



LEAP GLOBAL MISSIONS

2018

ANNUAL REPORT

SPECIALIZED SURGICAL CARE THAT

BRINGS HOPE, HELP AND HEALING

TO GLOBAL COMMUNITIES.



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WE SAVE LIVES

LEAP Global Missions is dedicated to enhancing and enriching the lives of people around the world by providing free specialized medical and surgical services inspired by the love of Christ. To date, LEAP has provided over 9,500 free surgeries to people across the globe. LEAP primarily focuses on children but will also treat adults as the need and opportunity arises.



1991

YEAR
FOUNDED

22

COUNTRIES
SERVED

171

TOTAL
MISSION TRIPS

190

TOTAL PROCEDURES
IN 2018 (MISSION
AND LANDMARK)

\$644K

VALUE OF 2018 MISSION
SURGERIES, IF PERFORMED
IN THE US

85%

EXPENSES
SUPPORT
OUR MISSION

LETTER FROM THE BOARD CHAIR



Christ continued in 2018 to use LEAP to offer life-changing medical miracles to over 200 children and young adults around the world. The power of one medical miracle reaches beyond the individual patient and even the patient's family. Christ changes entire communities. The ripple effects of Christ's love through each of these procedures continue to amaze for years beyond the date of a surgery.

This impact on so many lives starts with Jesus Christ and continues through His use of LEAP's talented and dedicated staff and LEAP's passionate volunteers. The LEAP Board of Directors are grateful to walk alongside our staff and volunteers as they serve as the hands and feet of Christ.

On behalf of the entire LEAP Board of Directors, I thank all of our donors for making this possible. Your support allows LEAP to heal the world's most vulnerable children. Your support gives patients and their families a chance to be seen in a new light by the communities that often shun them for looking different

**MAY WE CONTINUE TO GLORIFY JESUS IN ALL WE DO,
AND KEEP HIM AT THE CENTER OF OUR WORK.**

MICHAEL BYRD, Chair, Board of Directors

LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



In 2018, through our Mission and Landmark Programs, LEAP continued providing the highest quality of life-changing medical and surgical services to young people around the world who have no other options. By our volunteers giving their time and expertise, loving unconditionally, and humbly serving humanity, our growing LEAP family also continued to demonstrate their faith in Jesus Christ through their actions.

2018 was also a year of exciting change for the LEAP staff. I became the Executive Director after serving on our Board of Directors for four years. We promoted Donna Matthews to Director of Missions, and Meredith Parrott joined our team to provide Donna with support in our mission trip planning and execution. Meanwhile, Ashley Winder was promoted to Office Manager and continued providing excellent support in all areas of operations. We are so blessed to have such a dedicated and talented staff at LEAP!

Another highlight of 2018 was our first Volunteer Appreciation event in November. During this casual gathering of new and long-time volunteers, we shared heart-warming stories of LEAP patients, reconnected with members of our LEAP family, and celebrated our common desire to transform the lives of more children in underdeveloped countries in the name of Christ.

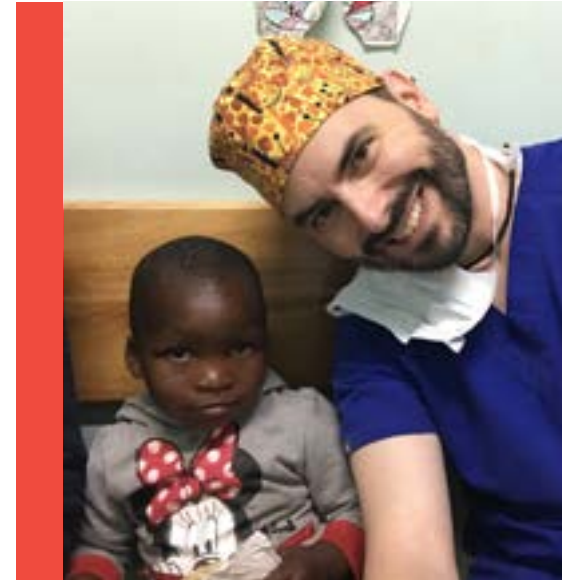
Finally, we had two successful fundraising events in 2018: our 7th Annual Cupcakes for a Cause event in April and our Annual Gala in September. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we raised over \$700,000 at these two events (60% of our annual operating budget).

