



## **Outline of Webisodes-Season 1, SOUTH-EAST ASIA**

### **EPISODES 1-5: CHINA**

#### **Episode 1 BYE BYE BED** (Beijing, downtown tent city)

Nurse Keri leaves home to jet to Beijing, China where rural migrants work construction shifts around the clock and camp out in tent cities at the base of the skyscrapers. Common ailments include deadly flus and STD's. Nurse Keri coaxes ex-pat Dr. Greg to help. His mission? Find antibiotics. Hers? To find the 'traditional' remedy...Tiger Penis.

#### **Episode 2 HOW DO YOU SAY 'TIGER DICK' in CHINESE?** (Beijing, tent city)

Nurse Keri navigates the busy downtown streets and back market alleys of Beijing, on the hunt for the illicit Tiger Penis. Traditional practitioners recommend the dried organ as a cure all for gonorrhea and std's. Ultimately, the compromise treatment is a combo of Dr. Greg's western style antibiotics and Chinese acupuncture-both administered in the tent city beneath the looming site of a skyscraper under construction.

#### **Episode 3 MMM, THAT FEELS GOOD** (Beijing outskirts, Blind Massage Parlor)

Nurse Keri's offering of thanks to Dr. Greg, is a blind massage. China has trained over 100,000 blind persons in the art of massage-the blind considered more sensitive practitioners because of their disability. A harrowing cab ride is rewarded with an extraordinary rubdown-interrupted when Nurse Keri realizes Da Hongjie's blindness is only cataracts and can be easily treated at the local hospital...with Dr. Greg's help.

#### **Episode 4 I CAN SEE CLEARLY NOW** (Beijing, Beijing City Hospital)

Nurse Keri helps the blind masseur, Da Hongjie, overcome his trepidation and agree to cataract removal surgery at the Beijing City Hospital. Buddhist prayers and offerings are made to ensure a happy outcome and Dr. Greg performs a successful surgery with Nurse Keri ably assisting.

#### **Episode 5 THE GREAT WALL** (Beijing outskirts)

Nurse Keri decides to take a day off and sightsee. Crammed in a tourist bus that blares screeching Chinese music videos, she jumps off to catch a rickshaw and then hike to The Great Wall. There she finds hordes of kids selling tchotchkes to the tourists. Nurse Keri can't help but set up a quick makeshift clinic and administer basic first aid to the kids.



## **EPISODES 6-12 THAILAND**

### **Episode 6 THIS AIN'T KANSAS (Bangkok, Thailand)**

Thailand's 'Lady Boys' enjoy a status and recognition unique to the world. A Lady Boy's livelihood, however, depends on his most feminine attributes...which by definition are man-made. Nurse Keri invites Dr. Colson, a Kansas good ol' boy and plastic surgeon, to meet his new patients in Sukkamvit-Bangkok's Lady Boy red-light district.

### **Episode 7 LADYBOYS (Bangkok, Thailand)**

Dr. Colson and Nurse Keri go to work helping Lady Boy 'Rain' repair his botched boob job. Vying for Dr. Colson's attention are several Texas socialites who've come to Thailand on a plastic surgery travel tour-a booming business. Both the ladies and the Lady Boy are thrilled with Colson's work. But Nurse Keri's not done with Dr. Colson.

### **Episode 8 WIFE FOR A NIGHT (Pattaya, Thailand)**

Nurse Keri and Dr. Colson travel by bus from Bangkok to Pattaya for an elephant trek. Pattaya is known not only as an elephant reserve, but is also world famous for its Lady Boy entertainment. Young Lady Boys from surrounding areas look to performing in Pattaya as an escape from the poverty of their village life. Dr. Colson volunteers to repair the botched surgical work performed on Tom, an aspiring performer from a rural village. Tom falls a little in love with the good doctor and proposes marriage...at least for a night.

### **Episode 9 YOU'RE NOT WELCOME HERE (Chiang Mai, Thailand)**

Nurse Keri takes the train to Chiang Mai where she meets visiting orthopedic surgeon Dr. Lisa Stratton. Dr. Stratton and Nurse Keri meet the Karen villagers-exiles from Burma (Myanmar) who famously wear collars of brass rings to show an elongated neck. The Karen people are granted refuge in Thailand but no rights as Thai citizens and consequently are denied health care. That doesn't mean they welcome outside medical attention-in fact, quite the opposite.

