TURNING DESPAIR TO HOPE IN EL SALVADOR

HOSPITAL NACIONAL DE NIÑOS BENJAMIN BLOOM
SAN SALVADOR, EL SALVADOR
November 30th - December 5th, 2014

12 SALVADORAN CHILDREN WERE TREATED

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GIVING THE GREATEST GIFT OF ALL

As we come to the close of 2014, 12 Salvadoran children and their families were given the greatest gift they could ever ask for this Holiday Season - the gift of life. During the week-long training visit, 11 children with very complex heart defects were treated at Hospital Bloom in San Salvador and 1 child was treated through an interventional catheterization procedure at Hospital Diagnostico.

The expert medical team from C.S. Mott Children’s Hospital, University of Michigan (rated #3 pediatric cardiac program in the U.S.) returned for their fourth training visit to Hospital Bloom. Team leader and ICU Nurse, Lisa Beckman led the ICU team along with Pediatric Cardiologist/Intensivist, Dr. Gabe Owens, while guest Pediatric Cardiac Surgeon, Dr. Mark Morales from Corpus Christi, Texas led the surgical team. Dr. Morales has been mentoring surgeons in El Salvador for 11 years and provided invaluable training while performing 11 very complex pediatric heart surgeries together with the Salvadoran surgical team. The visiting team from Michigan worked side by side with the Salvadoran aftercare team to ensure optimal care in the ICU during the recovery of these children.

We are grateful to Rotary Global Grant partners - Rotary Club of Charlotte Harbor and Club Rotario Santa Tecla for taking the lead on the grant which funded this lifesaving mission. We also wish to express our gratitude to Medtronic, Abbott Point of Care and MAP International for their generous donations of critical medical supplies. Finally, our heartfelt thanks to Latidos de Esperanza Executive Director, Ivonne Lopez and assistant, Elizabeth Ramos for their coordination of all in-country logistics and unavering dedication to the children of El Salvador.
THANK YOU
INTERNATIONAL VISITING TEAM

Our sincere thanks to the International visiting team from C. S. Mott Children's Hospital, University of Michigan, visiting surgeon Dr. Mark Morales from Corpus Christi, Texas and visiting perfusionist and anesthesiologist from Monterrey, Mexico for giving of their time and sharing their knowledge and skills to help save the children of El Salvador.

VISITING TEAM:

Dr. Mark Morales
Pediatric Cardiac Surgeon
Corpus Christi, TX

Dr. Joab Ibarra
Anesthesiologist - Mexico

Dr. Gabe Owens
Pediatric Cardiologist, Intensivist - Michigan

Dr. David Werho
Pediatric Cardiology, ICU Fellow - Michigan

Gustavo Carrillo
Perfusionist - Mexico

Lisa Beckman
ICU Nurse, Team Leader - Michigan

Beverly Benmoussa
ICU Nurse - Michigan

Erin Muir
ICU Nurse - Michigan

Kathleen Matney
ICU Nurse - Michigan

Susan Smith
Respiratory Therapist - Michigan
THANK YOU HOSPITAL NACIONAL DE NIÑOS BENJAMIN BLOOM PEDIATRIC CARDIAC TEAM

Our sincere thanks to the doctors, nurses, residents and administration from Hospital Nacional de Niños Benjamin Bloom for their support and coordination to help make this mission a success.

SALVADORAN TEAM:

**Pediatric Cardiologists:** Dr. Mauricio Velado, Dr. Alfonso Escobar, Dr. Patricio Rodríguez, Dr. Francisco Delgado  
**Pediatric Cardiac Surgeons:** Dr. Guillermo Martínez, Dr. Francisco Gamero, Dr. Daniel García, Dr. Guillermo Rodríguez, Dr. Mauricio Rodríguez  
**Intensivists:** Dr. Luis Guzmán, Dr. Roxana Marenco  
**Anesthesiologist:** Dr. Luis Martínez  
**Perfusionists:** Dr. Sandra Peña, Yesenia Figueroa  
**Arsenal Technicians:** Isabel Arias, Cecelia Amaya, Emerita Cáceres, María Adela Ramírez  
**Anesthesia Technicians:** Ana Mercedes Rodríguez, Sara Ventura, Rosa Melida Ortiz, Carmen María de Rosa  
**OR Nurses:** Mirna Martínez, Mirna de Henríquez, Roxana de Salas, Wendy Martínez, Luisa Rivas  
**ICU Nurses:** Elba Menjívar, Sandra Menjívar, Josefina Juárez, Adina Elías, Virna Cardoza, Hilda Martínez, Carmen Elena Domínguez, Gloria Recinos, Elba Luz Baiza, Mirna Vázquez, Alba Ayala, Delmy Yolanda Laínez, Lidia Susana Menjívar, Sara Rosibel Aguilar, Claudia Jeanette Guzmán  
**Social Worker:** Concepción de Garay  
**EKG Technician:** Deysi Sandoval  
**Administrative Assistant:** Morena Miranda, Carolina Hernández
THE SHARING OF KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

