

# Faith In Practice

Life Changing Medical Mission

## Marcos: One Sole Mission



*"Thank you, Father. You made me in your image and you desire that I follow your example to give my love to my brother, building a world of love."*

These words rang out across the Casa de Fe. Voices joined in song from all across Guatemala, El Peten, Santa Rosa, El Quiche, Retalhuleu and more. A song that rose in joy. In abundant gratitude. In Thanksgiving.

Echoing the words of the song, our Guatemalan volunteer, Marcos Pineda addressed the more than 80 volunteer leaders\*: *"From the day we are born until the day we die, we are given one sole mission. To love our neighbor as ourselves.... Our life's purpose, our example as volunteers, is to serve at the feet of those in need with love. For without love, there is no purpose, no mission."*

The theme was unwavering throughout the three days of the Guatemalan volunteer leadership conference held this November. Gratitude for the privilege of being called to serve. In spite of the challenges and heartache, wonder at the blessing of finding and living into a greater purpose. A way through which the volunteers could fulfill the mission that burned in their hearts. To serve with compassion. To reflect God's love.

And, that is what they do throughout the year. Reflect God's

### Save The Date



We have a matching gift of **\$13,000**, so mark your calendars and help us reach the goal by making a donation on either **Dec. 1** or **Dec. 2**. Spread the word!

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**4 Stars - 11 Yrs - Top 1%**



Once again, Faith In Practice has received a **4-star rating!** This marks the 11th consecutive year we have received this honor. [Read more.](#)



### "Te Damos Gracias"



Click on the image to [see the video](#) of our Guatemalan leaders singing at the 2015 Guatemala Leadership

love. With tenacity, with compassion, with sacrifice. In the face of their own poverty. Dominga traveling deep into the jungle by horseback to check on a patient. Elviri managing patient schedules using her own system, because she cannot read. Edgar, struggling to feed his three growing children, and yet, seeing others in greater need, serving them with a humility and joy. Story upon story. And, yet, the same story. Volunteers serving at the feet of those in need with love.

How is it that those who have so little understand how to give thanks in such a complete way? How is it that those with little formal education have such a deep wisdom and clarity of purpose? How is that those who have much to mourn respond with songs of joy? It confounds logic, as so often beauty and truth do.

As we gather for Thanksgiving, may we give God thanks for these volunteers' witness. May we give God thanks for these who are building a world of love, who sing of the greatness of God's love.

And, as we give thanks for them, we give thanks for you. You who are providing the structure and support through Faith In Practice that allows these faithful individuals to live into their mission. The mission that overflows in many expressions of thanks to God. They, we, could not do it without you.

*"This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God."* 2 Corinthians 9:12

With gratitude,

Happy Thanksgiving.

Rev. Linda L. McCarty

*\*Each year, more than 800 Guatemalan volunteers organize and manage remote village clinics working beside our medical clinic teams. They also accompany patients from their remote villages to Las Obras Hospital in Antigua and Hilario Galindo Hospital in San Felipe throughout the year. They are integral to Faith In Practice's work and are a blessing to us all.*

Conference in Antigua.  
Includes subtitles.

## Tom Inglesby: Feed My Sheep



At the 2015 US Leadership Conference in Houston, we celebrated Tom Inglesby for his long-time, faithful service as a Faith In Practice board member.

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## Faith In Practice Gala



Thanks to all of you, more than 640 guests were in attendance at this year's gala, and we raised over \$615,000 to support this mission.

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