Faith In Practice
Life Changing Medical Mission

25 Years By Faith

Twenty-five years ago, Joe and Vera Wiatt stood at the door of the Obras hospital in Antigua, Guatemala. Before them was a sea of people seeking medical care. The Wiatts were two of nine volunteers. How could nine serve so many? The multitude, the need, overwhelmed. Yet, what the Wiatts also saw in the crowd changed the course of their lives.

In the faces of these humble people, they saw a faith and a trust that reached into their hearts. In their faces, they saw the face of Jesus Christ. Their faces, his face, beckoned, challenged, and called them to follow. And that is what they did. They said, ‘We

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For 15 years, BSW-Arlington (formerly BOSHA) has supported this mission and served Guatemala by providing medicines, supplies, staff, and anything else we have asked of them. And now they are the Lead Signature Sponsor of our Gala with a donation of $50,000!

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Dr. Peter Thompson
1937-2019

Hundreds of thousands of women have been screened
shall step out in faith with these, your own, and meet you in Guatemala. They, and we, shall follow you wherever you lead.’ Together. By faith.

Today, following still, Faith In Practice is a multi-million dollar sophisticated, integrated healthcare system, with staged and complex surgeries, two state-of-the-art partner hospitals, medical clinics spreading across Guatemala, 13,000 square feet of warehousing space. This year alone 1,500 U.S. and 1,000 Guatemalan volunteers will serve side by side. Together. By faith.

It is impossible to capture the journey here. All of the times when we have followed sure of the path to take, joyfully running toward the next miracle unfolding before us. All of the times of real crisis when we have said, ‘We cannot see the way clear. What are we going to do?’ So many times, when we have struggled to take that step into the unknown, the path unclear.

But through it all, one thing has remained constant, true, whether our leaps of faith have been joyful and sure, or tentative and uncertain. They have always, always, been met by a faithfulness that is greater, more expansive, with a wider and deeper vision, than we ever could have imagined for ourselves or for Faith In Practice.

A faithfulness that has reminded us time and time again that there are miracles just on the other side of this leap of faith. All of our small steps, leading us forward into a faithfulness that can and does hold our every hope, our every fear, in tender love. For God reminds us every day, be it 1994 or 2019, ‘I have more for Faith In Practice to do, I have more for you to do. I have more for you.’

And, through it all, through the miracles and the love, through the fears and the failures, God has been forging something very special among us. Binding us together into a family of faith. A community of love that simply would not exist if not for Faith In Practice.

We stand in awe of how God has expanded our hearts in extraordinary ways to meet the extraordinary hearts of our Guatemalan brothers and sisters. They who continue to teach us what it is to have faith. How God has taken all of our little leaps of faith and created something truly wondrous, beyond the medical care. God healing us all along the way. All of us, drawn together, so that God might reveal through this mission God’s love for the world and for each one of us.

I saw it in Joe and Vera’s eyes when they first shared with me...
their sense of call and in stories of the early days. In their eyes, when they, by faith, gently placed this mission in my hands in 2007. I see it in the eyes of our newest U.S. volunteers, our Guatemalan volunteers, our staff. Miracles and memories about to unfold as together we meet Jesus Christ in this mission.

So, in this, our twenty-fifth anniversary year, we do not celebrate our faith, but rather the great, expansive, bold faithfulness of the One who shall never ever let us go, who shall lead us into eternal life. Showing us glimpses of eternal life through this mission every single day. The faithfulness before which we fall to our knees in grateful awe.

All to God’s honor, glory, and praise. Then, now, always.

Rev. Linda L. McCarty
President & CEO

Please join us as we celebrate twenty-five years at our Gala: By Faith

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