



## DENTAL CLINIC FOR KIDS AND ADULTS - OCTOBER 22-30, 2016

### “OPERATION HEALING SMILES”

#### PUERTO CABEZAS, REGION AUTONOMA ATLÁNTICO NORTE, NICARAGUA

A DENTAL TEAM FROM THE U.S., OPERATING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH OPERATION ENDEAVOR AND VERBO CHURCH OF PUERTO CABEZAS, NICARAGUA WILL BE TRAVELLING TO NICARAGUA TO CONDUCT A DENTAL CLINIC ON A MISSION THAT WILL RUN FROM OCTOBER 22-30, 2016. THIS IS A 100% VOLUNTEER TEAM HEADED BY OUR U.S.-BASED DENTIST, RICK RIOS, DDS WHOSE PRACTICE IS IN ASHBURN, VA. WE WILL SERVE CHILDREN 3 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER, TEENS AND ADULTS IN PUERTO CABEZAS WHO HAVE NO ACCESS TO DENTAL CARE.

FUNDS RAISED FOR THIS MISSION WILL BE USED TO PAY FOR PORTABLE DENTAL TOOLS, SUPPLIES AND STERILIZATION EQUIPMENT NEEDED TO TREAT UP TO 70 PATIENTS PER DAY. PATIENTS IN PUERTO CABEZAS WILL BE SEEN AT THE VERBO ORPHANAGE, AT THE CHILDREN'S FEEDING CENTER, AND AT THE 'SALUBRISTA' HOMES THAT FUNCTION AS MEDICAL TRIAGE FACILITIES IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY.

THE VERY POOR DENTAL HYGIENE AMONG THIS POPULATION HAS RESULTED IN ADVANCED GUM DISEASE; KNOWN TO BE LINKED TO CARDIOVASCULAR ISSUES, RESPIRATORY INFECTIONS, DEMENTIA AND COMPLICATIONS WITH DIABETES.

AS A FIELD DENTAL CLINIC, IT WILL FOCUS PRIMARILY ON CLEANINGS AND EXTRACTIONS, WITH SIMPLE FILLINGS DONE WHERE CLINICALLY POSSIBLE. THESE PROCEDURES ALONE WILL DRAMATICALLY IMPROVE THE DENTAL AND MEDICAL HEALTH OF THESE PATIENTS, AND WILL BE A VITAL ADJUNCT TO PREVENTATIVE HEALTH EDUCATION BEING PROVIDED BY OUR CHURCH PARTNERS DURING THE SAME TIME PERIOD.

HERE IN THE U.S. WE CAN FIND DENTAL CARE SIMPLY BY DOING A SEARCH ONLINE, BUT IN PUERTO CABEZAS WHERE EVEN MEDICAL CARE HAS BEEN SO OUT OF REACH, DENTAL CARE HAS BEEN, AT BEST, ON THE WISH LIST. NOW WE ARE ABLE TO MAKE IT A REALITY.

PLEASE HELP BY GIVING WHAT YOU CAN TO SUPPORT THE MISSION. YOUR DONATION WILL BE 100% TAX DEDUCTIBLE VIA OPERATION ENDEAVOR, A 501C3 NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION (WWW.911FORTHETORLD.ORG, AND ON FACEBOOK) AND YOU WILL RECEIVE A DONATION LETTER FOR TAX PURPOSES.

THERE ARE A TWO WAYS TO DONATE:

*(PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR EMAIL WITH EITHER METHOD, TO RECEIVE THE DONATION LETTER)*

- ONLINE AT - [HTTPS://WWW.YOUCARING.COM/OPERATION-HEALING-SMILES-639567](https://www.youcaring.com/operation-healing-smiles-639567)
- CHECK MADE OUT TO 'OPERATION ENDEAVOR' WITH MEMO: 'OPERATION HEALING SMILES' AND MAILED TO: OPERATION ENDEAVOR, 560 WEST BROADWAY, MONTICELLO, NY 12701

THANK YOU!

