



Sister Dorothy Anne Ammon, OP 1933—2010

A LETTER FROM GUYANA FROM THE MOTHER OF
ONE OF OUR LIFELINE CHILDREN

February 2002

"Dear Sister Dorothy,

Thank you for saving my son's life by sponsoring his heart surgery. I am very thankful to you today that my son is alive and can live a normal life. He has a second chance at life and thanks to you for making this possible. I cannot imagine if it weren't for you, what would have happened to Ajay. It is not a pretty sight to see the number of children who die in our country, Guyana, from congenital heart diseases every year. Our country is very poor and we cannot afford the medical facilities for heart surgeries. To add to this, most of our children, who have congenital heart diseases, their parents (like myself) cannot afford such a surgery due to the high poverty level in Guyana. I only hope and pray that some day there will be a chance for other children in Guyana, whose parents cannot afford the cost of surgery, to have a chance of life like Ajay. I must also thank you for making this possible. Thank you, once again.

Yours sincerely,

Parmadai Lall."

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Open letter to the constituency of Children's Lifeline:

Dear Friends of Sister D,

This issue is dedicated to the life of Dorothy Anne Ammon, also known as Sister D. She dedicated her life to helping ill children from around the world get the medical care they needed. Sister D entered the sisterhood in 1953 after beginning her candidacy in 1951. For 20 years she was a teacher in various parish schools and served in various other ministries within the diocese. Fluent in Spanish, she was co-director of the Diocesan Spanish Apostolate, (1978-1983). It was during this time she was asked to visit two children from the Dominican Republic who were about to undergo surgery at North Shore University Hospital, Manhasset, New York. This was an experience which made her realize that this is where she belonged.

Soon after, Under the Heart to Heart program in 1984, she decided to make this a full time job. From 1984 to 2002 she traveled with North Shore cardiac physicians to developing countries and served as director and interpreter. She helped bring children to the United States for life saving surgeries. This is where she became involved with Children's Lifeline and our relationship was established. Through this collaboration, we brought over 2000 children from all over the world to the United States to receive heart surgery. She assisted in preparing the children for surgery and helped both the child and their family through the emotional and physical demands of such a major procedure. Variety Clubs underwrote the program at North Shore, where the doctors volunteered their time and expertise along with American Airlines who donated transportation costs. Sister D always felt this was where she belonged performing her mission, "the Lord came in through the back door. Instead of me going to the children, the children came to me."



In 2002-2003 she was Program Director at Schneider's Children Hospital and when asked about her time as director of the program stated, "I had the best job in the world, the best team in the world, and last but not least, the best children in the world." In 2004, she received the St. Catherine of Siena Award, St. Catherine dedicated her life to helping the ill and poor, and Sister D certainly epitomized this.

We at Lifeline, the Board, the staff, the doctors, the hospitals, the patients she helped, her Order will miss her and we can only pray that she rest in peace.

Sincerely one of Sister D's admirers,

Salah M. Hassanein

**A Remembrance of Sister D by
Dr. Roberto Quiroz of
San Gil, Colombia**

Sister Dorothy represents for us a story of love and solidarity that we will never forget. There were numerous trips to Colombia where she saw our needs and sought solutions. With her influence we changed the destination of thousands of children sentenced to die due to the lack of resources to treat and cure their heart problems. In 1980, 95% of children suffering from heart problems in our country were doomed to die; only 5% had a chance. Life has been very generous to us to enable us to see how it was before, as it is now and what it will possibly be in the future. Today, thanks to the leadership of Sister Dorothy in this noble cause of saving the lives of children with heart problems, we have been able to achieve a 95% survival rate, this task is supported by the wonderful and generous foundation which is Variety Lifeline International with Mr. Salah M. Hassanein, Dr. Michael LaCorte, children's program coordinator, Dr. Robert Boxer (RIP), Dr. John Myers, Dr. Vincent Parnell, Dr. Peter Waker, Dr. Rubin Cooper, Dr. Dipak Koldwuhala, the Heart to Heart Program in New York and many others whose big hearts and medical and scientific support made it possible for us to create the Cardiovascular Foundation of Colombia, headquartered in Bucaramanga under the direction of Dr. Victor Castillo, a great visionary leader, who from the outset has been a pioneer in this work, which allowed us to not only address the needs of our children but of neighboring countries as well.