### **Episode 10 I'M NOT TRAINED FOR THIS (Chiang Mai, Thailand)**

The brass rings of the Karen tribe are in fact crushing their collarbones, diminishing their lung capacity, and compromising their internal organs. When Nurse Keri arranges for a portable x-ray unit to demo how severe the bodily damage is, one Karen member reluctantly agrees to a necessary life-saving spinal surgery. Dr. Stratton is appalled to discover her o.r. will be outdoors with no electricity or running water.

### **Episode 11 YOU CALL THIS SAFE? (Thai/Burmese border)**

Nurse Keri and Dr. Stratton travel by motorcycle to the Thai Burmese border where NGO's have set up 'safe' zones to protect fleeing refugees from the ongoing skirmishes. They visit the local clinic and assist in wound treatment and trauma.



**Episode 12 SOMETIMES MOTHER DOES KNOW BEST** (Chiang Mai, Thailand)  
Dr. Stratton returns to Chiang Mai to visit with her spine surgery patient. Nurse Keri and Dr. Stratton find her to be recovering well, although fighting an infection. They employ native remedies prescribed by the local practitioner to fight the infection, and celebrate recovery with a local meal of kha soi prepared by the patient's grateful family.

## **EPISODES 13-16 CAMBODIA**

**Episode 13 TAKING IT TO THE STREETS** (Phnom Penh, Cambodia)  
Nurse Keri flies to Phnom Penh Cambodia to assist Friends-International-an organization dedicated to assisting the street living kids of Cambodia. Nurse Keri hops on the back of a moto with Sophea, a rep from F-I, and they hit the streets of Phnom Penh where gangs of kids joyously greet them. They dispense basic hygiene aids (soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste), nutritional snacks, and administer simple first aid.

**Episode 14 CONDOM CAFÉ** (Phnom Penh, Cambodia)  
Friends-International has established Condom Cafes throughout downtown Phnom Penh. There, condoms are made readily available to anybody who asks. Nurse Keri assists in sex-ed classes and does demos on how and why to use condoms. Helpful tips include not rinsing condoms out to use again, and practical demonstrations on zucchinis.

**Episode 15 SMOKE ON THE WATER** (Cambodia)  
Nurse Keri travels by small boat up the Tonle Sap to a river village where amoebic dysentery is rampant. She visits a rough makeshift clinic where suffering patients are laid on the angled ground near freshly dug troughs. The dirt troughs are continually being filled with the uncontrollable bowel movements of suffering patients. Nurse Keri rigs i.v.'s, using coconut juice as replacement for essential body fluids.

**Episode 16 SPIDERS FOR DINNER** (Cambodia)  
Once word is out that a western nurse is in town, throngs of people from neighboring villages come to the makeshift clinic to be treated. Nurse Keri spends a long day administering aid and even assists in the surgical treatment of a gangrenous wound. No electricity? A handsaw will have to do. Dinner that night is fried tarantula legs-a Cambodian delicacy. She falls asleep in her tent, with the shadows of her dinner's brethren creeping across the walls.



## **EPISODES 17-19 LAOS**

### **Episode 17 GETTING THERE (Laos)**

Dr. Stan, a grumpy entitled Beverly Hills dentist, has been persuaded by his philanthropic well-meaning wife to 'give to those less fortunate'. It's how he finds himself on an uphill trek in the Muang Sing Mountains of Laos to treat the Akha Pul, a tribe of dentally impaired villagers.

### **Episode 18 I WON'T LIE-THIS IS REALLY GONNA HURT (Laos)**

Cursing his wife as he sloshes along mucky pathways wearing shoes better suited for the marble floors of his Beverly Hills clinic, Dr. Stan stops dead when Nurse Keri cheerily informs him that in this Akha village there is no running water, no electricity and no Novocain. Rice wine and a pair of pliers will have to get him through. The good dentist faints, and when the dental work begins, so does our cameraman.

### **Episode 19 LEAVING LAOS**

Fond farewells to Dr. Stan who can't get out of Laos fast enough. With Nurse Keri, he treks his way back down the Akha trail. Transpo out offers him two choices-an antique 6-seater airplane with the pilot furtively scanning the manual and a minivan bus loaded down with farmers, squawking chickens and squealing pigs, enroute to market. Dr. Stan picks 'land' and Nurse Keri 'sky'. Next stop? Viet Nam.

