

# SUMMARY REPORT

## “Small Steps Medical Mission Team”

### San Salvador, El Salvador

September 21-28, 2024

"Small Steps Medical Mission Team" re-initiated its annual medical mission trip this past Sept 21 - 28, 2024, after being derailed for five years mainly due to the Covid Pandemic.



The team was able to screen over 150 patients on Sunday September 22, which yielded a surgical schedule of 40 Pediatric patients appropriately arranged on Monday through Thursday. The majority of surgical cases resulted from neglected/untreated clubfoot deformities with a handful of Polydactyly, coalition, painful flatfoot, pes cavus, and neuromuscular cases rounding out the week.

The surgeon team consisted of PI members Dr. Todd Gunzy, Dr. Luke Cicchinelli, Dr. Todd Haddon, and

guest surgeon Dr. Michael Troiano from Penn Presbyterian Hospital in Philadelphia. Second year P.I. resident Shivani Patel also traveled with the team providing OR surgical assistance and helped lead the daily hospital rounding team with excellent bedside mannerisms. Penn Presbyterian resident Hamidat Momoh, Bone Secours resident Neil Bernard, and Virtua Hospital resident Saman Khan firmed up the resident team.



The remaining 110 patients were fitted for either KAFO, AFO, or custom orthoses by our incredible Certified Prosthetic & Orthotic team.

The Military Hospital of San Salvador and the Cuscutlan Rotary Club was genuinely happy to have our team back to doing what the team does best and plans to continue with annual September Medical Mission trips to El Salvador which began in 2002.





**Surgical Team:**

Todd Gunzy-Founder, DPM  
Luke Cicchinelli, DPM  
Todd Haddon, DPM  
Michael Troiano, DPM

**Resident Team:**

Shivani Patel, Podiatry Institute  
Hamidat Momoh, Penn Presbyterian  
Neil Bernard, Bone Secours  
Saman Khan, Virtua Hospital