I am truly proud and honored to be a servant leader of LEAP. Along with our Board of Directors, my hope is that we continue to grow in 2019, medically and spiritually serving those who need us the most. With God's guidance and grace, anything is possible. Thank you for your support and continued prayers!

RICK WYMAN, Executive Director



MISSION PROGRAM



We return to the same communities in Belize, Dominican Republic, Haiti, India, Zimbabwe, and Mexico that have come to trust and rely upon LEAP. We offer ongoing care to children with unmet surgical needs and continue to care for those who require long-term medical treatment.

Children with craniofacial abnormalities like cleft lip and palate are often shunned by their communities with no hope for a productive future. Our free surgical services restore their features and empower them to return to their communities as welcomed, participating members. It is our prayer that LEAP's devotion and service to our patients is seen as an example of the selfless love of Christ.

319
PATIENT
EVALUATIONS

130
SURGERIES

62
DENTAL
PROCEDURES

67
VOLUNTEERS

11
NEW VOLUNTEERS
(16%)

26,800
MILES
TRAVELED

MISSION VOLUNTEER

NEOMI ROSARIO

Working at Children's Medical Center in Dallas, I just kept hearing the stories from both the doctors and nurses about the incredible experiences on their trips with LEAP. I couldn't get it out of my mind. I've worked hard to attain the medical skills that are needed, and my kids are grown. I'm also lucky enough to be able to take time off without pay or use vacation time to travel to areas to serve children without access to care. People think I'm crazy to go without pay or use my vacation time. They don't understand the "pay" you receive back is so much greater than money. You get much more than you give.



I came from a poor family in a small town in the middle of Texas. My parents were immigrants who came here without being able to speak English or read or write. I know what it means to go to bed hungry. I know what it means to work for what you have and never make ends meet. If I can make a living and at the same time help others who are no different from me, I have a responsibility to do so. I believe all lives have equal value, so I treat all my patients the same.

The people we serve on LEAP mission trips are thankful and appreciative, and there are often tears of joy. This is a source of pride for me; I'm proud of my work there. More than anything, it makes you appreciate what you have at home. You don't take things for granted. It's grounding and humbling. Medical mission work is the greatest work I can imagine doing.

MISSION VOLUNTEER

DR. JEFFREY CONE

I started with LEAP during my fellowship year. International medical work was already a key passion but a question of how and when. During fellowship, Dr. Hobar said the time is now; just start doing it! Life never gets easier. It never gets simpler, just more complicated. So I decided to make it a commitment from then on.

This was my sixth mission trip, and it is always an honor to be the team leader in Haiti. Going back to Haiti allows you to take care of complicated cases over a period of years. There is nothing like the joy of repairing a cleft lip or palate. It's wonderful that I can exercise that passion in a totally different environment. You get to know the families. They receive quality comprehensive care that they would never otherwise receive. Just like in the U.S., cleft care requires an understanding of where the child is now. They might be old enough for the surgery but not big enough or healthy enough. We then equip the family on how to make sure the child is ready for surgery the next time we arrive. It is critical for these kids to have a comprehensive approach.



I believe I was called to help in God's plan for these children. They are born with a congenital difference that makes life very challenging. The fact that we get to be God's hands in a real tangible sense is awesome. It is the recognition that we are all in this together, and we are all God's children.

Additionally, there is a special camaraderie during such an intensive period of time. Over the course of the trip, you renew relationships with returning volunteers and become fast friends with new ones. Traveling to Haiti with LEAP is one of my favorite trips of the whole year. The overall impression and energy that is created by doing things for all the right reasons stays with me.

HAITI ONE

APRIL 19 - 23

DR. JEFFREY CONE (Plastic Surgeon)

DR. CJ LANGEVIN (Plastic Surgeon)

DR. CANDACE GRANBERG (Urologist)

DR. ALANA BERES (General Surgeon)

DR. CATHERINE CHEN (Urology Fellow)*

DR. TOMMY SPAIN (Anesthesiologist)

DR. AKIKO ANDO (Anesthesiologist)

DR. MARY ELLEN THURMAN
(Anesthesiology Fellow)*

PHUONG LUONG (Anesthetist)

SARAH ROFFLER (RN - Circulator)

VICKI WENDLING (RN - Circulator)

GAY SMITH (Circulator)

LORI ALLEN (RN - Recovery)

* = New Team Member

MELISSA HOWELL (NP - Recovery)

HEIDI MOSER (RN - Recovery)

LISA SULLINS (RN - Recovery)

