

MISSION OF HOPE, BOLIVIA NEWSLETTER

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September 15, 2012 marked the arrival of **Surgery Team #19!** Despite flights that were cancelled, connections that were missed, luggage that was lost, team members who got sick, and an early morning tropical downpour that filled the streets with knee-deep water and made travel to the hospital by taxi an impossibility, **we had an amazing week of surgery!!** The more obstacles this team encountered, the harder they worked! By week's end we were all exhausted, yet we all had the satisfaction of knowing that **years of suffering had ended as lives had been changed, both now and for eternity!**



Maura, 54 years old, lives with her husband and 8 children in a “house” that has a plastic tarp for a “roof.” Maura is now pain free after a successful surgery to remove her gallstones!



Juan is a 65 year old evangelist who has had double hernias since he was young. For years, Juan has walked many miles every day taking the Gospel into places “where cars cannot go!”



Wilber, 33 years old, takes care of his elderly parents, his wife, and 6 children, so he had to keep working, even with the pain of 2 hernias. He traveled 9 hours by faith to our clinic to get help. He told us, “This is a miracle of God!” After surgery, Wilber blessed us all by playing the guitar and singing with the other patients!



Libia, 26 years old, is a single mom who came 18 hours by bus from Potosi. Before coming, Libia said she “went everywhere looking for help but no one cared.” She had no money and no job. Here she received physical healing from 4 years of painful gallstones and spiritual healing as she gave her heart to Jesus!



Cornelio & Guadalupe

Guadalupe's Story

Guadalupe is a 42 year old lady who came to the clinic with uterine masses and heavy bleeding. When she came to her final screening appointment, her husband, Cornelio, came with her. He was very quiet and did not say anything. At the end of the interview, Guadalupe began to cry. We thought perhaps she was fearful of having surgery. Then she began to tell us that she was worried about her husband because he had been in pain for 3 days with a fever. She went on to say that they had **5 young children** at home and **no food in the house** because her husband had not been paid for 3 weeks.

We sent Cornelio to see a general medicine doctor in the adjoining office, who informed us that he needed to be hospitalized right away. Mission of Hope arranged for him to be admitted to a nearby hospital, where he had surgery that same day for a very **advanced peritonitis** that had resulted from a **ruptured appendix!** The Mission of Hope staff took up an offering and sent Guadalupe home with several bags of food for the children. **Mission of Hope paid for all of the expenses** involved in Cornelio's hospitalization and Guadalupe had a successful hysterectomy with the US team. They are both extremely grateful for the care they received. **Cornelio's life was saved.** He has had a very good recovery and is now back to work sewing for a company that sells uniforms. None of this would have been possible without the faithful support of all of our supporters!

TEN YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

On July 4th of 2002, Mission of Hope opened a free medical clinic in Santa Cruz, Bolivia. We opened quietly without any publicity. The first day, we had 3 patients. The second day, we had 8 patients. The third day, we had 22 patients. By the end of the second week, the line to get in the clinic was so long that we had to turn people away! To date, more than 200,000 patients have been seen!

On July 4th of 2012, we celebrated 10 years of operating our free medical clinic in Santa Cruz! Celebrations took place both here in the US and also in Santa Cruz with testimonies and a time of fellowship with friends and supporters. DVD copies of the anniversary program that took place in Fishersville, VA are now available. Please contact us by email if you would like to receive one.

Plans for the coming year include the opening of a second free medical clinic in Sucre, Bolivia to serve a large community of Quechua Indian people who are living in extreme poverty without access to medical care. Details will follow in the next newsletter.

\$100,000 MATCHING GIFT CHALLENGE

The **\$100,000 matching gift challenge** is now in effect. **Every dollar** that we receive between now and December 31st up to \$100,000 **will be doubled** by an anonymous donor. This money will be used to operate our free medical clinic in Santa Cruz during the year 2013. Mission of Hope, Bolivia takes its financial stewardship very seriously. We are a **debt-free** mission and approximately 97% of all donations go directly into our Bolivia program.

Thank you for partnering with us to serve the poor in Bolivia. Together, we are making a difference, both now and for eternity! Praise the Lord!!

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