1969-2013
100,000
Surgeries

ReSurge
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2012-13 ANNUAL REPORT
This year, we celebrated an enormous milestone, our 100,000th surgery. It is an important marker on a journey that started in 1969 with the simple act of saving just one child from a life of disfigurement and shame. That was the year ReSurge’s founder, Dr. Donald Laub, met young Antonio and witnessed how a single surgery to repair a cleft lip was able to transform a life. That one reconstructive transformation led Laub to found ReSurge (then Interplast). In mid-2013, ReSurge surgeons in Bolivia operated on Abigail, and this little girl, whose hand became functional when her fused fingers were released, became the recipient of our 100,000th surgery.

ReSurge has been bringing hope to children and adults around the world for nearly 45 years. Reconstructive surgical care changes lives and allows our patients to become integral and productive members of their communities. Surgery helps children go to school and adults return to work. As more and more citizens are able to contribute to society, the effect ripples and the economic burden of disability decreases.

Over the years, ReSurge has continually evolved, taking advantage of advances in medicine and technology to create a network of providers around the world who share the same purpose: to improve access to reconstructive surgical care for the world’s poor. Empowering local medical providers has been a cornerstone of that effort. The result has been the creation of 10 Surgical Outreach Programs around the globe where high-quality reconstructive surgical care happens year round. Increasingly, those patients are supported by a comprehensive continuum of care, helping ensure patients achieve optimal recovery. And while in-country medical personnel perform 83 percent of our surgeries, the medical team trip remains an integral part of what we do, providing an important opportunity for vital on-the-job training.

This year we commemorate each of the 100,000 surgeries our volunteers and medical partners have performed, because each and every one of them has helped a young child or adult move away from a life of disability and estrangement to a life filled with possibility, engagement and productivity.

Thank you for your part in helping us provide 100,000 surgeries and build medical capacity to serve the poor worldwide.

Warmly,

Susan W. Hayes
President & CEO, ReSurge International
Increasing Access to Surgical Care

According to the World Health Organization, more than 2 billion people worldwide lack access to surgical care. Moreover, the poorest third of the world’s population receives only 3.5 percent of the surgical operations provided worldwide. Even further out of reach of those living in poverty is the reconstructive surgery needed to correct congenital deformities, such as clefts, and burn injuries—devastating conditions that are made more tragic by the fact that they are nearly always correctable.

Since 1969, ReSurge (formerly Interplast) has stepped in to help reduce the gap, providing reconstructive surgery and in some cases training in developing world. On team trips, multidisciplinary teams of medical volunteers specializing in reconstructive surgery, anesthesia, pediatrics, nursing and occupational and physical therapy spend one to two weeks performing urgently needed surgeries in communities with little or no resources.

In addition to life-changing surgeries and support, ReSurge’s Surgical Team Trips and Visiting Educator Workshops are pivotal to our goal of increasing access to surgical care in the developing world. On team trips, multidisciplinary teams of medical professional volunteers specializing in reconstructive surgery, anesthesia, pediatrics, nursing and occupational and physical therapy spend one to two weeks performing urgently needed surgeries in communities with little or no resources.

In addition to life-changing surgeries and support, ReSurge’s Surgical Team Trips also provide training for local medical staff and thus build surgical capacity in developing regions. ReSurge’s visiting educators continue the training by increasing the knowledge and skill level in cleft, burn and hand reconstructive care and ancillary therapies. Through focused seminars and workshops that include hands-on surgical training, local medical professionals acquire essential and urgently needed skills and experience that ultimately prepare them to dramatically change or save the lives of thousands of patients over the course of their careers.

**Surgical Team Trips**

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**Impact**

"After my first trip, I did not fully understand how the surgeons our team provided would make a difference. Returning on another trip four years later, seeing the impact of those surgeries was immensely gratifying."  
Nisha Chaudry
Volunteer Coordinator/Translator

**Thanks to Our Volunteers**

Incredible medical volunteers help make our work possible and provide nearly $2 million in in-kind services each year. Our volunteers donate their time, travel around the world, work under exhausting circumstances and give up pay, vacation and comfort to help transform the lives of patients and their families and to build medical capacity. Volunteers are integral to our objective of creating long-term, sustainable medical care around the world.

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Cheryl G. Wyche, R.N.
Mary Beth Yosew, R.N.
Darrell Yoost, R.N.*

* Serves on medical committee.

