

MISSION OF HOPE, BOLIVIA NEWSLETTER

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On September 1, 2007, the 9th U.S. surgery team arrived at the Mission of Hope hospital in Santa Cruz, Bolivia to perform a week of free surgeries. Pictured below are four of the many patients who received the blessing of a free, life-changing surgery.



Patricia, 11 years old, is one of seven children. Patricia has never been able to participate in physical education at school because of a painful hernia. Now she looks forward to playing soccer with her friends!



Juan, 18 years old, quit school to work and support his mom and 3 younger siblings when his father abandoned them. He has been in pain for about 4 years from a hernia. Juan's dream is to finish school and become a doctor!



Miguel, 46 years old, lives with his wife and 4 children in the poorest neighborhood of Santa Cruz. He works in construction and earns about \$10 per day. His wife also sells food in the streets. He was in pain from a large hernia for 13 years, but he had to keep on working to feed his family. Surgery was not even an option for Miguel until this team arrived!



Sandra, 35 years old, was abandoned by her husband and works as a seamstress to support her mother and 2 children. She lives in Cochabamba, Bolivia, and rode the bus for 14 hours to come for a screening appointment. She lived in constant pain from gallstones for many years. After a successful surgery, doctors removed more than 650 gallstones!!

In addition to the hernia repairs and surgeries to remove gallstones, many female patients also received hysterectomies. The ladies who come to us are **very poor**. Many have been **widowed** or **abandoned by their husbands** and have **no one to help them**. In addition to healing their physical bodies, we believe it is very **important to also minister to them spiritually and emotionally**. Every morning, the patients had a time of praise and worship. During the course of the week, 12 people prayed to receive Christ as their Savior! In the afternoons, the ladies received very special attention having their hair styled, their nails manicured, and their feet washed and massaged. They were totally transformed!



Patients come together for a time of praise and worship



Martha gave her heart to Jesus during the praise and worship



Donna & Gloria sing to Andrea



Nurse Genny giving a manicure

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MATCHING GIFT CHALLENGE

Mission of Hope, Bolivia has received a matching gift challenge. An anonymous donor will match every dollar that we receive between now and December 31, 2007. The money received from this matching gift challenge will be used to operate our free medical clinic in Bolivia during the year 2008. Praise the Lord!