



Zoila's family, Frank Peterson, mission volunteers Dr. Madhu Agarwal and her husband Sam, and ACPC volunteers.

OUR JULY-AUGUST RURAL MISSION

During **Partner for Surgery's** last rural triage mission, the team embarked on a home visit to Zoila and her children. The youngest, Angel, in his mother's arms, was born with a cleft lip and palate. He is recovering nicely from lip surgery and we are planning to do his palate in October. Meanwhile, he is in our nutrition program and Marta, our health promoter, is responsible for visiting the family each month. Pictured are a number of PFS health promoters, Dr. Madhu Agarwal and husband Sam, mission volunteers, Frank Peterson, and Zoila's family.

Zoila has been struggling to support her home without the help of the children's father. The six of them sleep in one small room with just one bed.

Raul, Zoila's father, was able to give his daughter a little piece of land with a few avocado trees and bread fruit, where they also grow corn and beans to eat. Zoila has been cleaning houses and doing laundry for \$10 a week, when she can find work.

Partner for Surgery focuses on helping people like Zoila who do not have access to proper medical care, especially for children like Angel with special needs.



Felisa Ichic with Marta

A LOVELY RETURN

In our 1st quarter 2017 newsletter, we shared with you a story about Felisa from Tamahu, Alta Verapaz, who needed hernia surgery. The surgery was performed last November in Antigua Guatemala by the Health for Humanity team.

July-August's rural mission also went to Tamahu, where we were greeted once again by this sweet woman, who has been feeling great since her surgery and is able to work again.

"I would be dead by now if it wasn't for you. You helped me immediately. You covered my personal expenses and gave me the surgery I needed. I had the hernia for 15 years and did not find the help I needed. At the local hospital they used to tell me that I was old and not worth helping, but you did. I thank you and everybody who came across to make it possible."

We feel honored to have helped Felisa overcome her hernia.



Keila Caal

WHY WE MUST FOLLOW UP

Keila is a nine year old who attended our rural mission day last month at the National Hospital in La Tinta.

Born with a cleft lip and palate, Keila was three when her mother took her to a hospital at Retalhuleu to repair her cleft lip. Unfortunately, there was no follow up and no organization to help her receive corrective surgery for her cleft palate.

Two years ago, teeth started to grow and come out through her upper lip, for which she received ridicule from other children, forcing her to use a cloth to cover her face in public.

We have already scheduled Leila to have both maxillofacial and cleft palate surgery by the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia team coming to Guatemala next October. As part of our support, she will be escorted to and from the hospital site and provided with post-operative assistance.

Keila wants to go back to school without feeling embarrassed and eventually become a teacher. Through our assistance we will be helping to make her dreams come true.

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JUNE 1 - AUGUST 31, 2017

Surgical missions:
137 surgeries performed

Medical missions:
811 patients evaluated
223 surgical candidates

Cervical cancer prevention:
784 women screened
12 women treated

Breast cancer evaluation:
124 women screened

Cleft infant nutrition:
218 children enrolled

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