

Faith In Practice Partnerships

LAS OBRAS SOCIALES DEL SANTO HERMANO PEDRO HOSPITAL, ANTIGUA

Founded in 1643 by the Dominican Order as the Hospital San Juan de Dios, the Obras Sociales del Hermano Pedro hospital complex includes the Church of San Pedro, which served as the Cathedral of Antigua from 1668 until 1680. In 1985 "Las Obras" was established by the Franciscan Order as a private orphanage and care facility for disabled, abandoned and malnourished infants and adults.

In 1993, Faith In Practice began working at Las Obras to provide quality surgical and medical care to those living in the facility, and then to others from all parts of the country. The Franciscans and Faith In Practice have worked together for 16 years and have expanded the services and care being offered to the poor and disabled country wide.

Faith In Practice teams, as well as teams from across the world, now operate in five state-of-the-art operating rooms donated and constructed by supporters of Faith In Practice.



HOSPITAL CORPUS CHRISTI, PATZÚN

Hospital Corpus Christi is located in Patzún, a small town in the Highlands of Guatemala. This hospital, originally built by Sara Merdes-Judd, had fallen into serious disrepair. Notwithstanding those limited circumstances, the Franciscan sisters and Dr. Ramon Maxul, a family practice physician, provided a wide range of services to the community. While Sara continued to support the mission, the need was great, greater than the resources available.

In order to assist these steadfast individuals who were so committed to serving the poor, Faith In Practice entered into a partnership arrangement with Hospital Corpus Christi and renovated the hospital. These renovations were completed in 2007, and Faith In Practice's first team performed surgeries at Corpus Christi in April 2007. We continue to send surgical teams to Corpus Christi and the relationship between the Sisters and Dr. Maxul and our teams continues to grow as they serve the people of Patzún, side by side.

HOSPITAL SHALOM, SAN BENITO

Hospital Shalom is located in the northern Petén region in Guatemala. The hospital serves a population of more than 75,000 people. Shalom Hospital was built and is run by Covenant World Mission, led by Tim and Doris Spurrier. These dedicated individuals had been building the facility for ten years and finally opened its doors in 2006.

Faith In Practice has provided equipment, supplies and expertise to Shalom and in 2008 conducted a VIA/Cryotherapy program there, offering cervical cancer screening and treatment of the HPV virus through at the hospital. In addition, Faith In Practice brought both a medical and a surgical team to Shalom.

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SARSTOON CLINIC, SARSTOON

Faith In Practice has served the isolated Sarstoon area of Guatemala for several years. This new clinic, funded by Faith In Practice, managed by Refuge International, and constructed with the labor of the local villages, is the only medical facility for miles around this isolated area.

This newly constructed clinic was dedicated in 2008, with its first Faith In Practice clinic. Sarstoon is also equipped with an operating room and we anticipate sending surgical teams there in the future.

HILARIO GALINDO HOSPITAL, RETALHULEU

The Hilario Galindo Hospital is strategically located to serve the northwestern coastal plains of Guatemala. Faith In Practice has had village medical teams present in the Retalhuleu area for years, surrounding this hospital that was in severe disrepair. Faith In Practice conducted an extensive renovation of the hospital, including a new dental clinic. This new location for our surgical and dental teams reduces the travel required for our patients.

In 2008, one of our Village Teams was in the Retal area, our first surgical team operated in the newly renovated facility, and our first Restorative and Preventative Dental Program team taught and treated school children from the area at the new dental clinic.

GUATEMALAN VOLUNTEER NETWORK

Faith In Practice has always been committed to reaching out to those in the greatest need. Oftentimes, those most in need are those in the most remote areas of Guatemala. To reach out to these, we developed our Medical Village Program. This program could not be successful without our Network of Guatemalan Volunteers, who work throughout the year to organize the clinics, set up the locations, work with us side by side throughout the clinic week, and then accompany the triaged patients to one of our Surgical Partner Hospitals.

2008 Mission Statistics					
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Patients Treated in Villages	9,800+	12,400+	9,111	11,387	13,434
Dental Patients Treated	1,500+	2,800+	1,952	2,312	3,041
Surgeries Performed	722	750	713	1,020	1,126
Mission Trip Volunteers	534	554	614	786	885
Remote Medical Clinics Held	28	28	28	36	47
Mission Trips to Guatemala	20	21	22	28	28
Beds Filled by Patients and/or Family Members at the Casa de Fe	7,335	5,433	8,284	9,125	14,599
VIA/CRYO Program Cervical Cancer Screenings	N/A	1,399		1,405	1,412*

*Does not include patients seen by our former Guatemalan students