HEALING CHILDREN’S HEARTS IN EL SALVADOR

February 2017
Dear Heart Care International Supporter:

Heart Care International’s volunteer medical team returned to San Salvador, El Salvador for its 12th catheterization and training mission the week of February 13, 2017. The eight-member Heart Care International team received a warm welcome from the Sana mi Corazon team, Dr. Muricio Velado and the staff at the Hospital de Diagnostico. The team performed 20 life-saving catheterization procedures, screened 11 patients (8 of the 11 children received cath procedures) and screened 2 other children, 1 who needs surgery and the other turned out not to need any procedure.

This small but energetic Heart Care medical team was given great assistance by the local team. The local professionals helped get the children to the hospital in a timely manner, helped clean the cath lab quickly after each procedure, helped the children during recovery, and helped move the children to the “step-down” where they spent a night before returning home.

Despite some challenges getting the catheterization equipment into the country, the team successfully performed 4 catheterizations each of the first two days, 5 each for the next two days and 2 on the last day. One child was too sick to complete a catheterization, one child was in need of surgery rather than a catheterization, and one child was diagnosed with an issue that did not need a catheterization or surgery.

Thank you so much for your continued support!

Most sincerely,
The Heart Care International Board of Directors

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HEART CARE INTERNATIONAL’S 100% VOLUNTEER MEDICAL STAFF

The team of dedicated professionals are the heart and soul of Heart Care International. The team members give up personal time with their families and vacation time at their regular places of employment in order to attend the mission trips. We are incredibly grateful for their generosity of time, talent and treasure.

Diego Porras, Cardiology Cath Interventionist

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THESE CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Alison
Antonio
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