

FAITH IN PRACTICE

a LIFE CHANGING MISSION EXPERIENCE



FAITH IN PRACTICE HISTORY



- ~Founded in 1994 by Rev. Todd Collier of Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church in Houston, TX
- ~Grown and guided by Joe and Vera Wiatt. Rev. Linda McCartney is our current Executive Director
- ~ expanded to 35 teams from all over the US
- ~ Highest rating from Charity Navigator: FOUR STARS!
91% of donations go directly to mission work



MISSION STATEMENT



- ✧ The mission of Faith In Practice is to improve the physical, spiritual, and economic conditions of the poor in Guatemala through short-term surgical, medical and dental mission trips and health-related educational programs. Our mission is based on an ecumenical understanding that as people of God we are called to demonstrate the love and compassion that is an outward sign of God's presence among us. Faith In Practice's life-changing medical mission is to minister to the poor, while providing a spiritually enriching experience for our volunteers.

Our Goals

To demonstrate, by our actions, the love of God and to provide an opportunity for the spiritual growth of our volunteers in various settings.

To connect the practice of medicine and dentistry and our service to our brothers and sisters in Central America to our individual faith journey.

To present Christian core values in a way that is non-threatening and informative to those volunteers whose beliefs are different from ours.



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~Capital improvement campaigns:

~Renovation of the main hospital in Antigua: Obras de Sociales del Santo Hermano Pedro, a 500 year old Franciscan mission hospital

~Building the Casa de Fe, a temporary domicile for patients and their families while undergoing surgery

FIP statistics



- ☞ 22,300 patients seen annually
- ☞ 6000 surgeries annually (200 ENT)
- ☞ 35 teams annually, of which 20-22 are surgical
- ☞ 1100 US volunteers
- ☞ 700 Guatemalan volunteers
- ☞ ½ of the 14,000,000 people in Guatemala live below the poverty level, i.e., \$2 per day per person. For Mayan people, this is 75%

The Obras is also the “Gracewood” of the Mayan people



Arrival reception at the Casa de Fe



Otolaryngology/Head & Neck Caseload



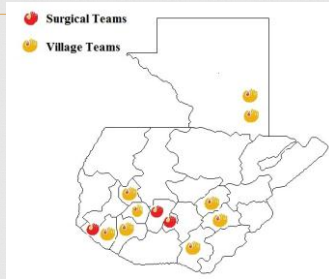
☞ What is common here is common there:

- ☞ Ear disease
- ☞ Chronic adenotonsillitis
- ☞ Sinonasal disease
- ☞ “goiter belt” phenomenon

Fred Daniel finishing an ear case

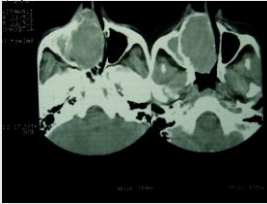


GUATEMALA LOCATIONS

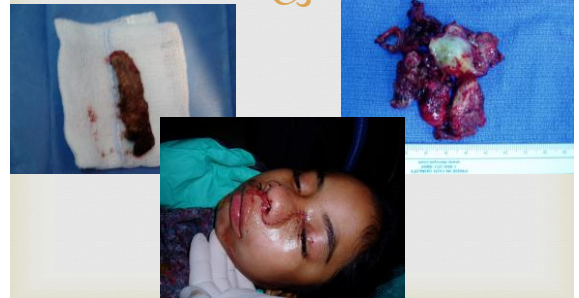


Case Study: sinonasal mass

12 y/o Mayan girl with 2 yr history of expanding mass.
Histopathologic dx from the University of Guatemala:
"Fibrous Dysplasia"



Lateral rhinotomy/external ethmoidectomy



Rhinoscleroma

- ☞ Endemic to Africa and Latin America
- ☞ *Klebsiella rhinoscleromatis*
- ☞ Granulomatous; pseudoepitheliomatous hyperplasia
- ☞ RX: Doxycycline, Ciprofloxacin

