

# YOU bring Joy and Healing to Peru



## Healing and Hope MISSION DOCTORS ASSOCIATION

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*The photo may be a little fuzzy, but the joy is clear.*

*11 year old Victor\* is a great kid with a sweet smile and great laugh.*

*Unfortunately, he had been sick, really sick for a while with a fever, painful cough and difficulty breathing.*

*Victor's grandmother brought him to Santa Clotilde since his parents could not afford to come down river. The diagnosis was also clear - a giant pneumonia and fluid collection in his lungs.*

*Normally, we would send a patient like Victor to Iquitos for hospitalization and a chest tube in the closest city, by 4-5 hour boat ride. Like many of the thousands of people cared for by the staff at Santa Clotilde, Victor's*

*family could not afford to send Victor to Iquitos.*

*So, we've been taking good care of him and letting his smiles and laughs bolster our spirits. He is getting better with regular fluid thoracentesis, antibiotics and a little soccer with myself and card games with Shantha.*

*He may be here a little longer than he would otherwise, due to the lack of resources, but we're making it work.*

*This story of little Victor came from short-term Mission Doctors, Andrew Luckett and Shantha Parameswaran and their time serving at Santa Clotilde Clinic on the Napo River in rural Peru.*

*Your support makes the lifesaving care of children like Victor and thousands of others possible. Thank you!*

*\*Name changed to protect the patient's privacy*

THANK  
YOU!

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# A World of Thanks

We cannot always share the thanks of the patients served by Mission Doctors around the world. Since you can't hear it from them, some of our short-term Mission Doctors would like to share 'thanks' on their behalf.



*Thank you to all who support mission doctors, the gentle, heart felt thanks I heard from patients all day long are truly for you.*  
Dr. Kelly Herbelin-Farrar, Ecuador



*Thank you for your support. God's work is always more than that of just a single person.*  
Dr. Lou Coda, Uganda



*To supporters of Mission Doctors, we would encourage you to continue the generosity. Though everyone may not have the chance to sew up a 10-year old's machete wound, we all can be part of his healing. Mission Doctors allows your financial support to make this happen.*  
Dr. William Stavinoha and Susan Stavinoha, PA-C, Honduras

*Thank you supporters and friends of MDA for making it possible for us to serve. We couldn't do it without you!*  
Dr. Mark Druffner, Tanzania



*Thank you, thank you, thank you! I offer my thanks knowing that words will never adequately express how grateful we are for the many ways you support MDA — through your service, your financial contributions, and, especially, your prayers.*  
Dr. Philip Hawley, Jr., Honduras



*The care is obviously improving here and MDA is contributing to this improvement. Thank you!*  
Dr. Anne Marie Raffo, Uganda

*MDA and other donors play an important role in keeping the hospital funded and stocked, and several staff expressed their sincere appreciation for the support.*  
Dr. Roy and Dr. Melanie Elfrink, Peru



*"We look forward to coming to the Mission Doctors Gala every year, bringing our friends to share an evening with inspiring people and support the great life-giving work!"*

Pia and Anselm Varni

*"What a great 'Ladies night out!' We have so much fun; find great wines and other special items in the silent auction; have a great meal atop downtown Los Angeles with live music – and all this to support healthcare in places where the need is so great!"*

Nicole Gordon, RN



A HEART FOR THE  
**WORLD**  
Benefit Gala

*Open your hearts to Mission Doctors*



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March 7, 2020

City Club Los Angeles

## Upcoming Events

### March 27-29, 2020 Spring Retreat/Seminar

Doctors and their spouses considering short-term service are invited to attend the annual Retreat/Seminar at Loyola Marymount University. The weekend includes opportunities to hear from veteran Mission Doctors and learn about the various options. Contact our office for more details.

### February 7-9 and April 17-19, 2020

#### Discernment Weekends

Doctors and their spouses interested in long-term (3 year) service with MDA are invited to a Discernment Weekend at our Mission House. The weekend provides an opportunity to meet with the formation team, learn about current service sites, and discuss the joys and challenges of mission life. Contact our office for more information.



## MISSION DOCTORS ASSOCIATION

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