## **EPISODES 20-26 VIET NAM**

### **Episode 20 AGENT ORANGE (Ho Chi Minh, Viet Nam)**

Nurse Keri lands in Ho Chi Minh. While she waits for the arrival of guest surgeon, Dr. Kane, she takes a cyclo tour of the bustling capital and visits the War Museum-an awful testament to the devastating effects of Agent Orange on the Vietnamese people. Years after its use, children are still being born with debilitating birth defects. Many of these kids end up in orphanages, neglected and wanting of medical treatment. Nurse Keri arranges a visit with Dr. Kane to Hoi An Orphanage.

### **Episode 21 ORPHANS (Hoi An, Viet Nam)**

Nurse Keri and Dr. Bruce take the bus from Ho Chi Minh up the coast to Hoi An Orphanage. Three generations after the war, children are still born with devastating birth defects due to Agent Orange. Massive deformities of the spine and limbs profoundly compromise their health, so that even a simple cold can kill a child. Dr. Bruce and Nurse Keri do their best to help, but outcomes are limited.



**Episode 22 TAKE ME WITH YOU (Hoi An, Viet Nam)**

Nurse Keri and Dr. Bruce are deluged with pleas from the kids at the orphanage to ‘take me! take me!’ and the orphanage officials apply steady pressure. It’s not an option for Nurse Keri or the good doctor, but it is almost impossible to leave. Nurse Keri promises to return and makes a special pledge to keep in touch with Minh, a sweet feisty five year old. Really hard to say goodbye.

**Episode 23/24 WALK SOFTLY (Hue, Viet Nam)**

Mid way through our season, Nurse Keri jumps back on her motorbike and heads up Highway 1 to Hue. There she reunites with Dr. Bruce and they make their way to a rural village. The surrounding countryside is still live with hundreds of undetonated landmines-a hold over from the Viet Nam War-and it’s a scary tense passage overland. One wrong move and it could all be over. When Dr. Bruce nearly trips a wire there’s a blow out between he and Nurse Keri and it’s not clear whether he’ll continue the journey. Finally agreeing to move on, they are faced with huge challenges in the village. An unlucky villager, Trang, has had his foot blown off and immediate surgery is imperative. A complete lack of facilities and supplies forces Nurse Keri and the doc to MacGyver their way through a life and death situation.

**EPISODE 26 THE PLAGUE (Nha Trang, Viet Nam)**

Nurse Keri has a crisis of faith and purpose. Wrung out, exhausted, and devastated after nearly losing her patient Trang in surgery, it’s only a spirited persuasive pep talk from Dr. Bruce that keeps her pressing on. But first, a little R&R. Zooming down the gorgeous Vietnamese coast on a motorbike to Nha Trang, the site of the museum dedicated to the discovery of the pathogens responsible for The Plague. Only somebody like Nurse Keri would find a museum dedicated to the bubonic plague a vacation option! Post museum finds her chill-axing on the beach with a beer.

**EPISODES 27-31 BANGLADESH**

**Episode 27 15 MINUTE GIRLFRIENDS (Dhaka, Bangladesh)**

Nurse Keri walks the riotously colorful streets of Dhaka, Bangladesh. After being repeatedly hassled for money by beggars and relentlessly propositioned by young girls to buy quick sex, she abruptly stops walking and starts talking-to a pimp. She brokers a deal that she’ll pay...to help.

**EPISODE 28 BETER FOR BUSINESS (Dhaka, Bangladesh)**

Not surprisingly, Nurse Keri manages to persuade a gynecological surgeon colleague from Scotland to make the trip to Bangladesh. Dr. Henry Gates and Nurse Keri make their way by rickshaw through the treacherous streets and arrive at the arranged meeting place-a filthy, rundown brothel in a fetid Dhaka slum. Girls are paraded in front of them,



### **EPISODE 28 BETTER FOR BUSINESS-CONT'**

but not for sex. Nurse Keri's made a deal with the pimp that it's better for business if his girls are healthy. Treatment will begin in a back room behind a thin curtain.

### **EPISODE 29 I AM BROKEN** (Dhaka, Bangladesh)

Dr. Gates and Nurse Keri administer aid to young sick girls, ravaged by multiple rapes and dirty knife-and-hook abortions. Some girls are too afraid to explain why they are so ill or even be examined by the doctor. One girl is in terrible condition and after a gentle exam by Nurse Keri, it's determined she needs surgical help. The pimp refuses to let her leave for the clinic, so Dr. Gates and Nurse Keri prepare to treat her right there, in the filthy back room of the brothel.

