

June through August by the numbers

Surgical Missions:

169 surgeries performed
(39 cleft lip surgeries and
22 cleft palate surgeries)

Cervical Cancer Prevention:

308 women screened
22 women treated

Medical Missions:

547 patients evaluated

Cleft Infant Nutrition:

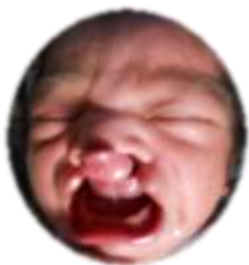
130 children enrolled



3rd quarter 2015

Partner for Surgery's Infant Nutrition Program has **transformed the lives** of hundreds of Guatemalan children and their families. In this newsletter, we would like to share another joyful success story, Alfredo. We also share an unsolicited letter which **Free to Smile Foundation**, a valued partner who has provided hundreds of cleft repair surgeries for our patients, sent to Global Giving.

Alfredo's Story...



Alfredo was born in the village of San Antonio Cabañas, Senahú, Alta Verapaz with cleft lip and palate. **Alfredo's mother Olga was extremely upset and worried** when she learned of his condition because she had no idea how to help him. Olga brought Alfredo to the nearest hospital, where **a health worker told her about the life saving work being done by our colleagues** at Asociación Compañero Para Cirugía (ACPC) to help children with cleft lip and palate.

Alfredo was evaluated by doctors at the hospital and **he was referred to our Infant Nutrition Program**. ACPC Health Promoter Juan Carlos Yat visited Alfredo monthly at his home to check his progress as well as educate his family on how to care for Alfredo so he could soon be ready for surgery.

When Alfredo attained his ideal weight, he was **scheduled for cleft lip surgery in January 2014**. Juan Carlos accompanied the family a very long distance from home to receive the surgery in the city of Antigua. **Olga cried with joy** when she saw Alfredo in the arms of the nurses after surgery, prayed he was on his way to being healthy, and thanked the doctors who had corrected his cleft lip.



One year later, Alfredo received cleft palate surgery at Pediatric Foundation in Guatemala City. Olga once again became emotional with gratitude. Until this moment, **she was afraid to believe Alfredo really would have both surgeries and grow up strong and happy**. She knows **Alfredo's normal life would have been impossible without the supporters** of Partner for Surgery and ACPC.



I am writing on behalf of **Free to Smile Foundation** in regards to our work with a partner organization, Partner for Surgery. Free to Smile has traveled to Guatemala the past 5 years to provide FREE cleft lip and cleft palate surgeries to the impoverished living in rural Guatemala. **All of our patients are brought to us via the amazing program** that Partner for Surgery has developed. Their program is truly **top notch and one of a kind!** This organization has thought of absolutely everything!

In the beginning of our missions with PfS, **patients were often skinny and malnourished**. The second year we were in Guatemala with PfS, they had begun the nutrition program. It was an incredible difference! The **children were thriving**, doing much better under anesthesia and were even chunky. Needless to say, **this was all due to the remarkable job that PfS had done** at finding these babies





at birth, educating their parents on proper nutrition, keeping track of their weights and providing them with bottles, formula and support! **Without this PfS program**, many babies born with a cleft lip or palate would have not weighed enough to have this life changing surgery or even worse **they would have died of starvation.**

Free to Smile Foundation is **extremely grateful for our partnership** with Partner for Surgery and all that their organization provides to the people of Guatemala! I would highly recommend Global Giving to support their work and to help them in any way possible so that we can continue to help the children of Guatemala!

Stacy Henry, Executive Director, Free to Smile Foundation
(Pictured from top to bottom: **Erick, Abner, and Darwin.**)

How YOU can help...

- ✓ Make a tax-deductible donation:
 - Via our web site, 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.
- ✓ Like our page, share our stories, or make a donation on Facebook - /partnerforsurgery.

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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