FIRST-EVER PEDIATRIC ELECTRO-PHYSIOLOGY MISSION TO EL SALVADOR
March 30th - April 4th, 2014

15 CHILDREN TREATED...15 LIVES SAVED
Regalo de Vida El Salvador partnered with Gift of Life International and Latidos de Esperanza to save the lives of 15 children who were living in despair since the procedure needed to correct their heart ailments was not available in El Salvador. The first-ever pediatric Electro-Physiology mission to El Salvador turned despair to hope for these children and their families.

We wish to express a huge heartfelt thank you to Lillian Ancalmo, Guadalupe Badia and Dr. Rafael Ruiz of Regalo de Vida El Salvador for assembling the patient list, coordinating transportation for each patient, providing love and comfort to each parent while their child was having their procedure, as well as the many other logistics that you helped to coordinate making this a very successful mission.

We also thank Regalo de Vida El Salvador for providing funding towards the cost of this specialized mission.
THANK YOU TO OUR VISITING TEAM

We wish to express our deepest gratitude to our visiting team from UCLA Medical Center in Los Angeles, CA for giving of your time, sharing your expert skills and showing your love towards the Salvadoran children whose lives will forever be changed. A special thank you to Dr. Kevin Shannon for working to have all the specialized EP equipment as well as some supplies donated to make this mission possible as well as making it possible for this procedure to be performed on children in El Salvador in the future following more training visits. There is now hope for children needing this specialized procedure in El Salvador.

The Visiting Team:
Dr. Kevin Shannon: Electro-Physiologist
Dr. Jeremy Moore: Electro-Physiologist
Anita Titmass: Electro-Physiology Nurse
THANK YOU TO OUR SALVADORAN TEAM, DR. JUVENTINO AMAYA AND EVERYONE AT HOSPITAL DE LA MUJER AND HOSPITAL BLOOM

This mission would not have been possible without the generosity of Dr. Juventino Amaya and Hospital de la Mujer who donated the use of their Cath Lab and their wonderful staff to help ensure everything ran smoothly. A special thank you to Dr. Amaya for opening your heart and your hospital to make this mission possible.

We also wish to thank the Administration and staff of Hospital Bloom for providing facilities and care for all patients during screening, transport and recovery.

The Salvadoran Team:
Dr. Villatoro Amaya: Director of Cath Lab, Hospital de la Mujer
Juan Carlos Martinez: Cath Lab Supervisor
Dr. Mauricio Contreras: Adult Electro-Physiologist
Dr. Mauricio Velado: Interventional Cardiologist
Dr. Luis Ernesto Martinez: Anesthesiologist
Maria Guadalupe Escobar: Cath Lab Nurse
Kenia Magali Martinez: Auxiliary Services

Anesthesia Assistants
Rosa de Feliciano
Carmen Maria de Rosa
Mercy Rodriguez
Carlos Figueroa
Day One: Screening Day

A total of 8 patients were screened at Hospital Bloom on Day One of the mission with additional patients screened at Hospital de la Mujer throughout the week. Each patient was pre-screened by their Salvadoran cardiologist and selected by the Electro-Physiology team in consultation with the Salvadoran medical professionals.

A very special thank you to Dr. Francisco Delgado, Salvadoran Pediatric Cardiologist for assisting with the screening of all patients at Hospital Bloom.

Thank you to Dr. Mauricio Velado and Dr. Alfonso Escobar for completing all patient echos prior to screening day, Social Worker, Concepcion de Garay, Administrative Assistant, Morena Miranda and EKG Technician, Deysi Sandoval for assisting with the screening and EKG’s of all patients.
Press Conference at Hospital de la Mujer
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DONATION OF EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES

The equipment and supplies necessary to perform these specialized Electro-Physiology procedures for children was not available in El Salvador leaving these children in complete despair.

We wish to express our most sincere thanks for helping to procure this equipment allowing 15 children to be treated during the week of March 30th - April 4th and also providing hope that this procedure will be performed regularly in the future by Salvadoran medical professionals following adequate training.

Special Thanks To:

Steve Diamond: Technician at Bard EP Systems

Jon-Paul Ginchereau: Sales Rep for Bard EP Systems

Greg Busta: Sales Rep for St. Jude Medical

Dr. Kevin Shannon: Electro-Physiologist at UCLA Medical Center
Children Treated Who Now Have Hope

DIEGO
10 years old
Diagnosis: WPW

SOFIA
10 years old
Diagnosis: WPW

WENDY
9 years old
Diagnosis: WPW

DANILO
16 years old
Diagnosis: SVT

FATIMA
11 years old
Diagnosis: SVT
NESTOR
9 years old
Diagnosis: WPW

NELSON
19 years old
Diagnosis: WPW

ALEJANDRA
13 years old
Diagnosis: WPW

ALEXANDRA
8 years old
Diagnosis: WPW

KEVIN
10 years old
Diagnosis: WPW
OSCAR
9 years old
Diagnosis: WPW

KARLA
8 years old
Diagnosis: WPW

MATHEW
8 years old
Diagnosis: WPW

KENIA
12 years old
Diagnosis: Moderate Ebstein

LESLIE
9 years old
Diagnosis: SVT
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