You Changed Karina’s Life!

Karina is a 12-year-old girl from a rural village outside of Challhuahuacho, Apurímac, Perú. She lives with her three siblings and her mother and father who are subsistence farmers in a remote area of the Peruvian Andes. Smart and caring, Karina is loved by everyone she comes into contact with, but at school Karina’s teacher was becoming more and more concerned when Karina didn’t eat or play with her classmates. Karina was born with a cleft lip. She hid her face in shame and didn’t make eye contact with adults. It was obvious that she had been tormented by her classmates. They told her that she was ugly; they bullied her and isolated her, so much that she told her parents that she didn’t want to go to school anymore. For Karina the idea of playing with other children was beyond her hopes.

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Karina’s birth defect made her an outcast, but your love changed everything.
Volunteer Spotlight: Esperança Interns

With your support, Esperança was proud to participate in the education and leadership development of three young Arizona State University students—Nancy Mosqueda, Alejandro Maldonado and Marisela Escamilla. Esperança’s Phoenix Program staff trained and shadowed these three students as they co-facilitated nutrition and oral health education in the communities we serve. Marisela loved the work so much that she is now working as a Community Health Educator at Esperança!

We would like to give a warm “Thank You!” to the three students who touched many people’s hearts and lives in the past semester! If you or a student you know is interested in changing lives and earning college credit at the same time, please contact Maria Valenzuela at maria@esperanca.org to learn more about Community Health internship opportunities.

In Honor of Carrie
Lynne Ridge

In Honor of Mark Jones
Alan Choizick

In Honor of Marty Johnson and Olinda Young
Mary L. Holden

In Memory of George C. Walker
Timothy & Margaret Lewis

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In Memory of Brigitte Mengelberg
Mary Jo Lackaff

In Memory of Nancy Parzych
Beloved Mother
Timothy & Margaret Lewis

In Memory of Mary Ann G. Ward
Hilary Schnadt

Would you like to honor a friend or family member for a birthday or other special occasion, or make a gift in memory of a loved one? Your gift to Esperança can be designated as a tribute to or in memory of someone special.

We attempt to ensure the accuracy of our donors’ names. If you note an error or omission, please contact Elisabeth Connell at 602-252-7772x107.

Tributes and Memorials from March 1–May 31, 2016
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Then one day, her family heard via radio announcement that Esperança was sending a volunteer surgical team to the Hospital General de Abancay for a week-long surgical mission to operate on people with certain deformities for no cost.

Karina and her mother Ruth travelled for more than 8 hours to reach the town of Abancay, Apurímac, Perú, for the possibility of having a surgery to repair Karina’s cleft lip, to give her hope of a new look and a new life.

They were brought to the Hospital by Karina’s school teacher, who is dedicated to supporting Karina’s emotional well-being.

Karina, her mother and teacher arrived at the Hospital, having made the long journey by walking and collective transportation, just two days before the surgical mission ended.

Ruth, Karina’s mother, who received no formal education in her life, speaks Quechua, the ancient language spoken by the decedents of the Inca peoples in this region of South America. Karina speaks both Quechua and Spanish. While Karina’s father stayed home to watch the other children and tend to the family’s farm animals, Karina’s teacher led the way from their village to the hospital.

Karina’s teacher stayed with them until it was assured that Karina would receive surgery, and he came back for them when Karina was ready to go home.

When Karina came in to the hospital to be evaluated by Dr. Retson’s team, she always looked down towards the floor and constantly hid her face with her clothing. Karina’s mother never left her side.

Through an interpreter, Ruth described that when Karina was a young baby born with this condition, her parents brought her to the local rural health outpost. Karina’s parents were told that anesthesia was not safe for a baby and that she couldn’t be operated on safely. Her parents did not bring her back, as they had been told that in order to have the surgery, they had to make the long journey to either of the larger cities of Cusco or Lima, which was cost-prohibitive, not to mention that they could neither bring the rest of the children nor leave their land and animals—their livelihood.