"We have seen firsthand the skill and compassion of the medical volunteers, and the excitement in the eyes of parents seeing the lives of their children transformed. ReSurge is relentlessly dedicated to creating an urgent medical and social need, and we are honored to support its work. The return on investment in terms of lives enhanced is exceptional."  
Jay and Susan Mandell
Saratoga, California, ReSurge donors since 2002
In 1999, one of ReSurge International’s trusted partners, Dr. Shankar Man Rai in Nepal, began providing medical services year-round with ReSurge’s support—and the first Surgical Outreach Program was born. Soon thereafter, our center in Zambia opened, led by the country’s only plastic surgeon, Dr. Goran Jovic.

Today, ReSurge maintains 10 permanent outreach programs in eight countries. By partnering with local doctors, ReSurge has doubled the number of surgeries it performs while significantly reducing operating costs. The program empowers our local colleagues and delivers reconstructive surgical care in medically underserved areas—where it’s needed most.

In Bangladesh, Ecuador, Ghana, India (2), Nepal, Nicaragua, Peru (2) and Zambia, patients can receive year-round care for disabling burns, clefts and injuries from our growing cadre of international partners. Under the direction of our chief medical officer, ReSurge uses the latest in technological advances to conduct quality reviews and specialized ongoing training for our teams of medical professionals. The model has proven to be remarkably efficient and cost-effective. In fact, our colleagues in the developing world now perform more than 80 percent of all ReSurge surgeries.

Forming partnerships with international medical professionals has created a comprehensive model of care that is renewing the health and dreams of thousands of children and adults with deformities and injuries each year. ReSurge is impacting the world by reducing suffering and poverty, and giving patients a second chance for normal, productive lives.

**Building Surgical Capacity Year-Round**

**International Medical Partners**

**BANGLADESH**
- Dr. Fazana Ibrahimm
- Dr. Rehikar Miennam
- Dr. Shahjatul Khondakkar

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- Dr. Karina Muroro*
- Dr. Jimmy Majia*

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- Dr. Yog Aeron*
- Dr. Dharmesh Desai
- Dr. Punweel Panich*  

**MALI**
- Dr. Oumar Coulibaly

**NEPAL**
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- Dr. Shankar Rai*
- Mohan Dangol*
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- Dr. Thi Phu

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*With year-round Surgical Outreach Program

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**Dehradun and Jalandhar, India**

Since 2006, ReSurge has had year-round Surgical Outreach Programs in Dehradun and Jalandhar; and has future sites under consideration. Thus far, ReSurge has provided thousands of free burn surgeries in India and restored patients’ abilities to use their hands to eat and their legs to walk to school and work.

**Guyaquil, Ecuador**

For nearly 35 years, Dr. Jorge Palacios has been our partner, performing surgeries alongside our teams and year-round at ReSurge’s Surgical Outreach Program in Guayaquil. In addition, Dr. Palacios started Ecuador’s first plastic surgery residency program to provide greater access to care for the poor.

**Kathmandu, Nepal**

Nepal is home to ReSurge’s first and largest year-round Surgical Outreach Program. After working with ReSurge volunteer medical teams for a decade, Dr. Shankar Rai assembled a local team of medical professionals to provide medical services year-round. None, Nepal’s Surgical Outreach Program provides free surgeries, speech therapy and other medical services to nearly 1,500 patients annually.

**Kumasi, Ghana**

There are very few plastic surgeons in Ghana, six at last count. In response to the defined need, ReSurge established a Surgical Outreach Program in Kumasi, which provides year-round care to children and adults with cleft lips and palates.

**Lima and Piura, Peru**

In 1981, ReSurge began sending surgical team trips to Peru. Thirty years later, Peru is now host to two of ReSurge’s 10 Surgical Outreach Programs, making year-round access to reconstructive surgical care possible for children and adults with disabling burns and clefts.

**Lusaka, Zambia**

ReSurge has been working in Zambia since the late 1990s with Dr. Goran Jovic, the country’s only plastic surgeon. Dr. Jovic was so devoted to the underserved that he became a bush pilot so that he can reach patients in remote areas, in addition to those who come to Lusaka.

**Managua, Nicaragua**

ReSurge International’s involvement in Nicaragua dates back to 1994, when the first surgical teams visited the country. Since 2006, ReSurge’s partners in Nicaragua have provided year-round free reconstructive surgery and integrated care by a multi-disciplinary team to those in need.

