

The Ghosts of Eldorado

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We Spaniards know a sickness of the heart that only gold can cure.

– Hernan Cortes, Spanish Conqueror of the Aztecs, 1485-1547

Once Again to the Tropics

I had to go to Guyana. Not just the beautiful and untouched coast. No, the highland jungle with its clear rivers and waterfalls and native Indian tribes, what are now called indigenous peoples. I was responsible for, but not in charge of, an expedition of Canadian medical volunteers who once a year, get medical donations and donate their time to providing these Indian and other communities, with a roving field hospital, first rate diagnosis, immediate treatment where possible, and referrals where truly feasible. Not sustainable, but sustaining, which in my moral opinion works better and is more honest. [more>>>](#)