

NEWS letter



Medical Bridges & Faith in Practice

An interview with Rev. Linda McCarty,
President and CEO of Faith in Practice

Medical Bridges has had the privilege of partnering with Faith in Practice, a nonprofit organization that serves the poor in Guatemala with medical, surgical and dental mission trips, for more than 15 years. Time has not only enriched the relationship but also improved how we do our work.

"It has been very interesting to watch how both organizations have grown in levels of sophistication, says McCarty, "In the early, early days, Medical Bridges was only a warehouse full of stuff," she recalls. "Our doctors would go there and dig through things to find what they needed."

Today, doctors and others no longer go "hunting" for what they need for their mission trips. Medical Bridges has an inventory management system that lets staff know not only what's in inventory, but also where it is located in the warehouse. "Faith in Practice," McCarty continues, "also is more sophisticated regarding its supply needs. The right supplies are in the right place and in the hands of medical professionals quickly and efficiently."



Technology is only as good as the partnership and the people you work with. McCarty says, "We've had a long-term relationship with Medical Bridges, a similar mission binds us. Our history is very much connected. I hope that our missions continue to be interwoven well into the future."

Medical Bridges provides medical surplus not being used in the United States and our Faith in Practice doctors turn that surplus into lifesaving tools. Both Medical Bridges and Faith in Practice believe that there are no true borders when people are in need. We both want to ensure that everyone has access to quality healthcare in under-resourced areas."



Medical Bridges makes it possible for the 42 Faith in Practice's teams of healthcare professionals to have the necessary resources to provide quality healthcare access and delivery each year by ensuring that they receive only quality products from our warehouse. Nothing is ever outdated or in disrepair.

"The privilege of this work is that I meet wonderful caring people," McCarty says. "It is a special gift to be able to meet and work with people who put the needs of others before their own. It makes a world of difference."

"There's so much to do, and neither Faith in Practice nor Medical Bridges can solve all Guatemala's healthcare problems," McCarty remarks. "However, with the right partners, together we can do a lot more."



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