

CREATE A PEDIATRIC CARDIAC UNIT IN SAN PEDRO SULA



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Project Update

Oct 2014

The purchase of all equipment and supplies covered by the Rotary Global Grant was completed in time for use by the September Little Hearts Project team.



Checking out the new Lifepak Defibrillator

Everything arrived in Honduras on time for the surgical team.



Most importantly, the heart lung machine, which had been delayed in customs, was delivered and installed on time at Ruth Paz Hospital.



Midlothian Club Rotarian Robert Maddox, also Board Chairman of FOBF, is on-hand to assist with equipment delivery.



Dr. Thomas Zellers, our first Rotary Vocational Training Team member, arrived on Wednesday, September 17.



He quickly went to work to provide Dr. Hector Fonseca training on the use of the new ECHO machine.

Fourteen children were examined in the clinic on the first day and many ECHO procedures were performed in the following days.



The Honduran doctors and nurses were very impressed with the new ECHO machine.



Education and hands-on training were provided under Little Hearts Project for Honduran nurses who will be caring for the patients.

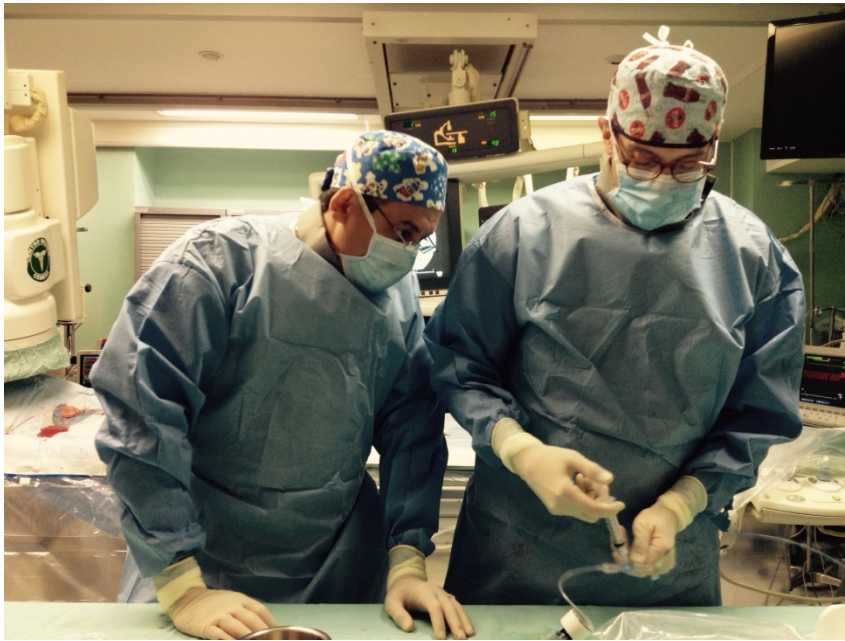


Additional nurse training will be offered by our Rotary Vocational Training Team in January, 2015.

Dr. Victor Paz, the Honduran Pediatric Cardiovascular Surgeon in training, was the lead surgeon on ten open-heart surgeries, assisted by his US and Honduran colleagues, using the new equipment.



Twenty-six children received interventional heart catheterizations and diagnostic caths were completed on seven children.



Members of Valle de Sula Rotary club visited Ruth Paz Hospital. They toured the newly equipped pediatric cardiac unit, met the US visiting surgical brigade and were invited to observe a surgery.



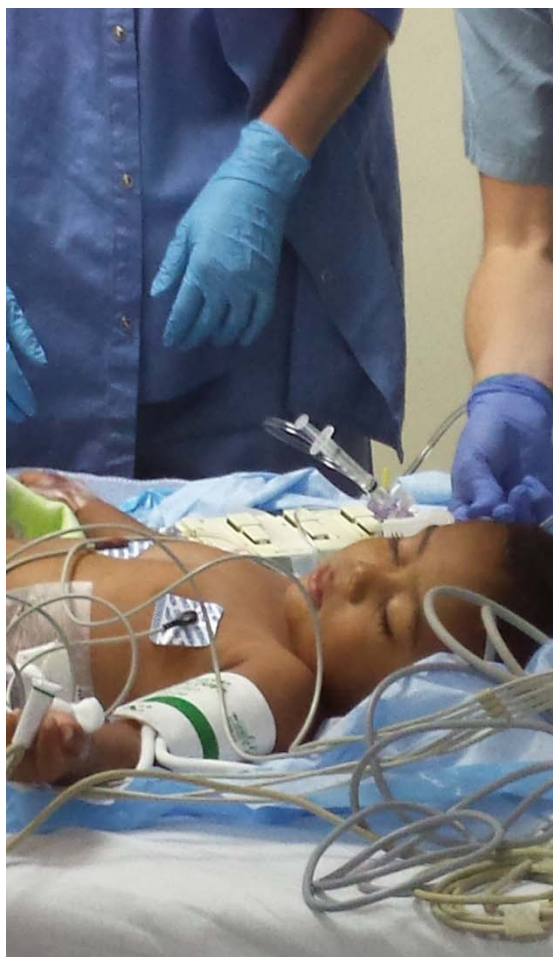
Rotarians Sergio Rivera, Christian Calix and Cesar Montfort also met with Peggy Kipps of RPF and Nury Janania and Lori Cordova of FOBF to learn about the history of Little Hearts Project and its future plans for evolution and sustainability.



Dr. Zellers, Lori Cordova, Dr. Clay, and Dr. Nikaidoh were hosted at the Valle de Sula Rotary club meeting



Through the combined efforts of Friends of Barnabas Foundation, Ruth Paz Foundation, Little Hearts Project and Rotary, our Global Grant project is on schedule and already saving lives of Honduran children.



Looking ahead - Budget

- ▣ Budget funds remain for the January travel for VTT members and training materials to train nurses to support a fully functional pediatric cardiac unit and provide comprehensive care for children with cardiac defects.
- ▣ Budgeted expenses have not yet been paid out for project manager, Karen Vasquez.
- ▣ Contingency funds of \$800 remain - will be spent to help reimburse unbudgeted shipping expenses for FOBF if not needed elsewhere.

Looking Ahead - Rotary Opportunities

- ▣ Hands-on opportunities exist to assist at the Richmond office of FOBF as they prepare for medical trips - the surgical team in Feb 2015 or monthly medical teams that go into the Honduran countryside, where many of the patients live.
- ▣ Grand opening ceremony of the pediatric cardiac unit at Ruth Paz Hospital in Feb 2015 - let us know if you are interested in attending.
- ▣ Review of children's health results over the next 1-3 years - Rotary will receive reports through Little Hearts Project's monitoring.

Children of Honduras Thank You with all their hearts!

