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Alliance for Smiles

Because every child deserves a smile...

Alliance Highlights

Summer
2015



Trip Report: Wenzhou, China

Among the dedicated volunteers on the Wenzhou team was photographer Cami Winslow, who was born with a bi-lateral cleft. In her own words:

"Sometimes there are surgeries that are so profound that they impact not only the individual personally affected, but they also change the lives of those around the patient. This was the case for me today. I'm not a stranger to clefts..."

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Trip Report: Guiyang, China

In March, an Alliance for Smiles medical team returned to Guiyang to follow up on the previous mission to that site in 2013. This trip was truly in the spirit of international cooperation, with medical and non medical volunteers hailing from five countries including the United States, China, Canada, India, and Malaysia.

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Trip Report: Xingyi, China

Last month, I was honored to join Alliance for Smiles on a medical mission to Xingyi, China. Our goal was simple: provide life-changing



surgery to as many children as possible. In reality, they were the ones changing our lives. Every day, our patients greeted us with toothy grins, waves and hugs. We may have provided them with a free medical procedure; but, the love and joy they gave us in return is unquantifiable...

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Trip Report: Gazipur, Bangladesh

None of our medical missions are "easy" but this mission posed a number of extra challenges, because of safety concerns in the area. One night one of the patients required additional care - which is not unusual - but because of the security issues the volunteers who were with him had to stay in the hospital all night...

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10th Anniversary Gala

Our big 10th Anniversary Gala was held on April 11th, 2015 at the Intercontinental Hotel in San Francisco. It was a huge success with 260 in attendance - our biggest event to date! We honored our volunteers, raised funds, and celebrated our successes from the last year.

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And mark your calendars for next year's event scheduled for **March 19, 2016**.

International Cleft Symposium

This April participants from our five treatment centers in China came together in Shanghai to meet with American experts in the fields of surgery, orthodontia & dentistry, speech



pathology, and anesthesia. They discussed the common challenges of setting up successful treatment programs. In addition, a contingency of five came from Bangladesh where an AfS Treatment Center team will be hosted in September.

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Please Welcome Kim Brown!

There will be a change in leadership at Alliance for Smiles in February when Mr. Kim Brown comes in as President and CEO, and Anita Stangl steps down and retires. Brown comes to AfS with experience in both the for-profit and not-for-profit arenas.

Of her retirement Stangl states, "I feel very comfortable handing over the reins to Kim, as he will be able to lead the organization to a new level..."

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Our mission is to repair children's broken smiles by providing free comprehensive treatment for cleft lip and palate deformities in under-served areas of the world.

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