Once again, this past March, the Heart Care International (HCI) team traveled to Lima, Peru to join efforts with the medical team at the Instituto Nacional de Salud del Niño (INSN), in healing the hearts of nine beautiful children who would otherwise have had none or little opportunity to receive the treatment that they needed.

For two weeks sick Peruvian children were screened, diagnosed, treated surgically, cared for and happily sent home with the opportunity of having a joyful, healthy life.

All HCI missions always include a strong educational component. Lectures and workshops were offered to Peruvian nurses and doctors. The medical teams of both organizations worked constantly together to facilitate knowledge-sharing and the learning of specific clinical techniques.

For everyone involved the objective is always the same: to offer top quality cardiac care to all children in need.

In the next few pages, we invite you to briefly experience what the HCI missions are all about.
“Tanha easily stole our hearts from the moment she fluttered her eyes open right after her surgery. Not a word came out of her mouth, but her eyes clearly revealed a young child’s endless curiosity. She nodded and shook her head with every question we asked her in Spanish. She was definitely timid, but as soon as she saw a cup of water and a Strawberry Shortcake coloring book, her eyes lit up all of a sudden. Forget the fact that she just had open-heart surgery a few hours before. She reached for the crayons, choosing a bright yellow color to fill in Strawberry Shortcake’s hat, face, and dress. With every stroke of color, she eventually fell back to sleep.”

Antoinette Bernardo
ICU Nurse Volunteer
Our Peruvian Children
Dr. Enrique Cordova (INSN) reintubates a patient with the assistance of Heart Care International volunteer Dr. Ken Remy. The Peruvian nurses were invaluable during the entire process.

Dr. Michler and Dr. Weisntein (HCI) work side by side with the Peruvian surgeons.

Together, both cardiology teams (HCI and INSN), screened, reviewed and supported the surgical team with the diagnostic of every patient.
Having some Fun

“Sometimes knowing the science of medicine in a foreign land means you need to highlight the Art... it felt so good to return to my roots today in Lima and use humor as a critical care therapy!”

Dr. Kenneth Remy
ICU Intensivist Volunteer with clowning training
In the News

TV Peru drops by in the middle of the week to interview Heart Care International Founder and Chairman Dr. Robert Michler along with Instituto Nacional de Salud del Niño Chief of Cardiothoracic Surgery Dr. Eneida Melgar.
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