**Plastic Surgery Residency Programs**

**NEPAL, BANGLADESH AND ECUADOR**

For continued impact, ReSurge’s Surgical Outreach partners in Nepal, Bangladesh and Ecuador have established the first plastic surgery residency programs in their countries, enrolling a combined total of more than 130 residents to date. With ReSurge humanitarian work as part of their residency experience, the newly trained plastic surgeons are motivated to undertake their own humanitarian projects.

**Sarita, Nepal**

Hand surgery is among the most important reconstructive surgical procedures that can be offered in the developing world, as it enables an ability to provide for one’s self and family. Sarita lives in the southern shadows of Mt. Everest. She fell into a fire pit at age 2, and went 10 years without the use of her arm or hand. Now, she has use of both, thanks to ReSurge’s surgeons in Nepal.

**Lima, Peru**

“The beauty of being a reconstructive surgeon is to return the patient back as a productive member of society... if a person has both hands and fingers burnt, and they can’t even feed themselves, when you open up those hands, that person gets his life back.”

Dr. Goran Jovic
Zambia’s only plastic surgeon

**Kumasi, Ghana**

“...it refreshes one’s ability to provide for one’s self and family.”

Goran Jovic
Zambia’s only plastic surgeon
Committed to Efficiency and Impact

ReSurge International is justifiably proud of having the distinction of being the first organization of its kind, providing reconstructive surgery to the poor in 14 countries around the world in FY13. It is committed to operating in an environment of transparency, accountability and integrity. ReSurge’s board of directors—composed of 21 medical, legal and business leaders in fiscal year 2013—understands its financial responsibilities to ensure the exclusive and effective use of all assets for charitable purposes. ReSurge’s efficient use of funds allows for 86 percent of its budget to be applied directly to medical programs that change lives.

As part of its ongoing efforts to ensure strong governance and compliance, ReSurge participates in external peer reviews and forms alliances with other like-minded organizations. In addition to its three-star rating from Charity Navigator, ReSurge is a member of InterAction, the largest alliance of U.S.-based international development and humanitarian NGOs. As such, ReSurge is annually reviewed for compliance with InterAction’s standards, which address programmatic performance, fundraising and financial management. Additionally, ReSurge is an accredited charity with the Better Business Bureau and a selected charity with Give Well.

ReSurge International is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit service provider. The organization’s work is humanitarian in nature; no political or religious affiliations are maintained.

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Statement of Financial Position
As of June 30, 2013

Assets:

Current Assets
- Cash and Cash Equivalents $250,704
- Inventory $370,273
- Investments $610,671
- Accounts Receivable $268,627
- Deposits $31,367

Total Current Assets $1,531,642

Net Property and Equipment - $265,808

Other Assets
- Deposits - Long Term $31,855
- Investments Held for Endowment $968,736

Total Other Assets $1,000,591

Total Assets $2,798,041

Liabilities and Net Assets:

Liabilities
- Accounts Payable $427,283
- Accrued Expenses $108,627
- Deferred Revenue $16,880

Total Liabilities $552,790

Net Assets
- Unrestricted Net Assets $1,110,280
- Temporarily Restricted $392,571
- Permanently Restricted $742,400

Total Net Assets $2,245,251

Total Liabilities and Net Assets $2,798,041

Planned Gifts Leave a Lasting Legacy

ReSurge has been at the forefront of transforming lives through reconstructive surgery for nearly 45 years. Making a planned gift to ReSurge is an effective way to help us continue the work. It also can provide tremendous financial and other benefits to you as a donor, including recognition through the recently established Donald R. Laub Legacy Society, named after our founder Dr. Laub. For information on making a planned gift, please contact Chris Canter at chris@resurge.org.

Every year, ReSurge receives an independent audit of its financial statements and operations in compliance with the California Nonprofit Integrity Act. For a copy of our complete audited financials, please visit the “Financials” section on our website.

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Commitment and Leadership

SARA AND RUSSELL HIRSCH

Sara and Russell Hirsch appreciate Sara and Russell Hirsch for their outstanding commitment, investment and leadership. Russell served on our board of directors for nearly three decades and was a recipient of our prestigious William C. Lazzeri Leadership Award in 2010. Sara recently joined the ReSurge board. Her wisdom, energy and enthusiasm for the lives that we reach are unparalleled.

