



6TH ANNUAL

## CHILI SUPPER

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2013

6:30 P.M.

DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 P.M. FOR SILENT AUCTION & BOUTIQUE

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We hope you can make plans to join us for the 6th Annual Chili Supper! Dr. Jane Weaver will be sharing another engaging presentation about her work in San Lorenzo, Ecuador. Come discover both the victories and challenges that have occurred in the last 12 months. **Tickets are available now for \$5 per person.** This year, tickets are only available online. **CLICK HERE to Order Now.** Or, visit LAMB's website at [www.LAMBOnline.org](http://www.LAMBOnline.org) and click the Chili Supper link on the home page. (Options are available for those without Internet access. Call 317-660-5262.)

### TOGETHER, WE ACCOMPLISH MORE!

Over the past eleven years, we have been privileged to witness the difference that your donations make. When LAMB began in July of 2000, you came alongside us, joining hands and giving from your own resources to make a difference in the lives of people a continent away.

We want to thank you for the sacrifices that your donations represent. Every dollar you give is a dollar that you did not have for your own necessities or enjoyment, and that kind of selfless giving, honors and pleases God. Your contributions have changed the circumstances of countless men, women and children in San Lorenzo; you have literally given them life and hope.

Through your support, LAMB has been able to provide surgery and other medical interventions that

have allowed people to return to their occupations, regain their independence, avoid physical deformities and interrupt dangerous disease processes. If you ever wonder if your donations make a difference, we can assure you that they do!

We are keenly aware that LAMB exists because of you. Whether you have given \$1 or several hundred dollars, you have participated in the transformation of these lives. Your partnership with LAMB brings to life a foundational belief that has sustained us from the beginning: *we can accomplish more together than we can separately.*

As we continue walking confidently into 2013, we thank you for giving what you can, large or small. Just as Jesus did in feeding the 5,000, God can take what we have to offer and multiply it to meet our needs. Thank you for your faith and obedience!

## MEDICAL & WORK TEAMS

In March, two medical teams and one work team came to San Lorenzo to work with Dr. Jane and the Clinic staff. It was a busy month; but, with God's help, a lot was accomplished!

At the beginning of the month, an eight-member eye team from Vision Outreach International visited the Clinic to perform eye surgeries. One of the patients they saw was a young man named, Victor, who has two diseases, both of which cause blindness. One, keratoconus, is curable with cornea transplants. The other, retinitis pigmentosa, has no cure. Dr. Stan Pletcher (shown below with Victor) took Victor to Shell, Ecuador where the transplants were done. However, one of the transplants has failed because Victor could not afford the necessary eye drops. Eventually, Victor will be blind as a result of the retinitis pigmentosa. Yet, as you can see in the picture, he has not let this disease get him down. He remains the friendly and happy young man he has always been -- in spite of the fact he is going blind.



Immediately following the eye team, plastic surgeon Dr. Geoff Randolph and nurse Janine Bernabé (both from Fort Wayne, Indiana), visited the Clinic. During their stay, a total of 14 surgeries were performed and many lives were changed in dramatic ways!

One of the patients who had surgery is five-month-old Renata. She has both a cleft lip and a cleft palate. Dr. Randolph operated on Renata to repair her cleft lip. (Surgery for her cleft palate will need to occur later.)

As you can see from the before and after pictures, shown below, Renata will grow up with a beautiful, new smile!



We would also like to extend a very special "thank you" to Dr. Obinna Onuora, an anesthesiologist from Fargo, North Dakota. Dr. Onuora spent two weeks at the Clinic, providing anesthesia for both the eye team



and the plastic surgeries. Securing qualified anesthesiologists for surgery weeks is one of the greatest challenges Dr. Jane faces each month. We are very grateful to Dr. Onuora for his contribution to two weeks of successful surgeries!

On March 16, Mark Wurzel and four other men traveled to San Lorenzo to help with a variety of construction projects. Mark has coordinated groups from southern Michigan for the past several years, and they are always a tremendous blessing! They are working at the Clinic as this article is being written. We will try to share an update and pictures in the next edition of LAMBLines.

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## BONUS PICTURES

Here are a few more pictures to show you some of what has been happening at the Clinic this month.



Dr. Jane & Dr. Pletcher in Post Op with an eye patient.



A happy eye patient in the O.R.



Janine Bernabé watches as Dr. Randolph removes stitches from a skin graft that was done earlier in the week when a basal cell carcinoma was removed.



Nine-year-old Dayana requires surgery to fix a contracture under her arm caused by the burns she suffered two years ago.



Nurse Madison Paris with Renata after surgery.



Dr. Jane with some of the local children.