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Life Changing Medical Mission

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**Faith In Practice Gala:
Steadfast Love
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Timeless Love

The Preston Team recently returned from Guatemala, marking the end of the Season. An end to the flurry of activity of custom forms, gathering supplies, 'do we have enough pediatricians, scrub techs, translators...?' The hustle and bustle of lines of patients waiting, 'Do we have enough ibuprofen, is the test result in?' An end to the time when the question, 'How can I absorb the blessing and the pain of this day?' comes, but is crowded out quickly. No time.

No time to sit with the timeless moments that raced by. The small child who gently touched your cheek. The mother who collapsed in gratitude, relief, tears. The old man who patted your hand and said, 'Bless you.' The quiet prayers said alone at the end of the day for the child healed, for the child who could not be healed. The miracles that flowed through and graced this mission leaving us changed forever.

The end of the Season. It is not enough to say 1,200 US and 750 Guatemalan volunteers served more than 25,000 of the poor of Guatemala. It is not enough.

I rushed down the hallway at the Obras Hospital, weaving through the crowd, my mind already in the middle of the next meeting, when he grabbed my arm. Our Guatemalan volunteer Gervasio had been rushing too. He had led the medical clinic in Totonicapán earlier in the month. Now, he was in the middle of juggling patients. Orthopedic, general, ENT and pediatrics. The Stevens, Davis and Glass teams. Juggling patients across Guatemala.



Join **Chairs Dan and Lori Wolterman** and Honoree **Padre José Conran** as we celebrate 20 years. [Reserve your tables or tickets today.](#)

**Linen Drive:
Support Casa de Fe and
Hilario Galindo Hospital**



The Casa de Fe, Hilario Galindo Hospital Wards and Patient Guest House need sheets, pillowcases and pillows! [Please consider ordering online through Target.](#) Our goal is to send them to Guatemala on August 1, 2014!

**Blogs and Photos from the 2014
Season**



Gervasio and one of his patients from Totonicapán.

In that moment, I recognized it. In his face, the Spirit of one under the easy yoke and light burden of a timeless love. His first words were in gratitude to God. Then he asked when construction on the patient guesthouse would begin at Hilario Galindo Hospital in Reu. The patients and he had slept on the floor the night before. He said, 'for me, it doesn't matter. But, we need the house for the patients.'

A normal conversation about logistics and patient support. And, yet, Gervasio has a gift. In the midst of 'not enough time' he has the ability to calm the heart giving space and time to see the miracle, even as he juggles logistics and patients. So strong is his faith, he embodies what it is to 'pray without ceasing'. So strong, that just to look into his eyes, it is possible to glimpse a miracle within him.

Once again, I was reminded why this land and her people have such a hold on us. Each moment is filled with the Spirit. There is no need of a reminder to set aside the busyness to make room for the Spirit. The Spirit is as near as the next breath. In the midst of the violence, poverty, and pain, the Spirit of the living God is so present that it takes our breath away. So close, that we can sense it calling us out of time and space to rest in its timeless love. And, we want more of it.

More than 25,000 Guatemalans in need received life changing medical care from 1,200 US volunteers. [Read about our teams and the patients that touched their lives.](#)

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As we reflect on the Season, I encourage you to stop a moment and think back to one of those moments of timeless love. Those moments when you knew in the depths of your heart that God meant you to be in that place, in that moment. The moment when, in spite of the rush and flurry of the day, time stood still and you glimpsed heaven.

Remember the moment and take time to sit with it, this miracle that God placed before you, just for you.

Thank you for journeying with us throughout the Season. Thank you for sharing your hearts with us. Thank you for sharing moments of God's timeless love.

Rev. Linda L. McCarty
President & CEO

PS Please keep our amazing Staff in prayer. While the Season has ended, they are busily preparing for the Season to come. And, please hold in prayer all of our Guatemalan volunteers who are accompanying patients across Guatemala throughout the year.

The construction of the Hilario Galindo patient guesthouse is expected to begin shortly.

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