Developing Surgical Capacity in Mali

NANCY AND JOHN CASSIDY

ReSurge is enormously grateful to Nancy and John Cassidy, founders of Klutz, for their partnership and leadership support since 2001. For the past three years, they have made a significant gift to ReSurge’s Commitment and Leadership. In the first year, with the C. Lazier Leadership Award in 2010. Sara recently joined the ReSurge board. Her wisdom, energy and enthusiasm for the lives that we reach are unparalleled.

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Guidance and Advocacy
GEORGE AND GAIL SCHAEL
ReSurge is deeply grateful to George and Gail Sael for their continued support and board of partnership. George served on our board of directors from 1999 - 2008 and continued to provide strategic guidance and helped us advocate for the neglected. As chief of brain surgery counsel at a global company that serves more than 200 countries in the world, George understands the importance of broad awareness and social responsibility. We are honored and humbled that he and his family always remain to be for ReSurge.

Continuing Support and Advocacy
JOHNSON & JOHNSON FAMILY OF COMPANIES
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In-Kind Donors
ReSurge is thankful to the following individuals and companies who donated goods and services this year. Nearly half of ReSurge’s revenue takes the form of donated goods and services. These donated materials, equipment, and talent allow ReSurge to leverage every donated dollar to $7.60 of services delivered.

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ReThinking Burns

To shed some light on the neglected global health crisis of burns, ReSurge and its partner, International Medical Corps, initiated the ReThink Burns advocacy campaign in February 2013, and it has been a success. More than 800 people from 15 countries participated in our photo challenge. Another nearly 18,000 people signed our pledge to implement solutions toward reducing burn injuries and saving lives through improved access to surgical care.

Our advocacy efforts on burns with the U.S. Congress have also proven fruitful. In March of 2013, at the urging of ReSurge, the Congressional Global Health Caucus held the first congressional briefing on the topic. This created a unique opportunity to draw attention to the issue of burns on Capitol Hill. An impressive array of speakers from more than half a dozen different groups (including the American Burn Association, Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves and Shriners Hospital for Children) joined moderator Ambassador Jimmy Kolker, principal deputy assistant secretary for global affairs with the US Department of Health and Human Services, in sharing their perspectives on the topic.

Following the briefing, the House Appropriations Committee included in its Report for State and Foreign Operations, Maternal and Child Health, a request for the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) to look into the estimated need and cost-effectiveness of burn prevention programs. This small but significant and pioneering accomplishment brings the issue of severe burns forward and is the first step toward generating possible government funding for addressing burns.

Special Thanks

Thank you to our many talented photographers. Without you, we could not show the world the progress we are making and the lives we are saving. Like our medical volunteers, these photographers travel with us pro-bono, generously sharing their talents to help transform lives.

Phil Borges
World-renowned photographer Phil Borges has traveled with us for nearly 20 years, producing our signature book, “The Gift,” as well as several documentaries. We are grateful he also brought Rachel Gray and Catherine Cussaguet to Nepal, expanding our pool of talented photographers.

Adam Forgash
Adam Forgash, a professional photographer based in New York City, has traveled with us to Vietnam and Peru. We are thankful for his service to ReSurge over the years.

Darcy Padilla
Darcy Padilla is an award-winning, former The New York Times photographer. She has traveled with us to Ecuador, Nepal and Vietnam and her journalistic excellence shines in her work.

John Urban
John Urban, of Urban Photo Co. in Madison, captures the warmth and depth of the human spirit in his photos and videos. He has traveled with us to Vietnam and India twice, helping us convey our lasting impact through powerful interviews with our patients.

Zane Williams
Zane Williams, a professional photographer in Wisconsin, has traveled with ReSurge to Vietnam and Bolivia. His photographs often portray the happiness of our patients post surgery.

Darcy Padilla in rural Nepal with former patient Ganesh.
Lourdes

PERU

Even at the young age of 10 months, Lourdes charmed everyone at the hospital with her smile and adorable, warm personality. For many, a cleft can cause stigma and a life of isolation. Thankfully for Lourdes, a ReSurge volunteer surgical team came to Pucallpa and repaired her cleft lip, prior to it ever being a stigma for her. She now can lead the rest of her life without being stigmatized and has the opportunity to lead a healthy, productive life full of smiles.

Ganesh

NEPAL

Ganesh is a 14-year-old with a gentle smile who dreams of becoming a doctor. His father, unable to stand the shame of having a child born with a cleft, left the family before ReSurge’s Nepal surgical outreach team stepped in to repair the cleft. Ganesh, the Hindu deity widely known as a remover of obstacles, is the given name of many Nepalese boys born with clefts—a symbol of either the shame associated with clefts or the hope that Ganesh inspires.