### **EPISODE 30 SAFER SEX** (Dhaka, Bangladesh)

Dr. Gates and Nurse Keri spend the night with their young patient. She's going to make it, although the pimp assures them she'll be back to work as soon as they leave. Nurse Keri gives an impromptu how-to on safe(r) sex to the girls. Her demo is interrupted by the arrival of a young boy-his mom is about to have a baby! Can they help?

### **EPISODE 31 BABY, BABY** (Dhaka, Bangladesh)

Dr. Gates and Nurse Keri are led through the back alleys of the Dhaka slums by a young Bangladeshi boy, leading them to his pregnant mother who is about to give birth. They arrive just in time to help deliver the baby girl to a young prostitute. Hard not to feel that the cycle of poverty and despair will continue. It's also hard not to hope for more.

## **EPISODES 32-48 INDIA (Calcutta, West Bengal, Varanasi, Delhi)**

### **EPISODE 32 WHAT PROBLEM?** (Calcutta, India)

Nurse Keri makes a visit to a high-end Indian hospital to consult with Dr. Mary Shankar, a specialist of infectious diseases. They discuss leprosy and it's prevalence in India. Dr. Shankar is resistant to the reality of leprosy's presence and declines Nurse Keri's offer to hit the Calcutta streets on foot and offer on site treatment to lepers. Nurse Keri decides to head out on her own-of course.

### **EPISODE 33 LEPROSY** (Calcutta, India)

Nurse Keri walks the streets of Calcutta and speaks with the many destitute victims of leprosy who live on the street. She is ultimately guided to visit Jack Preger's School and Leprosy Clinic, established by Englishman Dr. Preger. Nurse Keri arrives to learn what she can and offer whatever help is needed. Dr. Preger and his many patients enlighten Nurse Keri about the effects of leprosy and possible treatments.



**EPISODE 34 CULTURE CLASH** (Calcutta, India)

Nurse Keri returns to visit the Leprosy Clinic with a reluctant Dr. Shankar in tow. Dr. Shankar is taken on a tour of the clinic and, with Dr. Preger, engages in a heated discussion about the reality of leprosy on the streets of India and the intractability of the Indian establishment to acknowledge the problem. Ultimately, the doctors come to an uneasy truce.

**EPISODE 35 A CHANGE OF HEART** (Calcutta, India)

Nurse Keri asks that Dr. Shankar accompany her on foot back to his hospital. Along the way, they are beseeched for help by begging children and destitute victims of poverty. Nurse Keri stops to speak with lepers and encourages them to seek help from Preger's clinic. Dr. Shankar can't help but consider the overwhelming need right in front of her, and when Nurse Keri implores her to consider offering medical assistance, she agrees.

**EPISODE 36 LEECHES AND TIGERS AND SNAKES, OH MY!** (Sundarbans Tiger Reserve, West Bengal)

Nurse Keri meets visiting general surgeon Dr. Thomas over a curry dinner in West Bengal. He's flirty and it's not hard for Nurse Keri to convince him to travel with her to the Sundarbans Tiger Reserve. Traveling by moto to the banks of the Ganges, they hop a ride in a motorized canoe through the mangrove swamps. Poisonous snakes slither along water's edge and at night, ground leeches come up for a bloodsucking feed. Not exactly romantic, but you can't blame a guy for trying.

**EPISODE 37 WELCOME TO THE JUNGLE** (Tiger Reserve, West Bengal)

Nurse Keri and Dr. Thomas trek from the river to a rural Bengali village where they are immediately put to work. A tiger has mauled a villager and his situation is dire. An operation will be undertaken with no anesthetic and no surgical tools. A villager helpfully offers up a screwdriver. Somehow they will have to make do.

**EPISODE 38 TRUST ME, I'M A DOCTOR** (Sundarbans Tiger Reserve, West Bengal)

The tiger bite victim is in excruciating pain and losing a lot of blood. Dr. Thomas and Nurse Keri determine that if they can't staunch the bleeding and stem the onset of infection, they may have to amputate. The indigenous medical practitioner suggests an herbal cure to alleviate the infection and it works! Amputation is avoided...for now.

