

## The Healing Hands Foundation





Guatemala Medical Mission November 5th-14th, 2009

## Patzun, Guatemala:



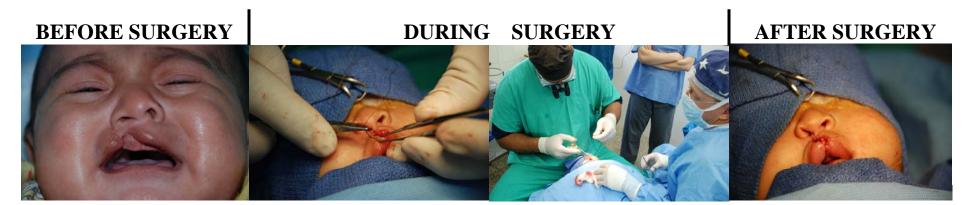
Once again the Healing Hands Foundation (THHF) has returned from a medical mission in Patzun, Guatemala. With a team of 22 volunteers, THHF traveled to Patzun, Guatemala from November 5<sup>th</sup> to the 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009. During the mission, THHF was able to perform nearly 500 medical consultations and performed the following procedures:



- 53 Major Surgeries
- 138 Dental Procedures
- 20 Physical Therapy/Occupational Therapy cases

All the medical services provided to the people in Patzum were donated by THHF and no patients had to pay anything for these services. In addition, THHF was able to donate over \$40,000 in medicine and supplies. These donations were given to Corpus Christi Hospital, which is run by Sister Reyna Barahona. Also, every patient that was treated by THHF went home with toys, clothes, medicine, and food.

The people in Patzun were very nice despite the hard life they lead. Everyone in this little town is a descendant from the Mayan and they were very thankful for the services we provided. The THHF Team was very pleased to be able to help the people in Patzun, Guatemala.







Many thanks to all our volunteers for donating their time, money and expertise to make this mission a success. Special thanks to Steven Gandara, our coordinator in Guatemala, his family and friends for coordinating our logistics, without their help, this mission could not have happened. THHF would like to thank all our sponsors, families, and friends for donating towards the Guatemala 2009 mission. Again, without these donations, our missions would not be possible.





## <u>Team Guatemala – Volunteers:</u>

Jaime Flores - Plastic Surgeon Dylan Stewart - Pediatric Surgeon Marco V. Avila – Executive Director

 $Jonathan\ Cohen-P.A.$ 

Susan Connolly - PACU Nurse Lead

Jennifer Gaines - RN/OR

Sarah E. Dillon - RN/PACU

 $Steven\ Gandara-Guatemala\ Coordinator$ 

Richard Elliot - Pediatric Anesthesiology & CCM

Lori Krumm - Surg. RN

Carolyn Bea Watts – CRNA
Miles Stangardt - Redistricion

Mike Stargardt – Pediatrician

Sarah Piggott – Dental Assistant/PACU

Japhia Booth - Occupational Therapist

Stephanie Sowinski - RN/OR

Gandara Family & Friends, Carlos Caballeros

Zenobia Ann Casey - MD/ Anesthesiology

Gregory Ruff - ST/OR

Sara Fore - RN/PACU

Jennifer Millar - Physical Therapist

Ossie Cameron – Dentist

Mary Lambertson - RN/OR

Lauren Freedman – CRNA

Hospital Corpus Christi – Patzun

**Meet the Volunteers:** 



Faces from the Orphanage (San Francisco de Asis):



THHF Volunteers spend a few hours every day at the orphanage playing with the children. Volunteers also distributed toys and clothing to the orphans of San Francisco de Asis. (this orphanage was also run by Sister Reyna Barahona.