NEOMI ROSARIO (Surgical Tech)

FRED MOORE (Surgical Tech)

DIANNE ALTUNA (Volunteer Mission Co-Lead)

MOLLY GILLCRIST (Non-Medical Support)*



BELIZE

JUNE 8 - 11

DR. JORDI PUENTE ESPEL (Plastic Surgeon)

DR. MICHAEL LEE (Plastic Surgeon)*

DR. GRANT GILLILAND (Eye Surgeon)

DR. LAUREN BOURELL (Oral/Maxillofacial Surgeon)

DR. CHARLES RICCIO (Plastics Resident)*

DR. MATTHEW MCBRIDE (Orthodontist)

DR. ANNIE AMIN (Anesthesiologist)

DR. AKIKO ANDO (Anesthesiologist)

DR. AMY GRUBER (Anesthesiologist)

CHARLIE LIN (NP - Circulator)

SARAH WEEMES (RN - Circulator)

VICKI WENDLING (RN - Circulator)

JAN AUERBACH (RN - Recovery)

ANU SAMUEL (RN - Recovery)

JENNIFER WATERS (RN - Recovery)

KAREN HALICKE (Surgical Tech)

ANDREA PEACE (Surgical Tech)

NEOMI ROSARIO (Surgical Tech)

LISA BLANTON (Dental Hygienist)*

DIANNE ALTUNA (Volunteer Mission Co-Lead)

YUUKI ANDO (Non-Medical Support)

CYNDI BANISH (Non-Medical Support)*

CONNOR GILLILAND (Non-Medical Support)

MIMI GILLILAND (Non-Medical Support)

NICOLE GILLILAND (Non-Medical Support)





FOR I WILL RESTORE HEALTH TO YOU,

AND YOUR WOUNDS I WILL HEAL,

SAYS THE LORD — JEREMIAH 30:17

LET ALL THAT YOU DO BE DONE IN

LOVE — 1 CORINTHIANS 16:14



SEND US

ZIMBABWE

JULY 26 - AUGUST 5

DR. ERIC PAYNE (Plastic Surgeon)

DR. JOSE CASTRO GARCIA (Plastic Surgeon)

DR. BLAKE SPARKS (Plastics Resident)*

DR. CHERYL ANDERSON-CERMIN (Orthodontist)

DR. ELIZABETH RICHARDS (Anesthesiologist)

DR. MELANIE LUX (Anesthesiologist)*

RACHEL GRAVES (CRNA)

ITZEL ZAMBRANO (Anesthesia Assistant)

JOHN FAULKNER (RN - Circulator)

AMANDA JONES (RN - Circulator)

SARAH ROFFLER (RN - Circulator)

GLADYS JIMENEZ (RN - Recovery)

TERESA PRYOR (RN - Recovery)

KIMBERLY SAULTERS (NP - Recovery)

CALETTE THOMAS (RN - Recovery)

NOËLLE JEANMINETTE (Surgical Tech)

ERIN MOORE (Surgical Tech)

FRED MOORE (Surgical Tech)

DIANNE ALTUNA (Speech Pathologist)

MCKENZIE MUELKEN (Non-Medical Support)*



* = New Team Member

HAITI TWO

NOVEMBER 1-5

DR. HUAY-ZONG LAW (Plastic Surgeon)*

DR. CLANTON HARRISON (Urologist)

DR. LINDA BAKER (Urologist)

DR. CATHERINE CHEN (Urology Fellow)

DR. ARUNA AHLUWALIA (Anesthesiologist)

DR. LATHA KAMPALATH (Anesthesiologist)

DR. CHALTU AYANO (Anesthesiology Fellow)*

ITZEL ZAMBRANO (Anesthesia Assistant)

CHARLIE LIN (NP - Circulator)

DEBORAH RUBENSTEIN (RN - Circulator)

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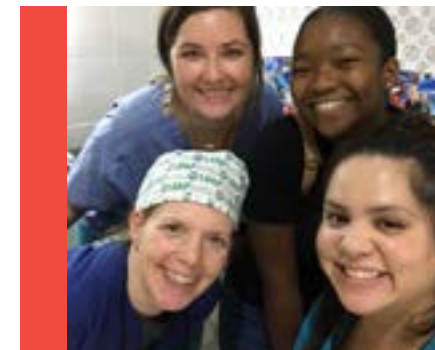
CALETTE THOMAS (RN - Recovery)

NEOMI ROSARIO (Surgical Tech)

GAY SMITH (Surgical Tech)

SHERA TALIAFERRO (Surgical Tech)

KEZ FURTH (RN - Support)





LANDMARK PROGRAM

The Landmark Program, which began with the generous support of Doug Lamon, makes it possible for children with the most complex surgical needs to travel to the U.S. to receive high-quality medical and surgical care. Landmark patients live in underserved areas of the world and have such severe craniofacial abnormalities that many have been abandoned as infants or sent to palliative care facilities. We fully fund their travel and their surgical costs, thanks in large part to donated time by physicians and medical facilities provided by Medical City Children's Hospital.

