



BOLIVIA SURGICAL VISIT REPORT | JANUARY 14-21, 2023

Bolivia Surgical Visit



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Message from our CEO

DURING OUR RECENT VISIT TO BOLIVIA, OUR WORK GOT OFF TO A STRONG start. Following our first complete year of partnership with Bolivia in 2022, our teams have developed a strong foundation for the program to build on. During this visit, eight children were successfully treated in partnership with the healthcare professionals at Hospital del Niños in La Paz. Additionally, we supported the ongoing training of local healthcare professionals to construct autonomous and sustainable pediatric cardiac programs.

We plan to conduct two more surgical training visits and an interventional catheterization visit in the coming year. Additionally, we will support the local team in their efforts to treat one to two children per week. We aim to care for over 150 Bolivian children with heart disease and ensure they receive the care they require.

The global network of Gift of Life continues to focus on Bolivia as one of our Core programs. Thanks to the generosity of pHresh Products, Trinity International Mission, GOL RD 7490, RC of Paramus and RC of Fort Lee, local healthcare professionals were empowered, and eight children received the care they needed. All the children have recovered well and are ready to enjoy their healed hearts.

Sincerely,

Rob Raylman
CEO, Gift of Life International



8 Little Hearts Treated with Surgery



KEVIN

Age: 4 Years



JHESELEM

Age: 7 Months



KARIM

Age: 10 Years



ANGEL

Age: 8 Months



8 Little Hearts Treated with Surgery



ADRIEN

Age: 8 Years



LUZ

Age: 1 Year



RICHARD

Age: 7 Years



IVETTE

Age: 8 Months



Thank You to the Medical Teams

LOCAL TEAM FROM HOSPITAL DEL NINOS:

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| Dr. Miguel Quispe – Director | Dr. Roberto Michel Zuñiga – PICU | Lic. Siria Guarachi Ramos – Scrub Nurse | Lic. Miguel William Sanchez Cruz – PICU Nurse |
| Dr. Joseph Henao – Subdirector | Dr. Victor Hugo Urquieta Clavel – PICU | Lic. Deysi Quispe – Scrub Nurse | Lic. Evelin Quispe – PICU Nurse |
| Dra. Ericka Pérez Albrecht – Cardiac Surgeon | Dr. Vladimir Aguilera Avendaño – PICU | Lic. Amalia Moller – Nurse | Lic. Lorena Baptista – PICU Nurse |
| Dr. Jesus Choque – Pediatric Cardiac Surgeon | Dr. Fabricio Roberto Benavente Velarde – PICU | Lic. Wendy Fernandez – Nurse | Lic. Wilma Gutierrez – PICU Nurse |
| Dr. Oscar Ballivian – Cardiologist | Dr. Marcelo Miguel Velasquez Quenta – PICU | Aux. Enf. Lizeth Sarmiento – Nurse | Lic. Heydi Flores – PICU Nurse |
| Dr. Jesús Pozo – Cardiologist | Dr. Rodrigo Loayza López – PICU | Aux. Enf. Norah Huanto – Nurse | Lic. Lourdes Choquehuanca – PICU Nurse |
| Dr. Luis Patiño – Cardiologist | Dr. Raphael Mauricio Daza Flores – PICU | Lic. Soledad E. Quispe Apaza – PICU Chief Nurse | Lic. Santa Veronica – PICU Nurse |
| Dra. Salette Queiroz – Pediatrician | Dr. Juan Carlos Oyola – Cardiology Resident | Lic. Danitza Quisbert Zarate – PICU Nurse | Lic. Celia Limachi – Epidemiology department |
| Dra. Amanda Inofuentes – Pediatrician | Dr. Ronald Céspedes – Pediatric surgery Resident | Lic. Libna Condori – PICU Nurse | Lic. Braulia Tola – Nurse department Chief |
| Dra. Paola Fuentes – Pediatrician | Dra. Valeria Fuertes – Pediatrics Resident | Lic. Gladis Quispe Trujillo – PICU Nurse | Andrea Padilla – Media |
| Dra. Claudia Rodriguez – Anesthesiologist | Dra. Evelyn Cusi – Pediatrics Resident | Lic. Ronal Apaza – PICU Nurse | Juan Yauri – Electromedicina |
| Dra. Bernarda Villarroel – Anesthesiologist | Lic. Elizabeth Sanchez Ramirez – Ward Nurse | Lic. Cinthia Marin – PICU Nurse | Alfredo Conde – Electro medicina |
| Dra. Valeria Bueno – Perfusionist | Lic. Yhovana Mixto Quenta – Scrub Chief Nurse | Lic Alcira Mendoza – PICU Nurse | Fresia Saravia – Social Worker |
| Dr. Antonio Alfredo Rodriguez Vargas – Pediatric Intensive Care Unit | Lic. Noemi Vito Forra – Scrub Nurse | Lic. Roxana Loa Segura – PICU Nurse | Patricia Chavez – Psychology |

VISITING HEALTHCARE TEAM:

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| Dr. Rodrigo Soto – Pediatric Cardiac Surgeon, GOLI Clinical Consultant | Dr. Raul Perez – Pediatric Cardiologist | Aida Solon – Scrub Nurse | Kim Medina – ICU Nurse |
| Dr. Harm Velvis – Pediatric Cardiologist, GOLI Board Member | Dr. Srikanth Patankar – Anesthesiologist | Lindsay Bailer – Respiratory Therapist | Gisela Ponce – Nurse Educator |
| Dr. Enrique Carrion – Pediatric Cardiologist | Dr. Christine Vohwinkel – Intensivist | John Albers – ICU Nurse | Rob Raylman – Gift of Life International CEO |
| | Dr. Danielle Geeting – Intensivist | Paula Clark – ICU Nurse | Sophie Stone – Volunteer |
| | Elias Sanchez – Perfusionist | Mary Mehegan – ICU Nurse | |



Thank You to the Medical Teams





Thank you to our Partners & Sponsors

This work we do takes a global network of donors, like-minded partners, volunteers and healthcare professionals to develop sustainable pediatric cardiac programs.





*Whatever it takes to heal
the heart of a child.*

*Over 44,000 hearts healed
to date!*

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