor of Internal Medicine and Public Health, The Ohio State University; Scientific Director, International Breast Cancer Research Foundation (IBCRF), Madison, WI has experienced first hand, the repercussions of the February 25th mutiny of the Bangladesh army. The mutiny by the troopers ended after two days of killing and chaos which left 74 dead.

Dhaka, Bangladesh, where the mutiny took place, is also the site of one of Dr. Love's current clinical trials investigating new "public health" (i.e. easily replicable, practical, limited toxicity and low cost) treatments for breast cancer. The clinical trials are being conducted in conjunction with the Amader Gram initiative <http://www.amadergram.org/> Amader Gram provides the oversight and administration of this trial at partnering Dhaka Medical College Hospital and Khulna Medical College Hospital.

Dr. Love left Dhaka the evening before the mutiny, but his colleagues in research and clinical practice remained behind. One colleague reported to Dr. Love:

"My brother was saved miraculously. Some soldiers were taking him under gun point to their slaughter house. Just before firing, one of the gunmen felt severe chest pain. So, as my brother is a doctor, instead of firing they told him to take the gunman to hospital and give him proper treatment. He accordingly took that gunman to hospital and treated him and then he hid himself within the hospital for 28 hours. One of the hospital staff gave him an OT dress and he was hidden there as an OT assistant. He is injured from torture but we don't mind for the injury, you can easily understand."

-- more --

Dr. Love also knew the director general (DG) of The Rifles and several of the other leaders who were executed by the mutineers. The DG was a man named Major General Shakil Ahmed. Dr. Love has had dinner at his home in the center of the Rifles compound. His two children were off at school and so escaped, but his wife was also killed.

Despite the unrest, Dr. Love and his Amader Gram multidisciplinary breast specialty center continues to grow – the first, free walk-in breast problem clinic for women in the country. Many women in Bangladesh either never seek treatment, or arrive at hospitals with late-stage cancer, which is often untreatable. Numerous social, economic, health-system related and political issues factor into these circumstances

For his ongoing efforts, Dr. Love has been named a 2009 ambassador of global health research by Research!America's Paul G. Rogers Society for Global Health Research.

The chair of the Rogers Society Advisory Council and Research!America board chair, John Porter says, "Now is the time when we can make a difference for global health research. These Ambassadors will be exceptional leaders in advocacy. Their example will serve as an inspiration for every global health researcher" said "Paul Rogers' spirit lives on through the work of each of these Ambassadors. As he often said, without research, there is no hope."

The Society was established in 2006 by Research!America with funding from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Research!America works with the Ambassadors to maximize the effectiveness of their outreach to policy makers, opinion leaders and the media.

In 1992 Dr. Love founded the International Breast Cancer Research Foundation (IBCRF) with a number of other cancer physicians. Currently at Ohio State University, Dr. Love directs IBCRF research projects all over the world. These projects in 22 countries provide opportunities to conduct research on the significance of genetic, dietary, lifestyle and hazardous exposure differences.

In its sixteenth year, IBCRF is committed to practical, cost-effective, breakthrough research that takes advantage of the most promising opportunities and ideas

everywhere in the world. This research – especially clinical research – holds the key to understanding, preventing and curing breast cancer.

IBCRF is located at 660 John Nolen Drive in Madison, Wisconsin. For more information, visit www.ibcrf.org

###