EL SALVADOR TRAINING VISIT REPORT
OCTOBER 15 - 21, 2017
BENJAMIN BLOOM HOSPITAL
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Thank you to Club Rotario San Salvador Noroeste for donating hygiene kits for the parents and backpacks for the children treated.
The October 2017 Training Visit to Hospital Bloom commemorated the 7th year of partnership between the Hospital Bloom and the University of Michigan, C.S. Mott Children’s Hospital pediatric cardiac teams. The team from Michigan worked side by side with the Salvadoran team to continue enhancing their skills in treating children with complex heart disease.

A total of 9 children were treated during this mission week. The majority of patients operated had been diagnosed with complex heart disease, leaving them with no hope of survival without timely intervention. Eight of these children now have hope for a healthy future for the first time ever. Their families will forever be grateful.

This training visit also marked the last of its kind to El Salvador under the Gift of Life initiative. This is truly a milestone for the Salvadoran team and all visiting teams to be proud of. Since 2010, the Salvadoran team has received mentoring from leading pediatric cardiac visiting teams as part of the Gift of Life International and Latidos de Esperanza initiative to develop a sustainable pediatric cardiac program for the children of El Salvador. Through the hard work and dedication of the local team and all visiting teams, the Salvadoran team is now ready to provide care to Salvadoran children with heart disease on a reliable and sustainable basis.

Last, but certainly not least, thank you to all sponsors who supported this week of saving children’s lives. Our heartfelt thanks to the Salvadoran Rotarians who participated in the mission week and provided additional support to each child treated and their family. A special thank you to Gift of Life affiliate, Latidos de Esperanza for your tireless efforts to ensure all logistics were in order for a successful mission week.
THANK YOU TO OUR VISITING TEAM FROM C.S. MOTT CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

DR. RICHARD OHYE
Cardiac Surgeon

DR. GABE OWENS
DR. KIM WATKINS
Cardiologists/Intensivists

DR. BRIDGET PEARCE
Anesthesiologist

DR. AJAY PATEL
Anesthesia Fellow

WHITNEY PETERS
Perfusionist

SUSAN SMITH
Respiratory Therapist

WHITNEY MCNEIL
JAIME ROSE
ERIN MUIR
COURTNEY BRANI
NICOLE GLYNN
ICU Nurses
Thank you to the Hospital Bloom Team

**Pediatric Cardiac Surgeons:**
Dr. Guillermo Martínez, Dr. Francisco Gamero, Dr. Daniel García, Dr. Guillermo Rodríguez

**Pediatric Cardiologists:**
Dr. Mauricio Velado, Dr. Alfonso Escobar, Dr. Patricio Rodríguez, Dr. Francisco Delgado, Dr. Teodoro de Jesús

**Intensivists:** Dr. Melvin Moisa, Dr. Luis Guzmán, Dr. Roxana Marenco

**Anesthesiologist:** Dr. Luis Martínez, Dr. Helen Campos, Dr. Roberto Gamero

**Perfusionists:** Dr. Sandra Peña, Yesenia Figueroa

**Arsenal Technicians:** Ismara Flores, Ana López, Evelyn Ramírez, Cristina Campos, Teresa Grande, Glenda Campos, Yeny Martínez

**Anesthesia Technicians:** Rosa Melida Ortiz, Carmen María de Rosa

**OR Nurses:** Mirna Martínez, Mirna de Henríquez, Roxana de Salas, Wendy Martínez

**ICU Nurses:** Elba Menjívar, Sandra Rojas, Josefina Juárez, Adina Elías, Carmen Domínguez Cruz, Elba Luz Baiza, Mirna Vázquez, Alba Ayala, Delmy Lainez, Sara Rosibel Aguilar, Claudia Guzmán de Pineda, Trinidad Argueta, Carolina Chevez, Karina Martínez, Wendy Azucena Martinez, Roxana Marinela de Salas, Mirna Guadalupe Martínez, Sara Mendez, Beatriz del Carmen Alvarado, Isabel Guzman Orellana, Jose Vicent Sanchez Carranza, Julia Nuria Tobar, Lorena Barrillas, Monica Hernandez, Nelly Cruz de Rosales, Nolvia Recinos de Gomez, Norma Ruano de Abrego, Rosario Estela de Sanchez, Teresa Cortez de Valladares, Ursula del Carmen Domínguez, Wendy Guerrero Pacheco, Digna de Rosas

**Social Worker:** Concepción de Garay

**EKG Technician:** Deysi Sandoval

**Administrative Assistant:** Morena Miranda, Mary Mata
LOCAL AND VISITING HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS
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THANK YOU FROM KARLA
1 1/2 YEARS OLD
DIAGNOSIS: VSD, Ventricular Septal Defect, Pulmonary Atresia

THANK YOU FROM ELISA
4 YEARS OLD
DIAGNOSIS: Tricuspid Atresia, Pulmonary Atresia

THANK YOU FROM SHEILA
7 YEARS OLD
DIAGNOSIS: VSD, Ventricular Septal Defect

Little Hearts That Are Now Healed
THANK YOU FROM IKER
7 MONTHS OLD
DIAGNOSIS: TOF
Tetralogy of Fallot

THANK YOU FROM CLARISA
10 YEARS OLD
DIAGNOSIS: Tricuspid Valve Regurgitation, Pulmonary Valve Regurgitation

THANK YOU FROM NOE
17 YEARS OLD
DIAGNOSIS: TOF
Tetralogy of Fallot
THANK YOU FROM LEA
2 YEARS OLD
DIAGNOSIS: VSD Ventricular Septal Defect

THANK YOU FROM NANCY
1 1/2 YEARS OLD
DIAGNOSIS: VSD Ventricular Septal Defect

In Loving Memory of MATEO
1 1/2 YEARS OLD
DIAGNOSIS: TGA Transposition of the Great Arteries (photo unavailable)
Thank you to Hospital Diagnostico for lending the team a state-of-the-art perfusion pump for the mission week.

Thank you to the visiting team for providing nurse training to the Salvadoran nurses in addition to the one-on-one training in each specialty.

Thank you to the medical students from Universidad Dr. Jose Matias Delgado and Andrea Dwek for helping with translation.

Thank you to Pollo Real for donating lunch for two days for the medical teams.

Thank you to Sheraton Presidente Hotel for donating the rooms for the visiting medical team.
Developing a Sustainable Pediatric Cardiac Program to Provide Hope to Salvadoran Children with Heart Disease