Nearly 65,000 children in thirty years, 1980-2010 have benefited from the work of Heart to Heart, thousands of them operated on in the United States and Colombia. The joint work of Sister D, Variety Children's Lifeline, North Shore University Hospital, Hershey Medical Center among other institutions and American colleagues have helped us. The education we received has enabled us to reach these achievements and has made our lives so useful and bring solidarity to the most needy.

On Tuesday, December 7, 2010 the Heart to Heart Foundation of San Gil will be 30 years old and as was her wish and as a tribute to our INTERNATIONAL MOTHER, as she was called, part of her ashes will lay in repose in the Cathedral of San Gil, Colombia. Our best tribute to Sister Dorothy is for her to be able to see from the hereafter the seed she planted in her healing work, especially for the poorest, who will have the opportunity of life, peace of mind for thousands of families and most important solidarity among all human beings.

*Franklin Roberto Quiroz Diaz, MD Heart to Heart Program
Director San Gil, Colombia*



Dr. Quiroz and Sister D in Colombia

**Thoughts of Sister D from
Dr. Michael LaCorte**

It is with great pleasure that I write this tribute about my dear friend Sr. Dorothy Ammon: I grew up a product of a Jewish mother and a Catholic father. I attended church services only a handful of times and never even conversed with a nun for more than a few brief moments until the day I met Sister Dorothy Ammon, forever remembered by the LaCorte family as Sister D. I was in the pediatric ICU at North Shore Hospital in I believe 1982 when a hospital administrator introduced me to a Dominican nun who also happened to be the cousin of the hospital' CEO. At the time, I was the Chief of Pediatric Cardiology and had my hands full

building a cardiology service. When I was informed that a nun was being assigned to my service as a full-time volunteer, who was also the cousin of the CEO, I wondered what I had done wrong to be so "blessed". The next decade provided me the opportunity to know and work with a truly remarkable person, Sr. D provided unending spiritual support to our patients and families especially those who were part of our "Heart to Heart" program. These families always poor and always far from home received love and caring from a person whose only goal was to make their stay at North Shore a comforting one. Variety House was their home and hers. The few times when we were not successful in saving the lives of the children Sister D. provided solace to the parents and the medical staff as well. We laughed together, cried together, and shouted at each other but always loved one another. We shared great memories such as our first amazing trip to Colombia. Sr. D gave the eulogy at my dad's funeral and I had the opportunity to do a Sister D. "roast" at more than one event. She became part of my family, getting to know my wife Meena and my children. At the end she felt comforted by the wonderful life God had given her and her knowledge that she would soon be with her Creator.

We love you Sister D.,

Michael and all the LaCortes

Dr. Michael LaCorte has been a pediatric cardiologist for over 30 years and is the director of Steven and Alexandra Cohen Children's Medical Center of New York which is part of the North Shore Long Island Jewish Health System.



