

3rd Mission of Love – Cleft Lip and Cleft Palate Surgeries – December 2012

On December 1st a sequence of events started that made an impact on our lives, the arrival of the second air shipment from Mission of Love, humanitarian help that means hope for many lives. And just like that a period of life-transforming miracles started with which also came a group of doctors, friends and volunteers to start the third medical mission for Cleft lip and Cleft palate at the Metropolitan Hospital.

When trying to describe life-giving missions like these words fail to explain what the soul goes through. We started by evaluating 27 beautiful human beings that generously gave us the opportunity to transform their faces. This also allowed us to transform not only their parents' lives and spirits, but ours as well; now I can understand how the pain of the living God redeems souls.

From the 27 evaluated patients 22 were operated in five long and demanding days of surgery. Three extraordinary and generous surgeons and anesthesiologists demonstrated their incredible abilities with the help of a group of nurses and volunteers that provided love and support.

To observe the great transformation of their little faces was priceless, and even though the pictures reflect the effort put in it, the true value is in the privilege we had of watching and living this experience.

I was very fortunate to have been able to share day by day with this extraordinary group of human beings, healers of bodies and souls. Thank you for those children that will now be able to eat without a problem, talk fluently, and be understood. Thank you for giving their parents peace to sleep knowing that their children will now have a better life. I don't want to limit myself to thank only those whose names I know, because I'm aware that a lot of people have silently contributed to make this miracle happen. Thank you to all.

As tireless creators of the Kingdom, on Saturday they went to Tecpan, Guatemala. Rural community that has been receiving assistance from "Mission of Love" through the friendly arm of Way-Bi Foundation. They were able to participate in many activities like a Mayan Ceremony, watch a video that summarized their weekly activities, have a tour through the areas built by "Casa de Sueños" (House of Dreams) and have a "piñata party" with the children of the orphanage. They were also able to have a reunion with native craftswomen, to whom the Santa Apolonia's municipality, through the mayor's wife, made a written commitment to deliver them land for their association.

At the end of the day, we headed to the orphanage with the purpose of decorating it for Christmas. Again we were reminded of how the true meaning of Christmas is sharing. To finish the mission, they decorated and lit up the Christmas tree, followed by singing Christmas songs and ask for blessings and protection, through all this they gave us the best gift someone could give, LOVE.

Dr. Edgar Moran