







### Director's Update



*"The pinnacle of happiness is the certainty of being cherished for our true selves, flaws and all. This profound love not only brings immense joy but also a deep sense of belonging, enriching our lives and illuminating our path with the warmth of acceptance and understanding."*

*-Santhosh Mathews*

## EMPOWERING CHANGE, BUILDING HOPE

We are excited to be sharing updates to you from our very first medical camp of 2024, from Bihar, India. When we first started Love Without Reason sixteen years ago, I hoped for the Opportunity to serve families in the remote parts of Bihar. Because of the success of the Baptist Christian Hospital cleft camps in 2021 and 2023, the door to Duncan Hospital in Raxaul, Bihar was opened.

Cities located at international borders are prime areas of human trafficking. Raxaul, Bihar is no different. There are homes scattered on the border that are run by human traffickers to 'hide' kidnapped girls for days to weeks until the moment is right for them to escape to the border and be sold into slavery. Education is so critical to eradicating this evil and that is why it is a mandatory section of the cleft camps. Our volunteers are given training on teaching awareness measures and local authorities to contact in case of any suspicion of human trafficking.

To run the medical arm of Love Without Reason, we need leaders that are compassionate visionaries who are intentional about impacting the lives of impoverished children. Even though these medical professionals work in their own corporate careers, their drive to impact the nations motivates them to bring teams together for cleft camps.

### Upcoming Cleft Missions



June 16-21, 2024 in Nairobi, Kenya



November 2024 in Tezpur, Assam

### Awareness & Leadership Training in Kenya and Uganda



June 18 - July 3, 2024



*Dr. Sathish*

He joined the Love Without Reason family twelve years ago as our chief craniomaxillofacial surgeon. His base is in Bangalore, India and before his practice grew, he would often travel with Santhosh into the rural villages to make house calls to check on operated patients. "Impacting these families who have no resources to help their children is a great joy for me."



*Dr. Mathew*

At a church in Kochi, India, Dr. Mathew listened to guest speakers Philip and Santhosh Mathews talk about Love Without Reason. As a craniomaxillofacial surgeon, he was touched with Philip's story. The partnership with Dr. Mathew began ten years ago in the state of Kerala. His experience and innovative thinking has helped our team branch into the continent of Africa. "I want to be a part of making Philip's Dream come true."



*Dr. Mohanty*

He joined the cleft mission in August 2019 in Zimbabwe, bringing his vast expertise in pediatric anesthesiology. Dr. Mohanty is heavily involved in educating others, improving protocols and systems to impact the care that Love Without Reason provides. "We are working until the world is cleft-free."



*Dr. Manana*

He was introduced to Love Without Reason during the first medical camp in Zimbabwe, Africa in June 2017. He was early in his career as a craniomaxillofacial surgeon and continued to train internationally to improve the results and health of his patients. Dr. Manana led Love Without Reason's first mission to Uganda in 2022. "Spreading the message of Love Without Reason to all of Africa."

## CHANGING LIVES DESTINIES

During the medical camp, cleft patients ranging from 14 days old to 65 years old came for screening in hopes for surgical repairs. People came from different backgrounds, traveling up to 100 kilometers to reach Raxaul, Bihar. One young mother with her newborn baby came to the counseling station where Susan happened to be sitting. Her father and mother-in-law were holding her baby. The surgeons had evaluated the child and told them to return for the next camp, as the baby was too young for any surgical intervention. The grandparents began to blame the mother for the child. The counselors tried to intervene, but the words of hate and pain continued. The young mother could not say a word. Her husband, her in-laws, her family all turned on her with continuous blame and hate.

Social stigma, emotional trauma, and human trafficking awareness are addressed in every medical camp of Love Without Reason. The patients, parents, local healthcare workers and volunteers learn the Love Without Reason Way in administering care and demonstrating compassion to all our families. You can be a part of this effort with your gift of \$50 or \$100 every month. The PHILIPians are the bedrock of Love Without Reason, providing monthly support that is used to directly plan projects and work that will impact our world.

*"There is a world to see, a world to help, and I am not letting pain or fear keep me from reaching the world."*

*-Philip Mathews*





# FATHER Daughter DANCE

The annual Father Daughter Dance was an evening to remember. The atmosphere was full of love, joy, and smiles. Seeing our guests with such joy brought smiles and happiness to our hearts. The Dance Committee and chair, Mr. Brian Smith are so grateful to each of you who attended, donated, and volunteered to bring a smile to another father and daughter on the other side of the world.

We look forward to seeing you again in February 2025!

