

## Statistics for December through February

### Mobile Medical Missions:

evaluated 320 patients  
scheduled 127 surgeries

### Surgical Missions:

completed 191 surgeries  
(48 pediatric surgeries)

### Targeted Infant Nutrition:

93 infants enrolled

### Cervical Cancer Prevention:

screened 233 women  
removed 5 pre-cancerous lesions



Lives transformed through medical care

## First Quarter 2014

### Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and Partner for Surgery join forces...

The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) and Partner for Surgery (PFS) are launching a **long term**



**collaboration** to transform the lives of children and families. Our initial venture will target infant nutrition and surgical repair for infants born with cleft lip and palate (see photos to the right, little Sara Maria before and after successful surgery made possible by her enrollment in the PFS Nutrition program). We will kick off this effort with a fundraiser on **Thursday, May**



**15th at The Penn Club of New York.** The Board of Directors is actively seeking corporate sponsorships as well as other new funding sources. If you can help us with introductions, please contact **Frank Peterson** ([info@partnerforsurgery.org](mailto:info@partnerforsurgery.org)) or **Joe Giordano** ([Giordano.joseph92@gmail.com](mailto:Giordano.joseph92@gmail.com)).

### Excerpts from comments from Cape Breton International Surgical Voluntary Group...



*"A six day mission in Guatemala left my group worn, exhausted and planning for a return...volunteers get more out of giving than they put into the event...months spent fund raising, organizing and planning seem a minor hurdle to be accomplished to allow us another chance to help the wonderful people of Guatemala... PFS' colleagues on the ground*

*in Guatemala were an indispensable resource: their hard work, imaginative ingenuity and 'can do' attitude made it easy to join in their enthusiasm to get the job done...reports to colleagues on our return has generated a flood of volunteers for our future missions. Our group is grateful to ACPC for the opportunity we have been given to enrich our own lives by reaching out to the people of Guatemala."*

### Meet Virginia and Zoila...

**Virginia** (left, accompanied by ACPC Health Promoter Zoila Tut) is 41 years old and the youngest of six siblings. She lives in Nuevo Porvenir, Cobán and is married to Raul Cao (42). Both work in the cardamom and corn fields. Virginia is the mother of nine children of which seven survive. Only one of them attends school because the rest must work in the fields. Virginia started suffering from an umbilical hernia at age 12, and when she began to have children, each pregnancy increased her pain. Although she had never been in a hospital before, Virginia had heard good things about the PFS/ACPC doctors. She was unable to travel when her children were young, but was finally scheduled for surgery last year. At the last minute, she lost her ride and it took her three hours to walk back home. She made it this year, although took her 22 hours to travel to Hospital Niño Jesús in Guatemala City. She was very nervous when she arrived, but was more excited about the outcome. Her



umbilical hernia was finally repaired on February 13, and she no longer has to live with pain. She is very thankful to PFS, ACPC, and the Cape Breton team.

### A warm welcome...

Partner for Surgery is very pleased to announce the addition of attorney **Stuart Gordon** to the Partner for Surgery Board. We are grateful to Board Member **James Ahlgren** for acquainting Stu with our mission.

### And a fond farewell...

You may recall our item last September about **Joyce Giffey**, who handmade **thousands of teddy bears** for the Gift Bags given to our young patients awaiting surgery. Joyce passed away last month. We remember her fondly and will miss her cheerful demeanor and generous spirit.

### How we put your donation to work...

- ✓ **\$20** purchases three specialized **breast pumps** for mothers of newborns
- ✓ **\$35** provides a cleft lip/palate child with one month of **life-saving nutrition**
- ✓ **\$100** provides 10 women with **cervical cancer prevention** services
- ✓ **\$200** provides **life-changing surgery** for one child

### How YOU can help...

- ✓ Visit us on the web at [www.partnerforsurgery.org](http://www.partnerforsurgery.org):
  - learn more about us
  - follow our Twitter feed from the “front lines” - @pfsguatemala
  - make a secure donation
- ✓ “Like” us on Facebook - /partnerforsurgery. Share our activities on your timeline!
- ✓ Mail a check in the enclosed envelope.

**Thank you...** From our **volunteers**, from our **hard-working ACPC staff**, and from the thousands of Guatemalans whose **lives have been changed** because of you. Partner for Surgery is a registered 501(C)3 non-profit organization and all donations are tax deductible to the full extent of the law.



**ACPC staff with Medical Triage Volunteer Team**

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