In the history of this program, we have served 46 total patients, including 10 orphaned children, 9 of whom were adopted. The average age of Landmark recipients is 7 years old, and our most served country is the Dominican Republic with 12 recipients. Other countries include China, Haiti, Russia, and Mexico.

\$183,802

TOTAL COST OF
2018 SURGERIES

\$160,121

TOTAL IN-KIND
DONATIONS IN 2018

14

TOTAL
COUNTRIES

\$23,681

LEAP'S OUT-OF-POCKET
SURGICAL COSTS IN 2018

\$0

SURGICAL COSTS FOR
PATIENT FAMILIES IN 2018

46

TOTAL
PATIENTS

LANDMARK PATIENT

K A R E N A

Born with a cleft palate and bilateral cleft lip, Karena first came to LEAP from the Bahamas when she was 6 years old. Over the years, we've kept in touch with her parents, Peter and Natanya, to monitor her growth and progress. We welcomed Karena and her family back to Dallas in June. Dr. Craig Hobar performed a nasal revision, secondary lip revision, and pharyngeal flap surgery, which took about 3 hours.



LANDMARK PATIENT

L I A M

We met the Joa family in 1993 in the Dominican Republic. Odemaris brought her three small children, all of whom had cleft lips and palates. She was so concerned about her children that she did not even think to ask about repairing her own cleft lip. All four family members had surgery that year with many more follow-up surgeries over the next decade, all by the LEAP team.

