

MISSION OF HOPE, BOLIVIA NEWSLETTER

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Celebrating 25 Surgery Teams!

Twice a year, surgery teams come from the US to the Mission of Hope clinic in Santa Cruz to provide a **very special week of free surgeries**. The first surgery team came in 2003. **Surgery team #25** arrived September 5th of this year and worked many long hours to provide relief for patients who had suffered for years with their pain. **Many lives were changed, both physically and spiritually!**



Natalia is a very active 4 year old. When she complained of pain over an extended time, her parents brought her to the clinic and she was diagnosed with a hernia. Natalia came out of surgery as if nothing had even happened!



Susana is a 47 year old lady who lives with her husband in the countryside about 5 hours from Santa Cruz. She had surgery to remove a uterine mass that had been growing for 10 years and weighed more than 6 lbs!



Hipolito, 65 years old, suffered with a hernia for 15 years. He had to quit his job because the pain was so intense. Surgery was not an option because he had no money. Now he can work again and support his family!



Idubilda is a 55 year old widow who suffered with the pain of gallstones for 4 years. A friend told her about Mission of Hope, and she rode the bus all night for 10 hours to come to the clinic for treatment. She is now pain free!



Erwin before surgery

Erwin's

Erwin is a 50 year old man who lives with his wife and one daughter, who is still in school. His older son, Cristhian, was featured in the fall, 2014 newsletter after he had surgery to remove a 2 ½ lb. growth from his shoulder. Erwin was so impressed by the surgery that was done on Cristhian, he decided to also come to the



Erwin after surgery

clinic. Erwin's **tumor had been growing** on the back of his neck for **3 years**. Erwin says the surgery has totally changed his life, and he feels like a new person! He feels that now his life has a purpose. He is no longer sad and tired! He is very grateful to God. **The tumor weighed 4 lbs!**

The \$100,000 Matching Gift Challenge is now in effect!

Every dollar that we receive between now and December 31st up to \$100,000 **will be doubled** by an anonymous donor. This money will be used to provide free medical care to the poor during the year 2016. Mission of Hope is a **debt-free** mission, and **almost 100%** of your **tax-exempt donations** go directly into our Bolivia program!

Go to the home page of our web site to watch our 7 minute online video!



Ana Luisa after surgery

Ana Luisa's Story

Ana Luisa is a 42 year old lady with 4 children, including a 10 month old baby. In May of this year, she started hemorrhaging. She went to a local hospital and received treatment with hormones, which she was told would stop the bleeding. **The bleeding did not stop** and continued over the next 2 months. She went back to the hospital and was told that she needed surgery to remove the uterine masses that were causing her to bleed. **She did not have money for surgery**, and the bleeding continued. Then a friend told her about Mission of Hope. Ana Luisa arrived just as we were screening patients for surgery, and

she was able to have a **successful hysterectomy**. She says that Jesus used the team to heal her body, and He also came into her heart!



Rosa after surgery

Rosa's Story

Rosa is a 46 year old lady who has been in pain from a uterine mass for 5 years. She says **she had to endure the pain** because **she did not have money to go to a doctor**. She supports herself and her 4 kids washing clothes by hand. Her

husband has also been ill. He drives a taxi when he is able. Rosa came to the clinic and was put on the list for surgery. **She was delivered of a large uterine mass weighing more than 4 lbs!** She says she did not want to leave the clinic after surgery because the attention was so wonderful! **To God be the Glory!**

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