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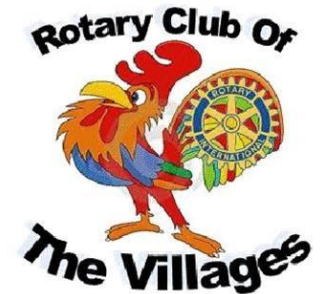
2015-2016 Cleft Lip & Palate Training Missions in Tarapoto, Peru

Host: **Rotary Club Tarapoto**

International Sponsor: **Rotary Club of The Villages**

Primary Contact: **Dick Phoebus**

Area of Focus: **Maternal and Child Health**



Project Update: During the past trip, 66 children were screened, 55 received speech therapy, 27 received operations, with 39 procedures performed.

In Tarapoto, Dr Guerrero, the Cleft Team Leader (a very able dentist) is shared his interest in undergoing additional training in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, and Sharing Smiles provided him a scholarship to study in Lima, Peru. This will allow him to be able to perform cleft surgery (but would create a situation similar to that of Dr Pantoja in Villahermosa) where additional training and support would be required to perfect surgical techniques and skills. In addition, during our 2019 trip to Tarapoto, a new plastic surgeon expressed interest in joining the team. He does not have much cleft experience, so in addition to working with Dr. Guerrero in Tarapoto, we will work with the new surgeon, Dr. Vela, to ensure he receives the best training possible to care for the cleft patients in Peru year-round.

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Project Update (continued):

Speech Therapy is now available in Tarapoto, but continued support and education is required to allow effective management of cleft patient speech problems (and that then does allow the expansion of surgical devices to include effective VPI surgeries - pharyngoplasties and pharyngeal flaps).

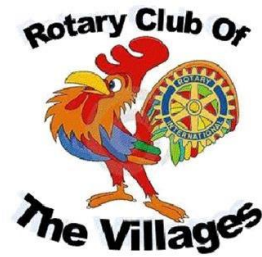
We have been able to provide protective middle ear surgery for cleft palate patients (myringotomy and ventilation tubes), but there are no reliable services available after the Sharing Smiles Cleft campaign has been completed. Developing local Audiology and Otology services is a goal for the near future.

Budget: \$163,568 (each trip is approximately \$32-35K)

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