MEDICAL MISSIONS FOUNDATION

MISSION MATTERS

FROM THE DESK OF
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Happy August [Informal Name]! — *and welcome to the latest edition of Mission Matters!*

There's incredible momentum building at Medical Missions Foundation, and we're thrilled to share it with you!

While we wait we could share some stunning news (breathtakingly important, and volunteer experience is at the place, there's simply too much to share in this edition. Instead, we'll share a little bit of each through our social media (Facebook and Instagram), where you'll find photos, videos, and stories from our mission in Guatemala, our dental and medical clinics, and the latest news from the field.

As we month's volunteer Spotlight, we are excited to recognize all the amazing volunteers that serve on our **2016 Medical Mission to Antigua, Guatemala** this year!

We are truly fortunate to have an incredible group of dedicated volunteers who have demonstrated a tremendous amount of commitment to the communities we serve is truly inspiring.

Each month, we aim to shine a light on a volunteer who has made a difference in our mission through their volunteerism, and **Hope Delivered, Lives Changed.**

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Antigua, Guatemala is a place of great need, and our dedicated volunteers bringing together a passionate team of **20 dedicated volunteers** committed to restoring health and hope. Among them were **5 medical professionals** who saw **1,000 patients** and performed **2 dental clinics**, including a pediatric clinic of fresh enthusiasm and seasoned experience.

Together, our team **screened 1,100 patients** seeking specialized care and undergo care. From those patients, **surgery** was performed on **20 patients** who underwent procedures ranging from hernia repairs to gall bladder surgery. Patients from other from conditions that often go untreated due to limited access to medical and dental care.

Our dental team performed simple surgery, completing **20 dental procedures** that relieved pain, restored smiles, and improved overall health for patients in need.

While the numbers tell an impressive story, they only tell a fraction of the impact of the week. Every procedure represented a person given relief from pain, a family relieved of worry, a community strengthened by care, and every patient eliminated up until this mission.

A healthy smile can change a child's world.

Dr. Hector and Dr. Fabrizio Pinto, a pediatric dentist with one of their young patients. Dr. Hector and Dr. Fabrizio Pinto, a pediatric dentist with one of their young patients. Our pediatric dentists, Dr. Hector and Dr. Fabrizio Pinto, brought a tremendous amount of care and compassion, and they did it in a comfort, positive environment — a combination that leaves a lasting impression on young patients.

Every smile tells a story of hope.

Restoring confident, improving lives.

Dr. Miller performing a TURP (Transurethral Resection of the Prostate), a procedure that relieves urinary obstruction and improves quality of life, enabling prostates. For many patients, this surgery means less pain, better sleep, and a renewed quality of life.

Every procedure is another step toward healthier futures for the patients and families we have the privilege to serve.

"Once minutes note."

Sometimes, the most overlooking needs are the simplest. Alex Lopez performing a cleft lip repair, a procedure that restores function, confidence, and compassion in a moment that can last overwhelming.

It's these small acts of kindness—spoken in a patient's own language—that leave the deepest impression.

Compassion doesn't end when the surgery is over.

Interpreter Kristina Campos and Dr. Hamid take time to speak with a patient after her procedure. Beyond the medical care, our interpreters provide grounding assistance, and offering reassurance. Their communication ensures patients feel seen, heard, and supported—a crucial part of the healing journey step of the way.

Necessary to achieve healthy outcomes.

Drs. Sharp, and Cindy Vega the Post-Anesthesia Care Unit (PACU) nursing ensuring, providing attentive monitoring, skilled nursing, the transition from surgery to recovery is smooth and safe. Their compassion and expertise help ensure every patient begins the road to recovery with confidence.

The day begins with a commitment to every patient.

Dry morning, Dr. Hamid, Dr. Kramer, Dr. Miller, Dr. Montgomery, Dr. Hooper, and Phi Nguy meet courtly together, planning out their patient care for the day. Every decision is made with the patient's best interest progressing well. Healing doesn't end in the operating room—it's strengthened in the hours that follow, and our team is committed to that.

Meet Kristina Campos from Chico, California! Kristina is serving as her second year as a medical interpreter, and her dedication to connecting healing bridges the language gap between the medical team and the patients we serve.

Kristina is a senior at Chico and is the high school level and also works with Latino Language Development (ELD) students in grades 9-12. She earned her bachelor's degree in Spanish from California State University, Chico, and her Master's degree in Education Administration from California State University San Marcos in 2016. In 2015, she was recognized as the Outstanding Student in Education, a fitting tribute to her further strengthening her passion for language education and cross-cultural communication.

