# CAMO AT A GLANCE JAN-FEB 2019



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#### THE PAST TWO MONTHS IN NUMBERS

**20,000** PATIENTS SERVED **BOXES OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES PROCESSED** 

VOLUNTEERS IN USA AND HONDURAS **400** STUDENTS WITH LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

**222** PIECES OF MEDICAL EQUIPMENT DONATED IN

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On his first trip to Honduras, plastic surgeon Dr. Greg Pearson evaluates patients at the Hospital de Occidente.



#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**



#### **FOOD FOR HEALING: A DINNER-AUCTION EVENT TO SUPPORT OUR NUTRITION PROGRAM** SATURDAY MARCH 23, 2019 SYB PARTY CENTER, STOW, OH

An evening of fellowship and fun in support of a program that restores health and hope to many. For more information about Food for Healing, write to us at CAMO.nutrition@gmail.com, or call Theresa Bedell at 330-329-1824 or Brian Miller at 216-659-6985. New books arriving at the rural schools from our literacy programs thanks to Third World Books and St. Paul's global mission support.



523 children were able to received dental care in one week with our brigades, which traveled to different communities each day.

#### **INTERESTED IN DONATING?**

visit: <u>www.camo.org</u> or mail to: само, 322 Westwood Ave, Orrville, OH 44667



## **CAMO IN FOCUS** JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2019



#### **TOUR CAMO**

Would you like to take a tour of CAMO? Call the office at (330) 683-5956 and see how God is moving by bringing hope to the forgotten.

#### **EXPLORE & LEARN**

Visit CAMO's brand new website! See more of what we do and read testimonials of miraculous healing. www.camo.org

#### HOW YOU CAN HELP

It costs CAMO an average of \$100 to save one child's life. As a donor, service group or church congregation prayerfully consider helping meet the needs of the poor.

#### **BECOME A CAMO VOLUNTEER**

We welcome adult volunteers of all ages and skill levels. Please call CAMO and use your gifts and talents to make a difference in the lives of so many.



### **MARIA FRANCIS IS BACK!**

**HER SMILE IS WORTH IT ALL.** When seeing Maria Francis so happy, enjoying her mother's dance, we know that we've done something right for her and her family. With six children in her family, she and her siblings haven't had it easy: there is little food on their table and almost no money left over for clothing or transportation. Surgery to correct her cleft lip and palate deformity was simply an unreachable dream.

Two years ago in February, the plastics team from our medical brigade met Maria Francis for the first time. The team was stunned at her condition: she and her mother both had nutritional deficiencies, had difficulty speaking, and were very shy. Maria Francis was always covering her mouth, ashamed of showing her cleft lip deformity; the condition affected her life so severely that she didn't even feel comfortable going to school.

So much has changed in just a few short years! Although Maria Francis still struggles to express her feelings, she is growing more confident day by day. When the brigade returned ot Honduras, we brought both mother and daughter back for a follow up palate surgery. They stayed at CAMO'S women's shelter while Maria Francis recovered; they enjoyed the shelter and came to love the new friends they made while cooking, playing and coloring. Maria Francis's mother expressed her conflicted feelings: she really loved their time in the shelter, but was also eager to return home, because now that Maria Francis felt comfortable going to school, she needed to take advantage of the opportunity to make up missed school days and enjoy her fifth grade year.

A long trip awaits them: seven hours by bus, followed by a five hour walk to reach their village. Not fun at all... but so worth it, when a girl's dream has been realized.