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Remember Joanna? Her Christmas Wish Came True

And she's currently undergoing final surgery



Remember Jonessa? Her Christmas wish was to have her nose repaired. Well, her wish was granted. although she still requires more surgery.



UPDATE ON JOANNA:

Joanna is undergoing treatment at Philippine General Hospital in Manila – no photo currently available”

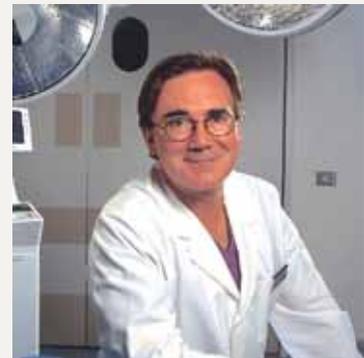
Operation Restore Hope has established its credibility in the Philippines over the last 16 years, performing 30 charity surgical missions with another leaving late November this year for Cebu. Just as important to our long-term capacity to function, train and grow is the credibility and the trust, that we have engendered, having been endorsed by our plastic surgical colleagues in the Philippines.

We now have a well established relationship we now have with Dr Taps Gurango, an excellently trained and compassionate cranio-facial surgeon working in Manila at

the Philippine Children's Medical Centre. Dr Taps Gurango's limitations are the poverty of her patients and the lack of funding for cranio-facial operations. Our limitation is that we are not able to provide the ongoing support that is required for the very major staged operations that demand continuity of care.

Previously funds were raised for these complex cases and patients were sent to the United States or Australia. This, however is unnecessary when there are excellent plastic surgeons such as Dr Taps Gurango and the team at

A Letter from Dr Hodgkinson



ORH Australia Looking Towards The Future

I recently was granted the honour of delivering the 'Ohmori Lecture' to a distinguished gathering of over 300 plastic surgeons from Asia in Cebu in the Philippines. ORH, with a 15 year commitment to charitable paediatric surgery in the Philippines, has been recognized and warmly embraced by the Filipino plastic surgeons who are offering more opportunities to work together, with the common goal of eliminating facial deformity in Filipino children.

The concept of 'seed surgeons' is critical to ongoing care for these children as a mission only occurs in any given centre once a year, and the remainder of the year the Charity supports these local surgeons to operate and achieve the miracles the children deserve.

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Philippine General Hospital under Dr Manalo's management. The patient's receive the quality of care without removing them from their families and support network at a fraction of the cost required to treat a child overseas making it feasible to care for more complex cases each year.

I saw first hand craniofacial cases that were performed by the Filipino surgeons; I was highly impressed with their results. We supported the Philippine General Hospital surgeons with a mini-plate system kindly donated by Mondeal Medical. Funds raised in Australia by multiple individual donors, life members and in particular, by the wonderful events put on by Vamps Restaurant raising funds for us and by Jaycar Electronics allow us to support Dr Taps Gurango and these very unfortunate children in the Philippines. A photograph of some of these tragic cases is seen.

We are also working more closely with other charities such as the Cebu Missionary Foundation operating in Cebu headed by Lucy Longden to help in providing items such as computers, donated by the International Grammar School (IGS) here in Sydney, for the poor in their basic schools/education facilities built by the foundation in the centre of the Inayawan Rubbish Tip where thousands

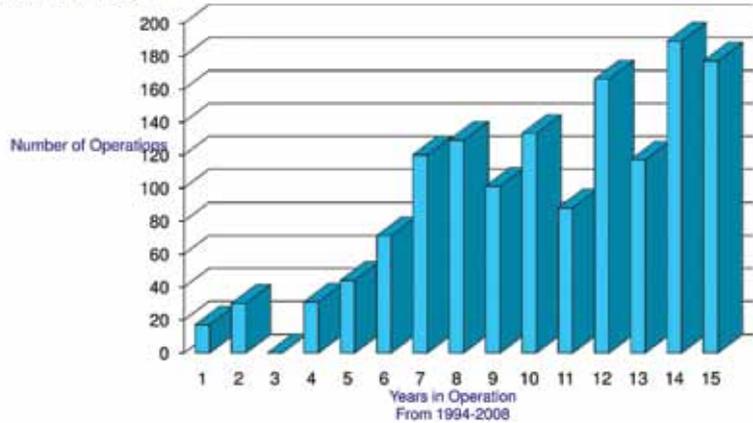
live to give them hope for a future through education & training.

Our Charity Work Continues

We are now approaching our 31st charity surgical mission. By all calculations, there are at least 50,000 children born with cleft lip and palate in the Philippines on a yearly basis. There is no way that the 50 plastic surgeons in the Philippines can possibly operate on all these children. At the moment, the Filipino surgeons do as much as they possibly can, but the balance must be taken up by charity surgery or these children miss out on opportunities, becoming neglected cases and successful outcomes are diminished if the children are not operated on early. I am happy to say that a comment in Cebu

in the area where we have been operating since 1994 recently was, "we don't see as many children with cleft lip anymore here" which attests to the commitment that we have made to Mactan Island and Cebu over the last 15 years.

Operation Restore Hope Australia
Operations Performed Annually
Now over 1500!



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The cost to Operation Restore Hope Australia to repair a facial cleft is approximately \$500 AUD per operation. The more donations we receive, the more children we can help.

No funds received are spent on administrative, accounting, advertising or infrastructure costs. All membership fees and donations are spent directly on surgeries performed.

You can also become a Life Member of Operation Restore Hope Australia or just join for a year. Your fee or donation will help fund the cost of a child's surgery.

Name _____

Address _____

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Donations over \$2.00 are fully tax deductible and are payable to "Operation Restore Hope Philippines Relief Fund"

I wish to make a donation of \$ _____

Memberships are not tax deductible and are payable to 'Operation Restore Hope Australia'

Enclosed is my \$100 Lifetime Membership fee

Enclosed is my \$20 Annual Membership fee

TOTAL PAYMENT: \$ _____

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