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UPCOMING TRIP CALENDAR

Mexico October 4-9, 2019 • Ethiopia November 6-17, 2019

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Tanzania April 16-25, 2020

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One of the sites I visited was Total Care, a very small, newly developing clinic. When a newborn was in distress at Total Care, they would often transport the baby to the larger and better-equipped ALMC, but sometimes the baby would die of respiratory failure in transport. The staff were eager to learn. The hospital director cleared the schedule, paid her staff to come in on their days off and even hosted a delicious lunch. I could see this team's dedication and yearning to provide the best care possible to their patients. The staff had limited prior knowledge and tools to assist a newborn who is struggling to breathe. At the end of the day the 10 participants showed impressive retention and return demonstration of the knowledge and skills they learned, improving their confidence and ability to provide quick, life-saving care to newborns during the golden minute!



Students in Helping Babies Breathe class



Learning in Tanzania

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one child at a time.

Forming Bonds in Bahir Dar – Ethiopia, Spring 2019

Melanie McCall, CSI Board Chair & Medical Records Volunteer

We started off CSI's spring trip to Bahir Dar, Ethiopia, by screening children for surgery. At day's end, we had a full surgery schedule with 55 kiddos ready to receive the change of their lives. I was working in medical records, creating charts for each child. We formed small bonds built with laughter, stickers and a kind touch for a child or a reassuring smile for an anxious parent.



Surgery day

On the first day of surgery, we learned someone needed to be evaluated downstairs. I grabbed my clipboard and pen and accompanied CSI surgeon Dr. Siva Chinnadurai and local surgeon Dr. Melesse to the screening area where we were immediately surrounded by not one, but 30 families hoping for surgery for their child. Quickly, our backs were literally up against the wall, as parents and little ones pressed in. One of the most heartbreaking moments of my life was when a mother tried to place her baby – in need of cleft surgery – into my arms. I will never forget the look on her face: fear and desperation, but also the hope and faith that allowed her to hand off her baby girl to a stranger. In that moment, another bond was formed as she and I, each with arms around her child, stared into each other's eyes, mother to mother. I got goosebumps.

The doctors chose the few children who could be added to an already full schedule, prioritizing those who'd lived in shame and pain for years and now in their teens. The little ones would have to wait. Then, CSI pediatrician Dr. Emily Hall and I spent the rest of the morning on evaluations of those little ones, collecting basic medical information, parents' names and contacts, and told them to come back in November.

The baby girl I held in my arms an hour earlier is on that list to return for CSI's next visit in November. I may never see her or her mother again, but I will always remember them and the bond we wordlessly formed. Like that quietly desperate mother, I have hope and faith that CSI and our local partners will be there for them in November, thanks to the support of people like you.



Waiting for surgery with Melanie



Hoping for help

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Partnership and Education in Tanzania

Victoria Vandersteen, RN

In my role as a nurse educator, I have traveled with CSI twice to Arusha Lutheran Medical Center (ALMC) in Tanzania. In addition to the work my fellow CSI teammates did to complete 30 life-changing surgeries and provide hundreds of hours of hands-on surgical and bedside teaching, I was able to focus on introducing Helping Babies Breathe – an evidenced-based curriculum designed by the World Health Organization (WHO) and American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). During these two trips, 86 participants from ALMC and three of their partner clinics joined in the training.



Victoria and students

We used a modified version of the Helping Babies Breathe curriculum to fit our time frame – teaching assessment skills, reinforcing their existing knowledge base, and focusing on breath support only if a newborn baby needs it. We pay special attention to train participants to care for an infant in the first minute of life, known as the golden minute. After a rapid and thorough assessment of the newborn, health care workers learn to provide the critical steps that must be taken if the baby is not breathing. We teach that the key to successful assistance with ventilation is to first know if there is a need for intervention and then know how to do it appropriately using a simple suction device and recommended respiratory ventilation techniques.



Screening Day in Arusha

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2019 Gala Highlights

The Children's Surgery International 15th Annual Gala enjoyed an all-time high attendance and raised a record \$353,000. It was a wonderful night at U.S. Bank Stadium! We celebrated the conclusion of our busy 2018-2019 mission season. We honored a very special CSI nurse volunteer, Lora Stege Koppel, with the first ever Dr. Jim Sidman Service Award. We celebrated the many ways in which CSI donors and volunteers are making a lasting impact in the world and enjoyed an inspiring night of giving.

On behalf of the 2019 Gala Committee and the CSI Board of Directors, we extend our sincerest thanks. Your generous giving allows CSI to bring life-changing medical and surgical care to children and families in need and allows CSI to continue our teaching initiatives to foster in-country self-sufficiency. Together we are the light that will change lives, strengthen communities and bring hope to children and families in some of the most resource-poor regions of the world.

2019 Gala Photo Gallery



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