

# FACES *in places*

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## Jomira: Kausay Wasi Clinic arranges successful U.S. surgery *by Dr. Mitch Brock*

Jomira Houman was born with a four inch area of missing bone in the back of her skull. Her brain and spinal fluid bulged outward, covered only with scalp and hair which she referred to as her "cabezita", my "little head". Fortunately she never developed meningitis or suffered an injury to this vulnerable area. Six year old Jomira was seen in the Kausay Wasi Clinic in Coya, Peru by

Northwest Medical Teams volunteers in 2005 and thus began a long process of efforts to arrange her medical care in the U.S. Surgery to repair this type of defect is not available in Peru. Working through an Organization called Healing the Children, Pediatric neurosurgeon Monica Wehby offered to perform the surgery and Legacy Emanuel Children's Hospital provided the care facility. American Airlines donated plane tickets to bring Jomira and her caretaker Rocio Alvarez to Portland. Her surgery was successfully performed in November 2006 and her post op course was uneventful. She quickly resumed her playful nature and her head pain is relieved. She has returned to her family in Calca, Peru and is leading a normal active life.



Jomira and caretaker Rocio

FACES is a Portland Oregon based, nonsectarian charitable foundation dedicated to providing local community based comprehensive care for those with cleft lip and palate deformities. We believe surgery alone is not enough—patients and families also need local community support for good nutrition, immunizations, primary care, dental care, speech and hearing, clean water etc.

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Professor of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at Oregon Health Sciences University (OHSU) in Portland, Oregon. Founder of FACES.

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### *Advisory panel:*

Robert Blakeley, PhD  
Mitch Brock, MD  
Sandy and Guido Del Prado  
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## What Your Giving Has Accomplished

*by Sandy and Guido Del Prado*

The November '06 Fund Raiser in Portland hosted by the Faces Foundation not only raised funds for new activities but provided us the opportunity to meet many supporters of the Kausay Wasi Clinic and the Faces Foundation. In 2006 we hosted 9 visiting medical teams and have so far this year scheduled 9 just through June '07. The support and feedback has been incredible and has encouraged us to expand our activities to include a second clinic, Kausay Wasi Calca, projected to open in March of 2007. Donation funds have been used to sponsor a number of poor families including an 8 year old epileptic girl from a very poor village. She requires regular expensive and otherwise unobtainable medication for her illness. Also, a young widow (24 years old who lost her husband recently to cancer) and her two young daughters

ages 4 and 6 are among others who have been sponsored. Each donor will receive an e mail describing his or her "Adopted" family.

With donation funds the Clinic has purchased a portable x-ray machine and is in the process of obtaining an ultrasound, mammogram, and dental x-ray equipment.

This January we hosted a VOSH (Volunteer Optometrists in Service to Humanity) team from Michigan which examined and provided glasses to 890 patients and operated on 23 cataract patients. February brought Canadian Dental and NWMTI Facial Plastic Surgery teams. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your support! The more you help us the more we can help others!

## FACES Highlights



FACES founders Drs. Jeff Israel, left, and Tom Albert, far right, with guitarist Alfredo Muro.

### Successful Friend/Fund Raiser

The evening at the Andina Restaurant saw over 120 friends of FACES gather to celebrate and honor the efforts at the Kausay Wasi Clinic. (See full story on page 2.)

### Upcoming FACES trips:

- **April 2007**-Pediatricians Jake and Betty Reiss will join Tom Albert at the Coya Clinic to do outpatient assessments and treatment of as many children as possible.
- **September 2007**-A full surgical team lead by Jeff and Tom will offer surgical management for patients with cleft lip and palate deformities

### Project Kausay Wasi

There is continued expansion of the working relationship with Sandy and Guido Del Prado and FACES. A

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**Andina Benefit Highlights Care and Giving**

All who attended the November 13, 2006 dinner benefit at Andina Restaurant were mesmerized by the digital photo show of the children and the words spoken by Kausay Wasi Peruvian Clinic founders, Guido and Sandy Del Prado. Their message was one of hope and thanks for the continued services and support to aid the children and families of the Sacred Valley of the Inca.

Thanks to the help of Andina owners John and Doris Platt, a vacant

upstairs art studio was converted into a beautiful tapestried and candle lit hall that provided the perfect ambience. Delicious Peruvian tapas were served while an overflow crowd enjoyed looking at art and wall hangings. CD loops highlighting pictures of the clinic, surgeries, and the beautiful Sacred Valley countryside were shown on two big screens.

Evening hosts, Drs. Jeff Israel and Tom Albert, were proud to introduce not only the Del Prados, but also

Qualcomm representatives Robert Jarrin and Gabriella Manriquez who will be coordinating a generous company donation to the clinic to aid with telecommunications. Also recognized were the Platts. Doris who is Peruvian and John a former peace corps worker, gave thanks to FACES and the Del Prados for their great mission of offering help to the indigent. Last but not least, the incomparable Peruvian guitarist, Alfredo Muro, played several beautiful pieces which embodied the passion, heart, and soul of the evening.



*John and Doris Platt, owners of Andina Restaurant.*



*Glenda Cox, RN.*



*Drs. Mitch and Karoline Brock, at sides, with Rocio and Guido Del Prado.*



*Mark and Sue Gano, tapestry raffle winners.*

**Highlights, continued**

second clinic is being opened in the larger city of Calca.

**Fellowship Support**

FACES Foundation has arranged for Fiorella Bellido, a young talented Peruvian orthodontist, to spend a year in Boston as a Visiting Fellow at the Harvard School of Dental Medicine and Children's Hospital. She will study orthodontic/dental management of cleft lip and palate deformities and then return to Peru to help with our long term efforts.

**Blakeley Distinguished Fellowship**

*Honoring a Lifetime of Meritorious Service*



FACES Foundation is proud to recognize Dr. Robert Blakeley, Professor Emeritus of Speech-Language Pathology, for his 50+ years of dedicated work in helping children with cleft palate related speech disorders. Bob started his practice at what is now Oregon Health Sciences University in 1952. For 44 years he directed the University Cleft Palate Team and for the last 22 years has been a most important asset to the Kaiser Cleft Palate Team in Portland. Not only has he traveled the world teaching internationally he is also responsible for the education of hundreds of speech pathology students in this country as well.

Because of Bob's lifelong commitment to helping children all over the world, it is FACES Foundation's honor to set up the Robert Blakeley Distinguished Fellowship in speech and language pathology. Its purpose will be to provide a forum for the advancement of understanding of speech issues and management particularly in the cleft population and to encourage the work internationally. As an inspiration to the creation of FACES Foundation, we are excited to extend his legacy of care that started over a half century ago.

**The power of commitment**



*Kali Albert, center, with Sandy and Guido Del Prado.*

After working at the Kausay Wasi Clinic last June, Kali Albert wanted to do more. She bought some articles in the Pisac Market and sold them at her high school, St Mary's Academy, raising nearly \$1000 which allowed for sponsorship of 5 families and made her one of our biggest individual contributors!

