

## Press Release



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## **BSN medical, Inc. Aids Healing the Children Mission Trip**

BSN medical Orthopaedics division, based in Charlotte, North Carolina, donated over 1,000 rolls of various casting materials to a Healing the Children mission trip to Guatemala in November 2004.

The mission trip took place on November 5 - 14 and was sponsored by the Oregon and Western Washington chapter of Healing the Children for logistics. The host organization in Guatemala was the Pediatric Fundacion of Guatemala. The team was led by Dr. Stephen Miller of Anacortes, Washington. Using various BSN medical synthetic cast tapes and plaster bandages, a grand total of 19 feet were repaired and over 20 children were treated during the mission. Cases included clubfoot repair, revisional clubfoot surgery, spastic diplegia, tibialis anterior tendon transfer in a myelomeningocele patient, rigid flatfoot repair, polydactyly revision and a distal tibial osteotomy among others. "This was the best medical mission team I have ever worked with," beamed Dr. Miller as he commented on the lives touched by the team's cooperative efforts.

### **About Healing the Children**

Healing the Children is a non-profit organization dedicated with chapters across the country. Each chapter sends various volunteer specialty teams, usually for surgery, to needy countries around the world. Each trip is in response to an invitation from the host country. These HTC chapters also bring children to cities in their area, find medical professionals who will donate their services, and assign each child to a volunteer host family who will provide room, board--and love--for the duration of the child's stay in the United States. Physicians from many specialties give their time and expertise to Healing the Children. Generous donors help HTC meet substantial travel and communication expenses. Loving host families open their hearts and homes to offer HTC children those powerful, healing gifts, security and love. Without these wonderful people, HTC could not function--and every single one of them is a volunteer. Since 1979, such Healing the Children volunteers have changed the lives of more than 60,000 children. For more information visit [www.healingchildren.org](http://www.healingchildren.org).