

## March through May by the numbers

### **Surgical Missions:**

41 surgeries performed  
(29 cleft lip surgeries and  
12 cleft palate surgeries)

### **Cervical Cancer Prevention:**

812 women screened  
100 women treated

### **Medical Missions:**

239 patients evaluated

### **Cleft Infant Nutrition:**

141 children enrolled



Lives transformed through medical care

## 2nd quarter 2015

Partner for Surgery has had a nutrition program for infants born with a cleft lip and palate for over five years. The focus has been to locate infants at birth or very soon thereafter, so mothers can receive lactation assistance, breast pumps and nutritional guidance while they can still produce milk. For mothers unable to nurse, commercial formula is provided. The story below of Leonel is a wonderful example of a life that was saved through this program, and an example of how this child can now be of help to the family and live a normal life.



**Leonel** was born in 2009 with cleft lip and palate to Roselia and Baten, both first time parents at age 17. They were confused and scared and did not know what to do about their son's condition. All they knew was that **they had no money** to pay for treatment for their son. Fortunately, the midwife who attended Leonel's birth knew about **Partner for Surgery** through the local Health Center. A health promoter was assigned to Leonel and his family to **support their journey**, beginning with enrollment in the nutrition program.



Leonel did so **well in the nutrition program** that he was healthy enough to undergo surgery to repair his cleft lip at 5 months (see after photo at right). At 18 months, he was ready for cleft palate surgery (see after photo at left).



And **look at him today** at age 5 (right)! Leonel lives with his grandparents, who are delighted with the results of his two surgeries. Thanks to Partner for Surgery, he is **healthy, strong and quite handsome!** He enjoys, among other things, working with his grandfather in the fields.



Leonel's mother Roselia is very grateful to Partner for Surgery for saving her son's life and helping her when she so desperately needed it. "Thank you for your help!"

Now we are taking things to the next level. Partner for Surgery is beginning an ambitious effort **to reduce the number of children born with this birth defect**. We plan to partner with George Washington University, The Palmer Foundation, and our sister organization in Guatemala, among others. This collaboration, if successful, will **save far more lives and impact far more families** than is possible today.



Partner for Surgery is proud to announce that **The Catalogue for Philanthropy (CfP)** has once again included us in their recommended list. CfP's mission is to take the guesswork out of giving by identifying the **best community-based charities** in the Washington metro area. Selected organizations have a budget below \$3 million, are locally operated, and consistently give donors the most "bang for the buck". Learn more about CfP at <http://www.cfp-dc.org>.

Do you love a great cup of coffee? **Partner for Surgery** and the **National Peace Corps Association (NPCA)** have partnered with **Chesapeake Bay Roasting Company (CBRC)**. From its founding, CBRC's has donated a portion of all coffee sales to worthy organizations. For this partnership, CBRC will offer delicious **coffee grown in the Guatemalan highlands** – where we do our lifesaving work – and **\$5 from each bag of coffee sold will support both PFS and NPCA**. To purchase, visit <http://www.cbrccoffee.com/product/roastmasters-reserve-guatemala-hacienda-la-cascada/>.



**Save the date!** Partner for Surgery's Board of Directors, in conjunction with corporate sponsor Ethicon, will host our second festive fundraiser at New York City's **Penn Club** on **October 7, 2015**. The theme for this year is **Hope, Health & Healing**. More information will follow. We hope to see you there.



A heartfelt **thank you to Marybeth Haneline**, who served on Partner for Surgery's Board of Directors for **10 years**. Thank you, Marybeth, for your wise counsel and dedication to our organization.

## How YOU can help...

- ✓ "Like" us on Facebook - /partnerforsurgery. Share our activities on your timeline and help spread the word!
- ✓ Are you a cyber shopper? Shop via **Amazon Smile** and designate Partner for Surgery using the following link: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/54-2034427>. It costs you nothing, and Partner for Surgery gets a percentage of every purchase you make!
- ✓ If you can, make a tax-deductible donation:
  - Via our web site, [www.partnerforsurgery.org](http://www.partnerforsurgery.org). Click on the **PayPal** image on the home page. (You can use a credit card or your PayPal account)
  - Mail a **check** in the enclosed remittance envelope.
  - Via US Mobile Phone: donate \$10 by texting **GIVE 18508** or **GIVE 14869** to **80088**
  - Via Global Giving at <http://goto.gg/18508> or <http://goto.gg/14869>

## 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.



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