2016 COUNTRY OF FOCUS UPDATE: PHILIPPINES

Since 2013, Gift of Life International responded to the great need to treat children with heart disease in the Philippines. We have begun to answer the call for help from Filipino parents by conducting 5 medical missions to this country during which 51 children have been treated for their congenital heart defects. Expert medical teams from the U.S. also provided training to the Filipino pediatric cardiac team, empowering them to care for these children on a more reliable basis.

Over the past three years, 85 Filipino children have been treated for their heart ailments through our programs. Funding has been provided by GOL programs, like-minded partners and Rotary Clubs and Districts around the world.

Over $375,000 USD has been invested to support: (1) the funding of 5 medical missions; (2) catheterization devices to treat 29 children; and (3) supplies and medications.

Our goal in 2016 is to: (1) complete 2 medical missions to the Philippine Children’s Medical Center (PCMC); (2) treat 25 Filipino children; and (3) continue the training of the Filipino pediatric cardiac team at PCMC.