An international sharing of knowledge and skills transfer took place at Hospital Bloom during the week-long training visit. The cases selected during screening were of a very complex nature, allowing for excellent training opportunities in both the operating theatre and the ICU.

The expert medical team from C. S. Mott Children’s Hospital, University of Michigan, returning for their 4th visit and guest pediatric cardiac surgeon, Dr. Mark Morales who has been coming to El Salvador to mentor surgeons for 11 years, worked side by side with the Salvadoran doctors and nurses while 11 children were treated. Joining this international team was perfusionist Gustavo Carrillo and anesthesiologist Dr. Joab Ibarra both from Monterrey, Mexico who have been a great asset in providing training in their specialties.

A 12th child received their second chance at life during the training visit in the Cath Lab at Hospital Diagnostico. The procedure was performed by the Salvadoran Cath team.
ROTARIANS AT WORK

The Rotary Club of Charlotte Harbor in Florida partnered a Rotary Global Grant with Club Rotario Santa Tecla in El Salvador to fund this week-long vocational training trip where 12 Salvadoran children were treated.

A special thank you to Rotarians Meera Adhinarayanan and Francisco Rivera for their dedication and tenacity in coordinating all aspects of the global grant. Our heartfelt thanks to the Santa Tecla Rotaract for entertaining the children while they waited to be evaluated on the day of screening.

Our most sincere thanks to Meera Adhinarayanan and Rick Zander from the Charlotte Harbor Rotary Club for traveling from Florida to San Salvador to witness, first-hand the lives being saved and to meet their Rotarian partners as well as the medical teams. We greatly appreciate your participation in the training visit and your commitment to the children of El Salvador.
GRATEFUL CHILDREN AND THEIR PARENTS

On behalf of the children operated and their parents, we wish to thank the following fundamental organizations for helping to turn despair to hope for these families during the week of the training mission.

FUNDAMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

- The Rotary Foundation
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- Gift of Life Florida
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- Hotel Sheraton Presidente
- Ministry of Health
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Medtronic
- Abbott Point of Care
- MAP International
Thank you to our global partners!
KATHERINE
3 months old
Diagnosis: TAPVC
Total Anomalous Pulmonary Venous Connection
Date of Surgery: 12/01/14

DARLIN
3 years old
Diagnosis: Large VSD
Large Ventricular Septal Defect
Date of Surgery: 12/01/14

HAZEL
28 days old
Diagnosis: Coronary Cameral Fistula to the Right Atrium
Date of Surgery: 12/02/14

JOSUE
1 year old
Diagnosis: DORV
Double Outlet Right Ventricle, Transposition of the great arteries, Mitral Valve Infection, Patent Ductus Arteriosis, Small Ventricular Septal Defect
Date of Surgery: 12/02/14
EUNICE
2 months old
Diagnosis: TAPVR
Total Anomalous Pulmonary Venous Return
Date of Surgery: 12/03/14

DANIEL
4 years old
Diagnosis: A/V Canal Complete Atrial/Ventricular Septal Canal, Insufficient Mitral Valve
Date of Surgery: 12/03/14

JAKOB
3 months old
Diagnosis: TAPVR, Muscular VSD
Total Anomalous Pulmonary Venous Return to vertical vein, Muscular Ventricular Septal Defect
Date of Surgery: 12/04/14

EDWAR
2 years old
Diagnosis: Infundibular VSD
Infundibular Ventricular Septal Defect
Date of Surgery: 12/04/14

KIMBERLI
2 years old
Diagnosis: Pulmonary Atresia, Dependent Patent Ductus Arteriosis, TSA (Glen Procedure)
Date of Surgery: 12/05/14
Thank you for giving us the gift of life!

ELIANA
5 months old
Diagnosis: Truncus Arteriosus
Date of Surgery: 12/04/14

FATIMA
5 years old
Diagnosis: PDA
Patent Ductus Arteriosis
Date of Cath: 12/02/14
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