BOLIVIA VISIT REPORT | JULY 23-30, 2022

Bolivia Surgical Visit
Message from our CEO

2022 HAS SEEN GREAT PROGRESS IN OUR BOLIVIAN PARTNERSHIP. THIS REPORT HIGHLIGHTS THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS of the third empowerment visit of the year and the fourth visit overall to Bolivia by our teams. Each visit, we witness an increased level of confidence and capacity demonstrated by the Bolivian team at Hospital del Ninos in La Paz.

Led by Dra. Ericka Perez, our Bolivian partners are developing their own best practices and culture of care. Bolivian children are now not only being cared for through our visits, but regularly by the local team on their own. Their sense of pride and growing confidence as a result of this accomplishment is palpable.

Our most recent visit in July resulted in ten precious hearts being healed. Funding for this visit was provided through Rotary Global Grant 2010489. The La Paz Sur Rotary Club was the host partner and the Rotary Club of Mid-Bergen was the International partner of the grant with the following partners: Gift of Life Long Island, GOL Inc., Gift of Life New Jersey, Rotary District 7505 Gift of Life Foundation, Gift of Life Los Angeles, Rotary Club of Needham, Rotary Club of Grigota, The Henry Ebert DAF, Gift of Life Rotary District 7490, Gift of Life Rotary District 7190, Rotary District 4690, The Rotary Foundation and Rotary District 6960. Additional support was provided by Medtronic, and The Rachel Cooper Foundation.

Thank you to all our stakeholders for making this visit possible, and for investing in the development of a sustainable pediatric cardiac program at Hospital del Ninos. We see a future where Bolivian children are reliably treated by Bolivian doctors and nurses. The future is bright and our hopes are high for continued success throughout the remainder of 2022.

Sincerely,

Rob Raylman
CEO – Gift of Life International
10 Little Hearts Healed

ALEJANDRO
Age: 11 Years

ALISON
Age: 5 Years

BIANCA
Age: 1 Year

CRISTIAN
Age: 3 Years

ELY
Age: 5 Years

ESPERANZA
Age: 11 Days
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FABIANA  
Age: 9 Years

NATALIA  
Age: 6 Years

SANTIAGO  
Age: 4 Years

SARAI  
Age: 5 Years

ABOVE: Alison (5 Years) with her Gift of Life International Teddy Bear and Doll.
LOCAL TEAM FROM HOSPITAL DEL NINOS:

Dr. Miguel Quispe – Director
Dr. Joseph Henao – Subdirector
Dra. Ericka Pérez Albrecht – Cardiac Surgeon
Dr. Oscar Ballivian – Cardiologist
Dr. Jesús Pozo – Cardiologist
Dr. Luis Patiño – Cardiologist
Dra. Salette Queiroz – Pediatrician
Dra. Amanda Inofuentes – Pediatrician
Dra. Paola Fuentes – Pediatrician
Dra. Claudia Rodríguez – Anesthesiologist
Dra. Bernarda Villarreal – Anesthesiologist
Dra. Valeria Bueno – Perfusionist
Dr. Antonio Alfredo Rodríguez Vargas – Pediatric Intensive Care Unit

VISITING HEALTHCARE TEAM:

Dr. Rodrigo Soto – Surgeon
Arlene LeMin – OR Nurse
Dr. Guro Grindheim – Anesthesiologist

Dr. Roberto Michel Zañiga – PICU
Dr. Victor Hugo Urquieta Clavel – PICU
Dr. Vladimir Aguilera Avendaño – PICU
Dr. Fabricio Benavente Velaide – PICU
Dr. Marcelo Miguel Velasquez Quenta – PICU
Dr. Rodrigo Loayza López – PICU
Dr. Raphael Mauricio Daza Flores – PICU
Dr. Juan Carlos Oyola – Cardiology Resident
Dr. Ronald Céspedes – Pediatric surgery Resident
Dra. Valeria Fuertes – Pediatrics Resident
Dra. Evelyn Cusi – Pediatrics Resident
Lic. Elizabeth Sanchez Ramirez – Ward Nurse
Lic. Yhovana Mixto Quenta – Scrub Chief Nurse
Lic. Noemi Vito Forra – Scrub Nurse

Lic. Siria Guarachi Ramos – Scrub Nurse
Lic. Desyl Quispe – Scrub Nurse
Lic. Amalia Moller – Nurse
Lic. Wendy Fernandez – Nurse
Aux. Enf. Lizeth Sarmiento – Nurse
Aux. Enf. Norah Huanto – Nurse
Lic. Soledad E. Quispe Apaza – PICU Chief Nurse
Lic. Danitza Quisbert Zarate – PICU Nurse
Lic. Liliana Condori – PICU Nurse
Lic. Gladis Quispe Trujillo – PICU Nurse
Lic. Ronaldo Apaza – PICU Nurse
Lic. Cinthia Marin – PICU Nurse
Lic. Aleira Mendoza – PICU Nurse
Lic. Roxana Loa Segura – PICU Nurse

Lic. Miguel William Sanchez Cruz – PICU Nurse
Lic. Evelin Quispe – PICU Nurse
Lic. Lorena Baptista – PICU Nurse
Lic. Wilma Gutierrez – PICU Nurse
Lic. Heydi Flores – PICU Nurse
Lic. Lourdes Choquehuana – PICU Nurse
Lic. Santa Veronica – PICU Nurse
Lic. Celia Limachi – Epidemiology department
Lic. Braulia Tola – Nurse department Chief
Andrea Padilla – Media
Juan Yauri – Electromedicina
Alfredo Conde – Electro medicina
Fresia Saravia – Social Worker
Patricia Chavez – Psychology
Mike McEvoy – PICU Nurse
James Roth – PICU Nurse
Sarah Linton – PICU Nurse

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This work we do takes a global network of donors, like-minded partners, volunteers and healthcare professionals to develop sustainable pediatric cardiac programs.
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