Sister D and Salah M. Hassanein

A Tribute to Sister D by Dr. Devyani Chowdhury

My first introduction to Sister D was when I was pediatric resident on the wards. There was this lady who came wearing long skirts and was “in-charge” of the children that came from other countries. After discussing the cardiac physiology of the most complex cases it took me only 3 years to find out that she was not only a non-medical person, but a “Nun”. She was the most “non-nun like nun” I had ever met. Coming from India, my vision of a nun was an individual dressed in a “habit” and someone who was very serious and someone to be afraid of. She did not wear a habit, she talked about everything and ate and drank almost everything. A conversation with Sister D always made you laugh and think at the same time. However, inside that “common person” exterior was a very unique and special individual. She was “mother” to many children in this world. She had a spirit and strength inside her that was infectious. I still remember those days when we discussed one of “Sister D’s” kids in our conference. After an extremely intellectual and energetic discussion the team would decide that the child would need surgery and possibly stents and reoperations. After we were confident that these actions would restore the anatomy, Sister D’s would speak. She would tell us data that we as physicians had forgotten. The child lived in a hut and did not even have a permanent roof or floors in the house. The child’s family had no resources. This is when medicine got hard the intellectual discussions fell to the side and we were asked to think of tougher decisions than restoring simple plumbing in the heart. Sister D did have an impact in my life in many ways. She was a friend who was always there for me, my finest critic and fan, she taught me “courage of conviction” and always told me “Dev don’t ever stop being who you are”. She shared an individual friendship with each of my children and my husband. She was always honest with me even though it was tough to hear those “honest remarks about oneself” she made sure you got an honest opinion. We never felt that Sister D was not biologically related to us. She and I shared our religious beliefs- I became half Christian and she too accepted many aspects of my faith and above all we

both together trusted God. It was a very touching moment for me when Sister D visited my mother in India. My mother was dying, bed ridden in a hospital bed. Sister D went to visit her on a wheel chair. My mother could not talk, but she and Sister D had the most beautiful interaction. Sister D came back and told me that “my mother was one of the most beautiful people she had met. Then added with a twinkle in her eye, that my mother really had a challenging task raising me. The highlight of her trip to India was meeting “Mom”. Sister D was frail on the outside but had an amazing internal strength. She took the journey to India. Went to see patients- did not speak the language- did not want a translator and she felt the language of love and message of God was universal. Even now she is a source of strength for me. There is nothing on this earth more to be prized than true friendship. I miss you Sister D.

Dr. Devyani Chowdhury is a pediatric cardiologist with over 20 years experience, practices in Hershey, Pennsylvania and is one of our Lifeline mission Doctors

Thoughts about Sr. Dorothy Ammon by Dr. Vincent Parnell

I first met Sr. D in 1984. At that time she was the coordinator for a loosely structured program at North Shore University Hospital in Manhasset that was colloquially known as “Heart to Heart.” The truth was that there was no organized “program”, but rather, a hospital sponsored service line that provided support services for a group of patients that were being brought to the U.S. from many different countries under the auspices of several charitable organizations. Of these organizations, Lifeline was the major source of referrals. Sr D’s “job”, or more truly her calling, was to be the liason between the families and the hospital. Many, but not all, of the patients were from Spanish speaking countries and of course Sr. D’s experience in Central and South America was a huge advantage not only linguistically but more importantly culturally. I was the newly recruited pediatric heart surgeon, and as such, Sr. Dorothy was the major advocate and representative for a significant number of my patients.

This was the beginning of a nearly twenty five

year relationship that I had with Sr. Dorothy Ammon. During that time we shared the emotional roller coaster that can often be associated with critically ill children undergoing complex cardiac surgical corrections. We laughed and we cried many times together over those years and together we cared for thousands of children and their parents. We had many more successes than tragedies, but somehow, the tragedies stuck in our minds. Sr. D worked countless hours, feeding and clothing, consoling and supporting so many of these indigent families from every corner of the globe most of whom were brought through the generosity of Variety. Many of those patients are adults now, with children of their own. Not a few of them are now health professionals themselves. Along the way, I had the opportunity to visit several countries, along with Sr. D., that our former patients and some future patients resided in. It gave me a renewed appreciation for their culture and native environment and for their limitless gratitude towards Sr. D for providing for them and their children the comfort and care that got them through those most difficult days of their lives. In a sense, I had the opportunity to see Sr. D in her own environment.