Her commitment to new Kristina using her talents to help make communication care possible for our patients.

In Antigua, Guatemala, Dr. Pinto's only his Spanish skills to good use by translating for his patients, ensuring clear communication and compassionate care every step of the way.

These were plenty of smiles, laughter, and unforgettable moments as our team spent time with the children of Antigua. Their joy and resilience have passed out second halves, made moments of hardship and poverty, and reminded us why we do this work.

These moments remind us that healing isn't limited to the operating room. A soccer ball can spark joy, a handmade bracelet can restore a sense of dignity, and a simple smile can leave a lasting impression. Hope in children's spirit is ways that medicine alone cannot.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this special day possible for these children, their families, and their future.

Be sure to check out more about this medical mission and others by following our social media.

Thank you to our volunteers, supporters and donors, who made this mission possible. Together, we are transforming communities through healing, and one community at a time.

Registration is NOW OPEN for the Medical Missions Foundation Golf Classic!

Join us for the **25th Annual Golf Classic** at the award-winning Shark Hills Golf Club in Mesa, Arizona. Our golf classic is a fun-filled day and helps meet mission. Enjoy a day filled with great golf, delicious food, and the camaraderie of our supporters, volunteers, and friends of the mission. Nine golfers—all in support of Medical Missions Foundation's mission to bring healing and hope to those in need around the world.

Sign up alone, pair up for a team, bring healing and hope to people in around the world.

Registration for Bonspiel Tour, Tours of Discovery, or Sponsors

A surgery can heal the body. A soccer ball can heal the heart.

Through goals of healing, Medical Missions Foundation is bringing hope to children in Guatemala, providing soccer balls and equipment to support the mission.

For just **$25**, you can provide **three soccer balls** or **half** a soccer goal, bringing joy, hope, and healing. Your contribution helps ensure a child can have a chance to play, smile, connect, and feel like kids everywhere.

www.MMFhope.org

Learn more and donate online

WAREHOUSE DAY TOMORROW!

Volunteers Needed! Warehouse Day

Second Saturday • 10am-1pm

Volunteer Opportunities

There are numerous and exciting opportunities to get involved with Medical Missions Foundation!

Warehouse Volunteer

Volunteer as a mission - While many of our volunteers have a medical background, it's not a necessity. We welcome non-medical volunteers to assist with administrative tasks, fundraising, or projects, manage social media, and provide general mission support.

Volunteer at Fundraising Event - Our golf tournament and for the far mission, we need volunteers to help with registration, assist with silent auction, guest relations, and various tasks.

Volunteer as a Committee - Medical Missions Foundation has the following committees: Medical, Dental, Administrative, Fundraising, Finance, Missions, and Operations/Warehouse.

Volunteer in the Warehouse - Join us on the second Saturday of each month for our Warehouse Day. Where we hold through donations and supplies for our upcoming

Volunteer With Us!

Mark Your Calendar

Keep up to date on all our events by going to the *calendar page* **of our website.**

- August 6th - Warehouse Day
- September 10th - Warehouse Day
- October 8th - Warehouse Day
- October 10th - Bridge Bonspiel Tour & Foundation Golf Classic
- November 12th - Warehouse Day
- December 12th - Warehouse Day

All of what we do is made possible through donations from generous supporters like you. Please consider making a donation today so we can continue providing hope and healing to people in need around the world.

Donate Today

Have a Great Month Everyone!

Well, that about covers it for today. Look for a brand new issue of Mission Matters every month! In the meantime our Facebook page is updated with photos and stories, and is a great place to start all the very latest news and information about Medical Missions Foundation. We hope you enjoy the stories and photos we share with you. Please feel free to contact me directly with questions, concerns, or to find out more about upcoming missions, events, and fundraisers.

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Mission
Medical Missions Foundation is the Christ's corporate. Because of that, Medical Missions Foundation is committed to providing a Christ-centered environment for our volunteers and supporters. Volunteers and supporters are not required to participate in any activities disclosing their time and talents to medical mission and Medical Missions Foundation.

Since 1996, Medical Missions Foundation has completed missions in 14 different countries: India | Guatemala | Mali | Philippines | Uganda | Romania | Ecuador | Mexico | Cuba | Vietnam | Croatia | Panama | China | United States. Click here to learn more.

Our Mission

Our mission is to provide surgical and medical care in underserved communities throughout the world and to positively impact the lives of children and their families. Click here to learn more.

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