Hoa and Hoai

VIETNAM

Hoa knew all too well the stigma of her son’s cleft lip, having been born with one herself. She traveled a long way from her mountain tribe in a remote region of Vietnam to have her son seen and evaluated by the ReSurge team. To her delight, he qualified for surgery. And so did she. ReSurge was honored to be able to transform the smiles of both mother and child in the span of one team trip.

Jose Luis

PERU

Jose Luis was born on the dirt floor of his parents’ one-room adobe hut. When he was born with a cleft lip, his mother abandoned her, and the tiny baby went to live with her grandmother. Her dowry, Hasan's husband and brother-in-law threw gasoline over her and set her on fire. Today, Hasan is safely living in her parents’ home. Yet, her burn injuries left her unable to move her neck and arms. “In my village, they tell me I’m useless because I’m divorced and unable to move my neck and arms. I will now return to my village and show everyone that I’m not useless,” said a determined Hasan after her surgery.

Mateo

ZAMBIA

Mateo and his nine siblings fend for themselves while their parents work long hours in the fields. Mateo was badly burned when he fell into the cooking fire. With no access to reconstructive surgical care after the accident, his skin contracted and his head and shoulder fused together. Mateo’s mother made the difficult decision to leave the fields to be by his side when the ReSurge surgeons freed his neck and gave him back the use of his hand.

Lakphat

INDIA

Ten-day-old Lakphat has the dubious distinction of being the youngest-ever ReSurge patient. While he was sleeping in his family’s hut, a rat attacked his face, leaving him with a gaping hole in his nose. Drs. Yogi and Kush Aeron, the father-son team that runs ReSurge’s Surgical Outreach Center in India, reconstructed his nose using a mid-line forehead flap. The remarkable results can be seen in Lakphat’s happy smile.

Awa

MALI

Awa was shaking fruit from a tree with a metal pole when the pole hit a live wire and electrocuted her. There is no plastic surgeon in Mali, where she lives. A visiting ReSurge team later performed several reconstructive surgeries and provided some rehabilitation. With ReSurge’s support, a local surgeon involved in her case is now doing his residency in plastic surgery, so that Mali will one day have a surgeon to help other children like Awa.

Quynh

VIETNAM

When Quynh was just 9 months old, she stuck her hand in a cooking fire at her family’s home in Vietnam. The terrible burn to her hand contracted her skin and fused her fingers together into a fist, limiting her ability to hold a pencil or grab a ball. ReSurge volunteer surgeons released her contracture and placed a skin graft, significantly improving her hand mobility and giving her the chance to lead a productive life.

Milagros

PERU

When Milagros was just 6 months old, her mother abandoned her, and the tiny baby girl went to live with her grandmother. Four years later, her grandmother brought Milagros to a hospital in Iquitos, Peru, where ReSurge volunteers were performing free reconstructive surgeries for children with cleft lip, cleft palate and severe burns. ReSurge doctors and nurses repaired Milagros’s cleft lip and her palate the following year.

Josef

BOLIVIA

Josef was born with syndactyly, a condition in which his fingers were fused together on both hands. Without the use of his hands to perform simple tasks such as holding a pencil, Josef’s eagerness to perform well in school was overshadowed by his deformity. Hope arrived when a ReSurge surgical team in La Paz operated on Josef’s hands. Surgeons were able to release his fingers, restore mobility to his hands and renew hope for a bright future.

Julio

PERU

Julio is lucky. Before he even turned one, ReSurge surgeons visited Cusco, Peru, and operated on his cleft lip. He is shown here just eight days after the successful surgery. Because the cleft was repaired before his speech patterns developed, Julio’s speech will develop normally. He will look and act just like all of his friends.

Hasan

INDIA

Three years ago, after a family dispute over her dowry, Hasan’s husband and brother-in-law threw gasoline over her and set her on fire. Today, Hasan is safely living in her parents’ home. Yet, her burn injuries left her unable to move her neck and arms. “In my village, they tell me I’m useless because I’m divorced and unable to move my neck and arms. I will now return to my village and show everyone that I’m not useless,” said a determined Hasan after her surgery.
Eleven-year-old Sorie spilled kerosene on his shirt one day. Later, he was carrying a lit lantern when the wind started to blow. To protect the flame from the wind, Sorie placed the lamp beneath his shirt. Tragically, the flame mixed with the residual kerosene and ignited his shirt, causing terrible burns from his legs up to his chin. ReSurge’s partner in Bangladesh performed the reconstructive surgeries, which dramatically improved his life and the life of his family.

