A sudden, stabbing pain woke Daniel out of his sleep. It was his stomach again. Daniel was a student in Peru without much in the way of money, so he had been trying to ignore the aching for the past three weeks. But the pain he was experiencing now was on a whole new level – this was serious.

At the Emergency Room, the doctors were able to shed some light on Daniel's predicament. He had gallbladder stones that required surgery to remove. There was one problem. Unlike in the U.S., in Peru, the patient is often required to pay for treatment in advance - the surgery cost much more than Daniel could afford. Without payment, the most doctors could do was ease the pain with medication. Before he left the hospital, he was warned that left untreated, these stones could soon become life-threatening.

Daniel wasn’t sure what to do. The clock was ticking. Every day the pain got worse. There was no way to know how long he had before his condition became impossible to fix.

Then, one day on the bus, he heard a radio announcement that changed everything – an ad made possible by friends of Esperança just like you.

It was for a free Esperança surgery clinic in Abancay. He couldn’t believe his ears. "It was for the exact problem I had!" remembers Daniel. "It was the answer to my prayers!"

One two-hour bus ride later, he was standing in front of Esperança volunteer surgeon, Dr. Duncan Inglis.

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From our President & CEO

When I joined Esperança as the Interim CEO last year, I was struck by the level of commitment exhibited by all our many stakeholders – donors, staff, board and volunteers. It is because of you that we can continue to serve those who need us most and deliver on our mission every day. It is now with great excitement that I join you in our collective commitment to this important work as President & CEO for Esperança.

I come to this work with a lifelong passion of service to others. In my over 25 years of leadership in the nonprofit sector, I have obtained extensive experience in fundraising, financial management, staff development, program planning and capacity building. I am looking forward to partnering with all our stakeholders to continue Esperança’s 48 years of improving health and providing hope for families in the poorest communities of the world through sustainable disease prevention, education and treatment.

The year ahead will be a time of focus on meeting our financial and programmatic goals. We need you as individuals and organizations in faith, healthcare, corporate and philanthropic communities to partner with us to continue our legacy of service to others.

Sincerely,

Jeri Royce, President & CEO

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Esperança’s Phoenix Program – Humble

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<td>A Board member saw the need for Esperança's help locally. A school-based health clinic was established for three schools in the Fowler District.</td>
<td>Esperança enters the Golden Gate Community Center to expand its community impact.</td>
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<td>An Oral Health Program is formed to help inform underprivileged families about the importance of dental hygiene.</td>
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Daniel was approved for surgery and, the next day, Dr. Inglis and his team performed a laparoscopic operation to remove his gallstones. Because of one else would – without any charge. "I'm glad I heard that radio ad! I was in the right place at the right time!"

But as encouraging as Daniel's story is, it's not unique. There are hundreds more who are stuck - caught between debilitating pain and a surgery they cannot afford. That week in Peru, your support of Esperança helped give the gift of health to Daniel – and helped do the same for 24 others in situations just like his!

But there are hundreds more who need our help. It's only through your support that we have the opportunity to reach out and give hope to men, women and children with life-changing surgery!

Thank you for your partnership that brings Esperança to so many who need it.

Esperança would like to thank these fine organizations for their sponsorship of our Annual Hope Breakfast.

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Beginnings Taking International Roots

2017
Esperança goes international! Phoenix Program Director Maria Valenzuela addresses a World Health Organization Conference in Dublin, Ireland and testifies before Congress on the importance of health workers.

2018
The Phoenix Program doubles its staff and receives funding to write a diabetes program as well as SSL for seniors.

2015
New partnerships are formed as Esperança receives funding to develop the Salud con Sabor Latino II curriculum to provide in-depth information on physical activity and patio gardening.

2018
The Phoenix Program holds its first stand-alone strategic planning session to outline goals for expansion.
Your support is saving the lives of Bolivian women from uterine cancer

Marta lives in San Salvador, Bolivia. She has four adult children who are the most important treasures in her life and is a seamstress, making clothing from home.

Marta has heard stories of women who have died from uterine cancer and until recently, she did not know it was preventable. Though over 40 years of age herself, Marta had never had a Papanicolaou (pap) test – considered the gold standard of early detection of uterine cancer. She says, “I have so much sewing to catch up on that I never found the time to take that test. I have heard that cervical cancer kills many women, but I didn’t know where to get the test, and I believed that the cost was prohibitive, so I kept putting it off.”

In Bolivia, as in many countries in the developing world, health prevention and education information are scarce. To educate women about life-saving tests, Esperanza Bolivia, Esperança’s local partner, has teamed up with a government agency to reach more than 30 communities with television and radio campaigns, educational materials, and referrals so that women can get the pap exams – many of them, like Marta, for the first time.

Response has been overwhelmingly positive. Many women, after understanding the importance of this critical test, have volunteered in their communities to spread the word and organize “community chats.”

Many of Marta’s neighbors have gone to get the exam and the word is spreading! Marta says, “In the neighborhood chat, we were informed that we could get the test in our neighborhood health center, and for free. Right after the meeting, I went to get my test. I am happy to know that I can continue working – making clothing – without worries.”

Marta wants to reach more women to prevent them from dying from this disease. Through your partnership with Esperança, Marta now knows that the test can detect problems in the cervix, and that treatment and exams are given for free.

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