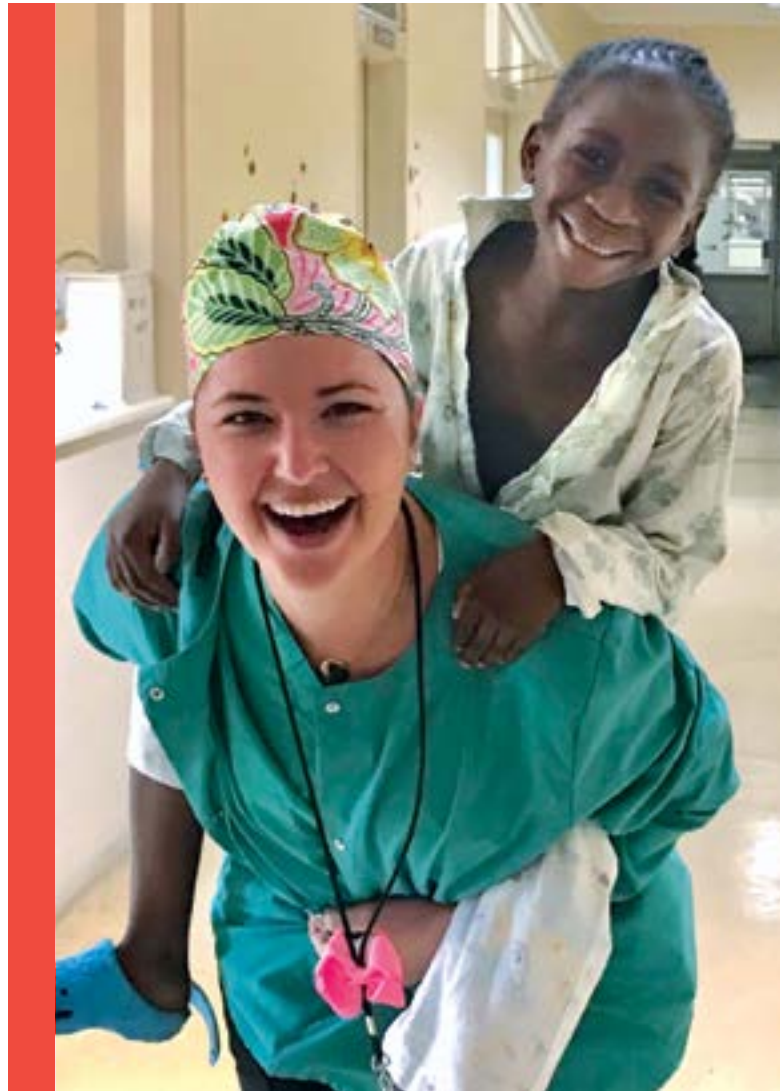


Mei-Lin, the eldest child, was inspired to become a physician because of her experiences with the LEAP team. "They treated me like we were friends. I remember feeling very safe under their care, like nothing bad could ever happen. My family is truly grateful for the loving treatment we've received through the years."

One-year-old Liam is the third-generation of this family to receive free surgical care from LEAP. Through the Landmark Program, Liam and his family arrived in Dallas in September for his first surgery on his cleft lip and palate. The Joa family is a great example of how LEAP changes lives through love, hope, and healing.

LEGACY PROJECT

Z I M B A B W E



Harare Children's Hospital in Zimbabwe has been our host hospital since 2009. It is one of only two pediatric hospitals in all of Zimbabwe, serving a population of approximately 16 million with only three operating room suites, one of which was funded by LEAP in 2014. While the operating room LEAP funded offered significant relief to the 5-year backlog of pediatric patients, there was still a great need. Given the benefits we saw through the 2014 build, we sent funding for the hospital's fourth operating room.

This project commemorates 10 years of partnership between Celebration Ministries International and LEAP Global Missions and will enable thousands of children on waiting lists to have their surgeries performed earlier by local surgeons. Over time, this gift will continue to benefit countless children over several generations. There is truly no better way for us to invest in our global future!

LEGACY PROJECT

I N D I A

Since 2003, LEAP has provided plastic and general surgery along with orthodontic care to hundreds of people who travel great distances to Damoh to see us. In 2018, LEAP funded the 2,000 sq. ft. Craniofacial Orthodontic and Dental Clinic as part of a large hospital expansion project by Central India Christian Mission (CICM). This facility is expected to provide orthodontic and dental care to thousands of people in Central India.

In addition, the clinic will have one operating room suite that will allow LEAP the opportunity to perform surgeries in the future. Dr. Cheryl Cermin, one of the founding medical leaders at LEAP, has worked for years to train local dentists and orthodontists to provide world-class care for patients with cleft lips and palates.



CUPCAKES FOR A CAUSE

C O S M I C C U P C A K E S

This family-friendly event took place on April 28th at University Park United Methodist Church in Dallas, where 15 professional and amateur bakers competed for the seventh year to raise money in support of LEAP. 2018 marked our highest turnout and highest fundraising amount with over \$78,000 raised, thanks in large part to matching grants from Highland Capital Management and The Okada Family Foundation.



ANNUAL GALA

S E N D U S

This year's Gala, Send Us, took place Sept. 20th at the Dallas Country Club. Guests enjoyed dinner and a special program featuring a keynote address from former Dallas Cowboys player Chad Hennings, a panel discussion with longtime LEAP volunteers, and a video about the Joa family from the Dominican Republic, who have been both Mission and Landmark Program patients for many years.

The LEAP Gala is our biggest annual fundraiser. It raised over \$600,000 to support LEAP and our mission to provide free surgical care to children in impoverished regions around the world. We are especially grateful to Event Co-Chairs Johannah & Christopher Kersey and Maggie & Jeremiah Mayfield and Honorary Chairs Carolyn & David Miller, without whom the success of the event would not have been possible.



CORE VALUES

SERVICE IN ACTION

LEAP is ready and able to go wherever in the world there is a need for specialized surgical care. We are capable of pooling resources to great extents in order to make a difference in just one life.

UNCONDITIONAL LOVE

In all we do, we treat people with dignity and kindness because we are all God's children.

DEPTH OVER BREADTH

Our long-term commitment to communities, families, and patients creates a lasting impact and endears a deep trust.

EXCELLENCE IN CARE

Our medical volunteers are highly-qualified and skilled in providing the best possible care, even with limited resources.

RESPECT FOR ALL HUMAN LIFE

Money or geography should not be hindrances to receiving treatment. Access to appropriate medical care is a basic human right.

THE POWER OF HEALING

These surgeries give patients and their families a fresh start and an opportunity to meaningfully contribute to their communities. They also experience the healing hands of Christ.

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