Sr. Dorothy left a lasting impression on me in several ways. She counted amongst her friends some of the most humble people in the world, but she also moved through the world of the entertainment industry and fashion industry movers and shakers with the same aplomb. Her goal was always just to save the next poor child regardless of country of origin or complexity of problem and to ease the burden for their family and anyone who could assist her in that mission would be employed in which ever way they could serve. It might be someone at the top of the fashion industry who is a household name or someone in the kitchen at the hospital who could provide food for a hungry family at an odd hour or transportation to the airport. I am proud to have counted her as a friend and to have had the opportunity to be allowed to care for some of “her kids.” In the end, that was what it was all about for her.

Dr. Vincent Parnell, Jr. is the Chief of Pediatric Cardiac Surgery at the Steven and Alexandra Cohen Children’s Medical Center of New York.

CHILDREN'S LIFELINE MISSIONS

Myanmar, November 2009

Dr. Marna Geisler of Strategic Partners Among Nations led the first Lifeline mission to Myanmar in November, 2009. Their mobile clinic visited 3 provinces and treated 1,773 people, the majority children, in just 5 days. Besides providing primary care to many children who never before had access to any, they also were able to perform several surgeries during their visit.

Nepal, November 2009

Dr. Patrick LeBlanc and Dr. Louisdon Pierre led a mission to Nepal in November where they were able to take valuable and life saving equipment to Tribhuvan University Teaching Hospital. While there they were able to provide intensive training and demonstrate proper techniques to the staff.

Ecuador, November 2009

Dr. John Meyers and Dr. Brian Clark of Hershey Penn State Children's Hospital led two separate missions to Ecuador in November. These missions consisted of a number of firsts, including two consecutive surgical teams, catheter treatment and improved diagnostics. The teams evaluated 203 children and 30 patients had open heart surgery and 8 catheter procedures were performed. With improved diagnostics the doctors could receive instant feedback, prior to the child even leaving the operating room, making for a very successful trip. The doctors were also able to train additional medical staff in various procedures and care.

Cambodia, December 2009

In December, Dr. Paul Grossfeld of Rady's Children's Hospital/UCSD led his 4th pediatric cardiac mission to Cambodia. 35 children were evaluated for procedures and of those 26 were scheduled for surgery. This mission has also been a teaching mission and it was learned that some of the previously trained doctors at the hospital have been able to perform some of these life saving

procedures. Following is a mission report written about their December, 2009 visit to the Angkor Hospital for Children, which showcases the need to continue this life saving work. Dr. Grossfeld was published in "Cardiology of the Young" in 2010. The article chronicled his work on his 2008 mission to Cambodia funded entirely by Children's Lifeline.

"Fulfilling one of Children's Lifeline primary objectives, the pediatric cardiology team from San Diego has succeeded in conferring life saving surgical techniques and post operative care to the fine physicians and staff at Angkor Hospital for Children in Siem Reap, Cambodia.

Upon arrival at Angkor Hospital for Children the team was thrilled to learn that after three successful previous missions, the senior surgeon at Angkor Hospital for Children had begun to perform some of these PDA ligations on his own! Having operated with the surgeons from San Diego in the past has given Dr. Vuthy Sar the training and confidence to competently, successfully, and independently operate on children in 2009. Dr. Vuthy has spent considerable time assisting with the December mission's most complex cases, as did Dr. Vann Thy. Additionally, Angkor Hospital for Children's most junior surgeon assisted in his first cardiac surgeries as well. As the Cambodian surgeons acquire more experience in performing PDA closures, Angkor Hospital for Children is appealing to our team to return for more complex closed heart cases and, in the future, open heart procedures that their surgeons are not trained to manage.

Given the great need and the complexity of most patients, Angkor Hospital for Children appealed to us to operate up until the last possible moment. Consequently, declining to operate on a patient meant imposing a potential death sentence and that said it cannot be stressed enough the great need to continue our work in Cambodia."