**EPISODE 39 YOU ANIMAL** (Sundarbans Tiger Reserve, West Bengal)

Having successfully navigated the patient's near death and assured he will make it, Dr. Thomas and Nurse Keri decide to take a safari tour of the Tiger Reserve. Traveling by Land Rover to see tigers in their natural habitat, evening finds them on the hood of the jeep, sipping bottles of Kingfisher beer, and watching the sun go down over the wild beautiful landscape of West Bengal.



**EPISODE 40 YOU WANT ME TO DRINK WHAT?! (Varanasi, India)**

A rueful farewell to Dr. Thomas at the Calcutta airport. Maybe in another lifetime...and he's off. Nurse Keri takes a riverboat up the Ganges to the holy city of Varanasi-home to Lord Shiva and rampant cases of irritable bowel syndrome. Traditional cures, discussed over a bite to eat with a local medicine man, include drinking your own urine. Yech!

**EPISODE 41 AND YOU WANT ME TO EAT WHAT?! (Varanasi, India)**

Nurse Keri travels further upriver by a small fishing boat, accompanied by the local medicine man. Guess what? when pee drinking fails, it's recommended to eat your own poop. Nurse Keri loses her lunch portside. Arriving at Panchkot Ghat, Nurse Keri and her local sidekick get down to the business of administering help, her way.

**EPISODE 42 DON'T EAT DAD! (Varanasi, India)**

The sadhus (holy men) from the small secretive Hindu sect of the Adhori, believe in eating the remains of dead loved ones as a means to preserve their spirit. Other rituals include animal sacrifice and drinking urine from human skulls. Nurse Keri is on the lookout as a funeral pyre is built on the banks of the Ganges. What's for dinner, dad?

**EPISODE 43 DELHI BELLY (Delhi, India)**

Nurse Keri leaves Varanasi the way she came-taking a boat down the Ganges. A crowded Indian train, a short airplane hop and a bone rattling taxi ride bring her to Delhi. Even nurses get sick and morning time finds Nurse Keri feeling the ill effects of Delhi Belly.

**EPISODE 44 YOU CAN'T KEEP A GOOD GAL DOWN (Delhi, India)**

Still a little shaky, but definitely feeling better, Nurse Keri decides to visit the local hospital in the city centre. Like Calcutta, it's a beautifully equipped institution that wants for nothing. In a twist on the norm, the head doctor Raj asks Nurse Keri to accompany him as he travels to the local shantytowns. He could use her help. She readily agrees.

**EPISODE 45 THERE GOES THE NEIGHBORHOOD (Delhi, India)**

Heading into the worst of the Calcutta slums is a risky undertaking and not for the faint of heart. Nurse Keri is stricken to see so many thousands living in abject poverty-kids are playing by rivers of raw sewage and disease is everywhere. She and Dr. Raj press on to the local clinic and it's all too much for Nurse Keri. Feeling overwhelmed with how to help, it's Dr. Raj who encourages her to just start. She does.

**EPISODE 46 RATS AS BIG AS DOGS (Delhi, India)**

The next day, Nurse Keri returns to the clinic with Dr. Raj and they determinedly treat as many as they can. The need is so great and the resources are so few. Bowls of blood-soaked sheets, insects nesting on gauze strips, and rats as big as dogs lap at i.v. bags of saline. The end of the day finds a desperate woman cradling her mortally ill infant in her arms. He won't make it for want of a simple treatment that has come too late.



**EPISODE 47 REACHING OUT (Delhi, India)**

Dull with grief, the grieving mother takes her dead child away. Nurse Keri is overcome with despair, but once more Dr. Raj encourages her to press onwards. That evening, numb with exhaustion Nurse Keri and Dr. Raj discuss the dire situation of India's poor and what can be done to help. Nurse Keri reaches out for help and makes some calls.

**EPISODE 48 GOING HOME(Delhi, India) SEASON ONE FINALE**

Dr. Raj and Nurse Keri have joined forces to persuade wealthy donors from India and the U.S. to sponsor a small clinic with staff and supplies. This is a great victory and will make a real difference in the lives of the city's poor. Dr. Raj will oversee the clinic and Nurse Keri will return the following year to offer help how she's able.

Making her way by taxi to the Delhi airport, she describes to the cab driver where she's been and what she's done for the last several months. The cabbie doesn't believe a word. Standing in Departures at The Delhi airport, Nurse Keri takes a moment to look up at the departure board. Just like the beginning of the season, the letters flip rapidly to stop on her where she's headed next. From behind Nurse Keri looking up at the board we see: DESTINATION: LAX, USA. She's going home.