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Our Commitment Continues!



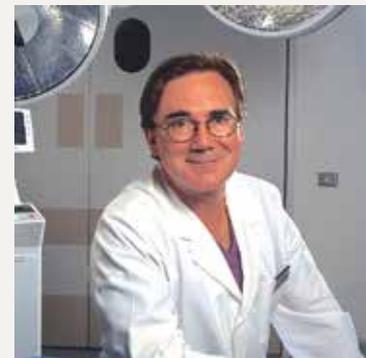
The morning line-up.

Operation Restore Hope provided 200 cleft lip and palate operations over three missions to Cebu and Manila in 2010 continuing our long term community commitments to Lapu Lapu Hospital in Mactan in Cebu and the PDMMMC Hospital in Caloocan in Manila.

The support of these hospitals in registering and screening these patients throughout the year and local organizations like Metro Rotary Cebu acting as our on-site partners has allowed us to provide ongoing care for our patients in these two communities.

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A Letter from Dr Hodgkinson



ORH Australia: The Future

Our long term follow-up and ongoing commitment to the children operated on for facial birth defects and deformities is essential to the credibility of Operation Restore Hope's charity missions to the Philippines. After operating on nearly 2,000 indigent children in the past 2 decades, our teams return annually to the same hospitals giving valuable follow-up services to the children and their families.

I have just returned from Manila and reviewed some of our most challenging cases which we are supporting with the assistance of Dr Taps Gurango, a world class craniofacial surgeon based at the Philippines Children's Medical Center. As you can see from the 3 pictures of some of these children, the challenges are great. ORH supports the orthognatic splint program for alveolar moulding

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Three young patients wait their turn.

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For many children with cleft lip, one operation alone can be life changing. For children with more complicated problems, however, they may require further surgeries and the first operation is only the start of a long and difficult journey.

Orthodontics and Speech Therapy

As these children grow, their facial development is often affected by the underlying cleft problem and they may require additional surgery or ancillary procedures and support. Orthodontics and speech therapy are becoming more available and are supported by our charity in conjunction with our Filipino colleagues.

"... not only a normal appearance but function and speech as well."

For these children, our long term commitment and follow up is essential to give them a chance in life with not only a normal appearance but function and speech as well.

Another 200 patients this year

As things stand, 2011 promises to be a year where we will again meet this commitment to 200 young patients as well as branching out with the

support of our Filipino colleagues in such programs as the NAM (nasal alveolar moulding) project which supplies obturator plates to babies with wide clefts.

Ongoing support needed

Ongoing support from our members and sponsors is deeply appreciated and needed to carry on this work. For all the great help you have given us and the children, we thank you!



**ORH Invites
You & Your Friends
To a Cocktail Fundraiser
Saturday 7th May 2011
6.30 - 9:30pm
Cruising Yacht Club of
Australia**

**New Beach Road,
Rushcutters Bay
Dress Code: Smart casual**

RSVP 30 April 2011 Jenny Hall, 14
Forest Rd, Double Bay 2028
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Tel: 9363 2318 Fax: 9363 3209
Numbers are limited so book early
to avoid disappointment
\$100 per person

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supplied by orthodontists in babies with wide clefts prior to definitive surgery making the operative procedures less heroic for these 3-6 month old babies.

At Caloocan we caught up with the previous Medical Director of PDMMC, Dr Raquel So-Sayo and two of our most challenging young patients who are successfully now at school and employed.

I was very privileged to be the keynote speaker for the 50th Anniversary of the Philippine Association of Plastic Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgeons. It was a great honour for me and recognition of the long term commitment the ORH teams have made to the Philippines. Without the generous support of our volunteers, sponsors, donors and members, we could not have achieved these milestones. Salamat! Thank You!

Just a Reminder...

**Operation Restore Hope
membership renewals
are now due!**

Please use the form below to
renew and help us continue our
work - many thanks.

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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 _____

Email _____ Phone _____

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

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