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## LEON, NICARAGUA: Surgical Teams Educating & Changing Lives



An abnormality of the face or skull can have a huge impact not only on how others may see you, but also on how you view yourself. For some, one small blemish on the face may be cause for great alarm. Imagine if you had been born without part of your jaw, or you were missing bones in your cheeks? Not only would this affect your appearance, it may also impact your ability to speak, eat, and fully function in society.

With this in mind, MPO USA sponsors surgical trips to Nicaragua providing care for patients at no cost. Each surgical team is made up of surgeons, orthodontists, anesthesiologists and nurses who work in conjunction with local hospitals and surgeons. Over the years, MPO USA has provided surgical care to over 300 patients while also providing additional professional education for local doctors. When MPO has patients with very complicated problems, they arrange for their travel, accommodations and surgical care in the United States.

This March, MPO saw 27 patients, performing reconstructive surgery on 19 of them, most with severe skeletal-facial abnormalities. Two patients had tumors, one which required the removal of a large portion of her jaw, a very complex treatment that would not have been possible for families where the average worker receives only \$2.00 per day.

In a previous surgical trip, they provided surgery for a young lady who had a cleft lip and palate repaired years earlier. However, as she grew, her jaws became severely misaligned and she needed additional work in her palate area so her speech would improve. The surgical team re-aligned her upper and lower jaws and her chin was repositioned to give her a better esthetic profile. At the conclusion of one trip, a surgical team member commented, "I am amazed at how good this patient looks after her surgery. What a life changer."

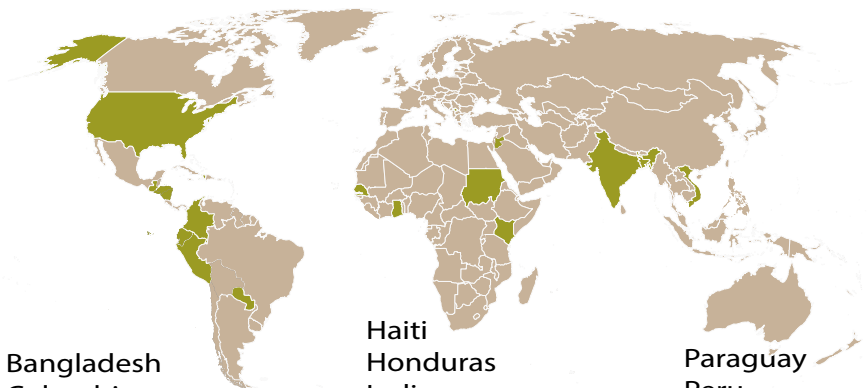
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*Before and after surgeons re-aligned her jaws and repositioned her chin*

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