Joseph

Joseph is one of the 400 who are born with clefts each year in Ghana. In some villages, a weekly market is held at night for people who don’t want to be seen in the daylight because of the stigma surrounding clefts. ReSurge established a Surgical Outreach Program in Kumasi, providing year-round care for these cleft patients.

Kamala

As 12-year-old Kamala was out gathering firewood, she spotted a leopard and jumped into a nearby tree. But the leopard followed her up the tree and grabbed her right lower leg in its jaws. As it pulled her off the tree, she was knocked unconscious. She awoke in a hospital bed with her right lower leg amputated. The animal had also clawed her face. ReSurge’s surgical outreach team in India coordinated her care, ensuring the optimal outcome for her long-term recovery.

Zayanti

We often say that reconstructive surgery gives patients a second chance, but for Zayanti, it was actually her third. Depressed and scared of the stigma of bearing a cleft child, her mother tried to kill her but Zayanti was saved by the grandfather, who so obviously loved the little baby. Not only did he give her a second chance at life and is now caring for her as his own, he has given Zayanti a third chance by helping her live the rest of her life without the stigma of a cleft.

Shanta

Burned in a fireplace at 5 months of age, Shanta’s knees were contracted into the bent position and his feet have lost all form, the foot walking to the lower leg on the other. Yet Shanta is mobile and spirited, moving nimbly on his knees and looking everywhere he encounters with beautiful sparkling eyes and a charming smile. ReSurge surgeons have released the contractures in his knees and are now planning a series of surgeries that will enable Shanta to walk again.

Andrea

Through relatively simple reconstructive surgeries, ReSurge gives new hope to thousands of the world’s poor each year. For many, the physical transformation is the first step on a new journey inspired by the care of the surgical team. Take Andrea, who was born in Loja, Ecuador, with a bilateral cleft lip and palate. She was ReSurge’s first patient in Ecuador. Today, she is a nurse, having chosen a career helping others, just as she was helped.

Leila

In Zambia, the burden of extreme poverty, disease and the death of parents places children in adult roles, making them more prone to accidents. Leila is an AIDS orphan and while cooking for her siblings, she fell into an open fire. Without adequate medical care, the burn injuries contracted and damaged her ability to walk. Luckily, her aunt had heard of ReSurge’s Dr. Goran Jovic and Leila received free surgery, renewing her freedom of movement and her hope.

Joseph

At age 4, Joseph was constantly exploring the world around him, when exploring led to tragedy. Playing in the kitchen, boiling water accidentally fell on him. Without appropriate care, his wounds contracted and prevented him from turning his head. Despite this, he kept the hospital staff smiling, even the day after his surgery to repair his neck. Joseph now has greater mobility and the same tireless energy and playful silliness, which no surgery could ever change.

Alam

When 11-year-old Alam was younger, he suffered a devastating burn from an electrically charged spike on his apartment’s rooftop. He was running, flying a kite, when he fell into it. Over the years, he has received treatment from ReSurge’s surgical outreach director in Bangladesh, Dr. Shafquat Khundkar. Despite having lost a hand and a few fingers on his right hand, Alam has learned to press his pen against his arm, allowing him to write.

Javier

Javier is now one of the most popular radio voices in Portoviejo, an amazing outcome for someone born with a cleft lip and palate. When he was a baby, he was ostracized because of the way he looked and sounded, as his parents could not afford surgery. ReSurge’s Dr. Jorge Palacios began providing free surgeries on Javier when he was just 3, and changed his life. Javier spent hours learning to speak correctly and worked himself up from the radio station’s janitor to star DJ.

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ReSurge International (formerly Interplast) provides free reconstructive surgery for the poor in developing countries. It renews the health of nearly 3,000 people each year and this year celebrates the completion of 100,000 surgeries since 1969. These surgeries allow patients to go to school, provide for their families and be productive members of society. It empowers local doctors to increase year-round access to medical care in underserved areas and provides comprehensive reconstructive surgery and follow-up care. By doing so, ReSurge impacts the world by reducing suffering and poverty, giving more patients a second chance for a normal, productive life.