Then the time finally came; it was Karina’s turn. As her mother waited for Karina to return from surgery, she said that she knew that Karina would soon be accepted by her peers. A few hours later Karina returned to her mother. When she awakened after surgery, Karina was more talkative! She told her mother and teacher that she wanted to learn English and continue going to school. For the first time Karina began to realize the possibilities that might await her. She has hope for the future.

Your support provides life-changing treatment and surgeries to those who need it most. Thank you for standing with Esperança and the children and families that we serve.
From Sunday at Church to Monday in the Field

This summer, Esperança CEO James Hoyt will be traveling across the United States visiting congregations that have faithfully served the world’s poor and who wish to learn more about Esperança.

- In June, James visited Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish in Grand Rapids, MI, to thank them on behalf of the families that we serve for their faithful gifts of health and hope over the last 37 years.
- Also this summer, James will be visiting Queen of the Angels and St. Jude the Apostle in Chicago and St. Monica Catholic Church in Dallas.

Please take the time to introduce James to your congregation. Help us bring awareness of the wonderful life-saving work that Esperança is doing to transform the most vulnerable communities of our world. Having Esperança speak to your church is the best way to convey our message of hope, and one of the most effective ways to expand hearts for a world that surely needs them. Contact Esperança if you would like more information on welcoming James to speak to your congregation.

Esperança’s First Shipment of Hope: May 2016

Medical Equipment and supplies are sent to Esperança from generous donors all over the United States. Donations are sorted, valued and packed by volunteers in Phoenix, Arizona. On May 25, 2016, Esperança volunteers and staff came together to fill a 40-foot shipping container with ophthalmology equipment, anesthesia machines, solar panels, children’s clothing and more! By the time you finish reading this, the community of Jinotega will be benefitting from your in-kind support. Meanwhile, back in Arizona we are preparing for our second Shipment of Hope in September of 2016 to set a record breaking year! Stay tuned!

Over $500,000 worth of medical supplies and equipment arrive in Jinotega, Nicaragua.
Message from the CEO

Dear Friends,

This past March, I celebrated my first year as Esperança’s President & CEO. Esperança is a vibrant, growing organization striving to meet the needs of our poorest brothers and sisters throughout the world, and I am so grateful to be part of this family.

I have had the opportunity to visit our programs in Bolivia, Nicaragua, Peru and here in Phoenix. In Peru, I witnessed Esperança’s surgical brigade reconstruct the cleft lip of an eight-month-old baby girl. In Bolivia, I walked through the agricultural fields and saw how Esperança’s food security programs provide nutritious food and a livelihood for indigenous families. In Nicaragua, I saw how Esperança’s clean water and sanitation projects have eliminated intestinal disease, cholera and malaria. In Phoenix, I watched how Esperança’s health and nutrition classes in local schools provide information and experiential opportunities to eliminate obesity and diabetes.

I know that none of this would be realized without the dedicated and passionate people who want to make the world a better place. Whether you are a staff member, a member of our Board of Directors, a volunteer or a donor, YOU make miracles happen on a daily basis.

We are gifted with an incredible staff who exude professionalism, skill and passion. They work tirelessly to raise funds and develop programs to fulfill Father Tupper’s vision of serving the poorest of the poor.

We are fortunate to have an active Board of Directors consisting of 26 men and women who bring their skill and commitment to our organization. Not only do they oversee the governance of Esperança, but they are also integrally involved in its fundraising activities.

We are blessed to have so many volunteers who share their time and talent. Our doctors, nurses and technicians make up our surgical brigades. Our health educators teach communities about nutrition, oral hygiene and disease prevention. Our volunteers sort and inventory our medical donations and prepare them for shipment to our international partners.

We are grateful to have donors who want to make a difference in the lives of those who fall between the cracks of society and who have no voice—donors who want to provide health and hope to those whom we serve.

To all of you, you are Esperança (Hope), and you are truly transforming the world!

With deep gratitude,

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