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by Tim Lander, MD

Bahir Dar, Ethiopia, is located on the shores of the largest lake in the country and the source of Nile river. A team of four Children's Surgery volunteers made the trip to Bahir Dar in March to feasibility of sending a CSI surgical mission to the is thrilled to announce that a surgical mission to planned for 2016!



CSI volunteers and some of our hosts.

Even though Bahir Dar is a mid-sized city, the medical community serves nearly 5 million from the surrounding region. The University of Bahir Dar offers medical and nursing education and supports a teaching hospital in the city. Local physicians and surgeons provide care to the people in the region and are well trained and supported by the University. They have identified areas of medical and surgical expertise in which they would like our help to improve and expand their skills so that children with more complicated medical and surgical problems can get the care they need.

Fortunately, the Felge Hiwot University Hospital has two newly trained surgeons who are initiating the first-ever ENT & Head and Neck Surgery services. In addition, there are energetic general surgeons and urologists motivated to expand their knowledge and experience. With their guidance, CSI's first surgical missions will focus on cleft lip, head and neck, and urologic surgery. The sky's the limit for additional areas of skill-building, education, and sharing of knowledge moving forward.

CSI recognizes that using equipment and materials that are not available within the community can be counterproductive to empowering the local health-care system to provide specialized care beyond our missions. Thus, our team will focus on utilizing the medical center's existing personnel, supplies, and infrastructure for additional training in Ethiopia. In addition, the local hospital has made a commitment to purchase equipment and supplies that may be needed in the future, as they expand the services they provide as a result of CSI's contributions to their skills and knowledge.

The Felge Hiwot University Hospital has a large and active teaching program, and CSI volunteers will also have the opportunity to interact and train medical and surgical residents as well as nursing students. There is tremendous opportunity for CSI to help improve the health care and the training of future doctors and nurses in this region of Ethiopia.



The streets of Bahir Dar, Ethiopia.



Meeting at the Felge Hiwot University Hospital.

THE 2015 CSI GALA IN PICTURES

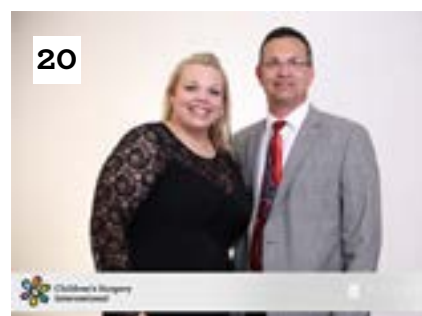
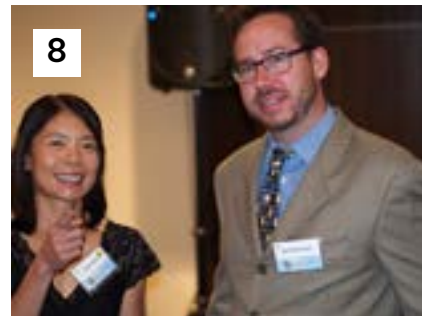
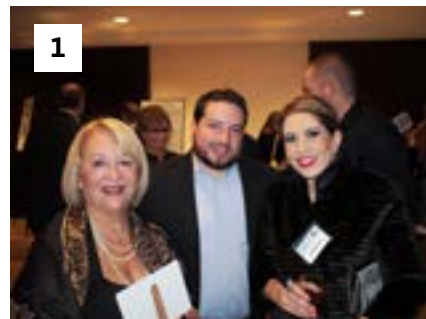
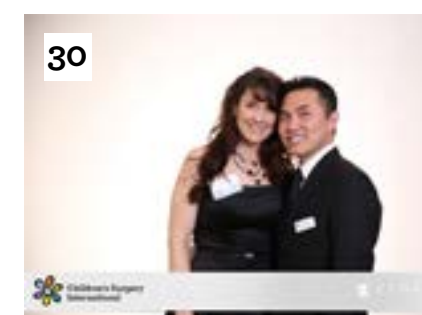
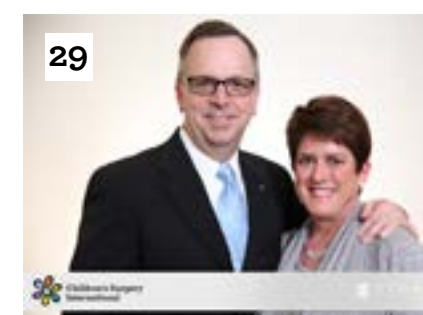


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5. Brittany Stoa, Amy, Shea & John Erlandson, Patrick Faunillan
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CSI Gala Raises Nearly \$180,000 for Children Around the World

The 2015 CSI Gala, held on April 18 at Millennium Hotel Minneapolis, was a huge success! Together we raised nearly \$180,000, which represents renewed hope and possibilities for many children and their families around the world.

Thank you to the record number of guests in attendance, event sponsors Firestone Natural Rubber, 3M, Pediatric Surgical Associates, and VMBC, our many Silver Sponsors, and auction donors. You are all an important part of the CSI mission.

We would also like to thank the Gala Committee, including co-hosts Katie Hagen and Joel Johnson, along with the many volunteers who worked tirelessly to make the evening so memorable. Thank you to emcee Chris Egert, auctioneer Dan Masloski, and musical guests Alison Scott and Esera Tuaolo.

Getting (more) Social!

We've expanded our social networks! You can now find CSI on LinkedIn! Find and follow us. If you are a CSI volunteer, add us to your volunteer experience. We can also be found on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Instagram and Google+. Choose your favorite networks and get social with CSI!