"There is no happiness in having or in getting, but only in giving"

Unknown

Dominican Republic, January, 2010

Drs. Daniel Turner and Robert Ross led 2 separate back to back pediatric cardiac missions to the Dominican Republic, evaluating over 40 children and treating 17 for heart catheterization and surgical procedures. While there they also trained Cedimat Hospital staff in these life saving procedures.

Tecate, Mexico, March, July and November, 2010

Dr. Jeffrey Moses and Smiles International made 3 journeys to Tecate, Mexico in 2010 to continue their work providing surgical intervention to treat facial deformities in children. In March, over 48 children were treated and in total 32 procedures were done. In July, 36 children were treated totaling 12 reconstructive procedures. The hopes are to make this clinic completely self sufficient and to be able to handle more children during each mission visit. "Many thanks to Children's Lifeline for support of these children and the surgical corrections. They would otherwise develop with disfigured faces and spirits, but can now look forward to a more normal childhood and adult life."

Dr. Jeffrey Moses, Surgical Team Leader

Yucatan, Mexico-Des Moines, IA, April, May, June, July, September, October, 2010

Lifeline continues its partnership with Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines and Dr. John Lozier along with American Airlines to bring children from Yucatan, Mexico to the United States for life saving cardiac procedures. This year, Dr. Lozier along with Lifeline helped save the lives of 28 children from that region.

OUR 2010 HIGHLIGHTS

Number of Children Treated	6214
Total Number of Missions	27
Total Number of Volunteers	293
Number of Lead Doctors	17
Number of Medical Institutions Represented	14
Number of Countries Visited	17

CHILDREN'S LIFELINE MISSIONS

Haiti, March 2010

Lifeline provided invaluable emergency medical support and donated medical equipment and supplies to Haiti after the devastating earthquake hit in January, 2010. Dr. Patrick LeBlanc and Dr. Louisdon Pierre, native Haitians, along with other medical staff from Brooklyn Hospital went to Haiti in March. A mission had already been scheduled there but when the earthquake hit the mission took on a new meaning, from being primarily a neonatology mission to that of an emergency medical mission. Lifeline sent an anesthesia machine to the Hospital Adventiste in Diquini, as this hospital was completely destroyed. We also donated and sent 4 cardiopulmonary monitors, 3 infusion pumps and an air compressor which was donated by the Brooklyn Hospital Center. The team while there was able to set up a temporary operating room while waiting for the reconstruction of the neonatal unit at the hospital. In addition, we also were able to send 1,300 pounds of bed linens to St. Damien's Hospital and the St. Helen's Orphanage which were in dire need. These were graciously donated by the Children's Hospital of Michigan, another one of our mission partners. Water Missions International, our partner in our Water for Africa project, was there on the ground installing 49 water systems. Their effort gave clean drinking water to approximately 500,000 people after the earthquake hit. We are very proud to be associated with such a noble and lifesaving effort. Another thank you to Benevolence Beyond Politics and Eric Charles, who helped to get the valuable equipment and supplies there. They have helped Lifeline with shipping of medical supplies and equipment to not only Haiti, but also to many areas around the world for our other missions.

On behalf of Lifeline, a great big thank you to all involved in helping us, help the people of Haiti through this enormous tragedy. There is still a lot of work to do there and we plan on being a part of the continuing effort to help the people of Haiti rebuild.

Sierra Leone, April 2010

In April, Lighthouse Medical Missions and Dr. Robert Hamilton continued their life saving mission to Jui, Kenema and Lunsor, Sierra Leone where approximately 2,500 were treated and of those 538 were children. This mission travels to different areas of the country and sets up clinics where they treat a myriad of diseases including malaria, worms, diarrhea, dehydration, malnutrition, tooth decay, simple colds, pneumonia, bronchitis, conjunctivitis, skin rashes, childhood diseases and infections. These common medical ailments that are easily treated, can be life threatening there, since no medical care and medications are readily available and of course the lack of safe drinking water. Some of those treated have never before received medical care.

