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Repairing bodies & rebuilding lives  
in the Asia Pacific region

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## PLASTIC SURGERY REGISTRAR JOINS INTERPLAST IN LAOS

Dr Carly Fox, an Australian plastic surgery registrar, is deeply motivated to help stamp out preventable disability in the communities in which Interplast works. She recently joined Interplast as an observer during a surgical and training program to Laos.

Read more about Carly's experience [HERE](#).



Interplast volunteer surgeons performed Sri Lanka's first microvascular free groin flap transfer, boosting four-year-old Chathura's chance for a more fulfilling, engaged life ahead. But Chathura isn't the only one to benefit from this surgical breakthrough.

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## Interplast celebrates 5 years in Masbate



Nelly Hartley, a perioperative nurse who has volunteered on this program every year, said continuity is beneficial for the surgical team, local partner hospital and patients.

"Everything flows much better, and the more you work with the same team, the more you understand each other," she said.

"This also applies to our working relationship with the staff at the hospital. We watch them grow professionally and become more confident as we help them with complex cases.

"We also develop trust with the patients because they too get to know us over the years."

Nelly recalls the case of a young woman called Rosemarie, who was badly burned as a young child. She developed severe contractures on her left leg, left elbow, left wrist and hand. She could not straighten her leg, making walking very difficult.

She was hunched over and walked with a limp. Her injury was so severe, she was unable to go to school and she had little hope for her future.

The latest edition of our supporter newsletter, Inside Interplast, is now available. Stories in this edition include:

- Interplast volunteers celebrate a milestone in the Philippines.
- Discover why treatment and training go hand in hand.
- Learn about Interplast's first South Asia regional training workshop in Kathmandu, Nepal.
- How burn contracture surgery is helping Houphan rebuild her life.

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