Tibet, May 2010

Once again we had the pleasure of partnering with SEAPC to visit Tibet. Dr. Bradley Keller, Chief of Cardiology at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, led a mission of 4 which screened 1,921 children for possible congenital heart disease. Of those children screened, the team treated and cured 19, along with 1 baby who was treated for life threatening High Altitude Sickness. "Through a generous contribution from Lifeline they have sponsored a portion of the travel costs for the SEAPC TOUCHING HEARTS medical team to travel to Tibet and to bring healing to children with congenital heart defects. "We are blessed by the continued support of Children's Lifeline International and Salah Hassanein who has generously helped bring life to children in desperate need." *Matt Geppert- U.S. Project Director SEAPC Touching Hearts*

China, May 2010

Dr. Heakyung Kim of the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia journeyed to China in May. While there she gave a lecture on children with Cerebral Palsy and Spasticity

Management at the University of Beijing. She was able to evaluate and perform this treatment on several children instructing over 35 doctors and therapists on its benefits in helping children with cerebral palsy. She plans to return next year and hopes to be able to reach another 30-40 doctors and physical therapists and teach them about this effective treatment. She also identified a need for a pediatric cardiac unit at the Beijing University and will be returning to further access that need.

Cambodia, June 2010

Plasticos Foundation, led by Dr. Larry Nichter, traveled to Cambodia in June of this year and performed over 50 procedures on 20 patients in treating various facial and extremity deformities, forever changing the lives of not only the patients but their families. Through these procedures, children are given the opportunity to be able to contribute to the overall care and livelihood of their families, instead of being a burden to them. In so many areas of the world where cooking is still done over open flames and light is provided by candles, many types of burns occur and the knowledge and access to treat these injuries is not always accessible. This mission actively involves the staff of the Angkor Children's Hospital in Siem Reap hoping to impart as much knowledge to the doctors, nurses and support staff there to be able to effectively perform these life altering procedures once the team has left.

Panama, August 2010

Dr. Womack returned to the Cedimat Hospital in Panama in August completing his 8th pediatric cardiac mission there. He performed procedures on 17 patients along with many consults and pre-op and post-op care of some patients already in the hospital. It has been established that this is becoming more of a teaching mission, especially with complex cases and the emphasis has been on focusing on the treatment and management of ICU cases.

YOU CAN HELP

Please help us continue serving over 6,000 people a year by giving generously to our 2011 campaign.

Your continued support will enable Lifeline volunteer doctors and medical staff to provide lifesaving surgical and clinical interventions to sick children and their families in developing countries.

OUR MISSION TRIBUTE TO SISTER D

In loving memory of Sister D, Lifeline will dedicate specific upcoming missions in 2011 in her memory. A plaque will be placed honoring Sister D in communities where our lifesaving surgeries and clinical interventions will take place. Please join us in supporting our missions in honor of Sister D, our friend, who gave so much to so many.

Donor's envelope enclosed.

On behalf of the children we serve, Thank You!!!

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Mission Statement

Children's Lifeline provides medical teams and surgical assistance to underprivileged children in developing countries. Multidisciplinary voluntary missions in partnerships with local hospitals are vital for these countries to achieve independence and be self sustaining. ®

Children's Lifeline

Tentative 2011 Mission Schedule

#	Country	Home Hospital / Organization	Host Hospital	Discipline	Doctor	2011
1	Cambodia	Rady Children's Hospital/UCSD	Angkor Hospital for Children	Pediatric Cardiac	Paul Grossfeld	Jan
2	Dom. Rep.	Children's Hospital of Michigan	Cedimat Hospital	Pediatric Cardiac	Daniel Turner	Jan
3	Dom. Rep.	Children's Hospital of Michigan	Cedimat Hospital	Pediatric Cardiac	Robert Ross	Feb
4	Haiti	Brooklyn Hospital Center	Hospital Adventiste, Diquini	Neonatal	Patrick Leblanc	Mar
5	Mexico	Smiles International Foundation	Hospital de Salud en Cielo Azul, Tecate	Cranio-Maxillofacial	Jeffrey Moses	Mar
6	Zambia	UCSD	University Teaching Hospital, Lusaka Zambia	Neurosurgery	Hoi Sang U	Mar
7	Mexico	Mercy Medical Center, Des Moines	Hospital de la Amistad, Merida, Yucatan	Pediatric Cardiac	John Lozier	Apr
8	Sierra Leone	Pacific Ocean Pediatrics / Lighthouse	Temporary Clinic / The Door Church	Clinical	Robert Hamilton	Apr
9	Mexico	Mercy Medical Center, Des Moines	Hospital Manuel Campos, Campeche, Yucatan	Pediatric Cardiac	John Lozier	May
10	Tibet / China	Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh / SEAPC	Peoples Regional Hospital of Lhasa	Clinical & Cardiac	Bradley Keller	May
11	China	Children's Hospital of Philadelphia	Peiking University	Rehabilitation	Heakyung Kim	May
12	Ethiopia	Chain of Hope	Abu Eresh Children's Hospital	Pediatric Cardiac	Sir Magdi Yacoub	Jun
13	Mexico	Mercy Medical Center, Des Moines	Hospital de la Amistad, Merida, Yucatan	Pediatric Cardiac	John Lozier	Jun
14	Cambodia	Hoag Memorial Hospital / Plasticos	Angkor Hospital for Children	Cranio-Maxillofacial	Larry Nichter	Jun
15	Armenia	St. Johns Hospital	AMAA Social Service Center	Clinical	Albert Phillips	Jun
16	Mexico	Mercy Medical Center, Des Moines	Hospital Manuel Campos, Campeche, Yucatan	Pediatric Cardiac	John Lozier	Jul
17	Mexico	Smiles International Foundation	Hospital de Salud en Cielo Azul, Tecate	Cranio-Maxillofacial	Jeffrey Moses	Jul
18	Ecuador	Frederick Memorial Hospital / Johns Hopkins	Hospital Gineco-Obstetrico Enrique Sotomayor	Neonatal	Fabio Olarte	Sep
19	Mexico	Mercy Medical Center, Des Moines	Hospital de la Amistad, Merida, Yucatan	Pediatric Cardiac	John Lozier	Sep
20	Panama	Oregon Health and Science University	Hospital del Nino de Panama	Pediatric Cardiac	Michael Womack	Sep
21	Tibet / China	Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh / SEAPC	Peoples Regional Hospital of Lhasa	Pediatric Cardiac	David Peng	Sep
22	Egypt	Chain of Hope	Abu Eresh Children's Hospital	Pediatric Cardiac	Sir Magdi Yacoub	Sep
23	Mexico	Mercy Medical Center, Des Moines	Hospital Manuel Campos, Campeche, Yucatan	Pediatric Cardiac	John Lozier	Oct
24	Ghana	Children's Hospital Boston	Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital	Pediatric Cardiac	Francis Fynn-Thompson	Oct
25	Sierra Leone	Pacific Ocean Pediatrics / Lighthouse	Door Church, Banjul	Clinical	Robert Hamilton	Oct
26	Ecuador	Hershey Penn State Children's Hospital	Hospital de Ninos Roberto Gilbert Elizalde	Pediatric Cardiac	John Myers	Nov
27	Ecuador	Hershey Penn State Children's Hospital	Hospital de Ninos Roberto Gilbert Elizalde	Pediatric Cardiac	Brian Clark	Nov
28	India	Smiles International Foundation	Subamma Hospital, Mori-Podu	Cranio-Maxillofacial	Jeffrey Moses	Nov
29	Mexico	Smiles International Foundation	Hospital de Salud en Cielo Azul, Tecate	Cranio-Maxillofacial	Jeffrey Moses	Dec