

A photograph of two young boys on a wooden structure. The boy on the left is wearing a pink t-shirt and patterned shorts, looking towards the camera. The boy on the right is wearing a yellow t-shirt and dark pants, also looking towards the camera. They are standing on a wooden platform with a railing, with a chain-link fence and greenery in the background.

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The  
JOY OF A  
SMILE

#LoveWithoutReason

# INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL CAMPS

Sharon Raman, one of the Love Without Reason (LWR) volunteers who resides in South Africa, spoke about what she witnessed during the 2022 medical camp in Kenya. *"I have never seen so many people with a cleft lip. I had no idea there were people struggling in this way in Africa. The LWR team is so compassionate. They don't treat the patients like a job. They treat them with love and expect nothing in return. It really is love without any reason."*



*Sharon Raman*

This holiday season we celebrate our 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary with new smiles on two continents! The November medical camp will take place in Kisumu, Kenya, Africa and the December medical camp takes place in Kolkata, India.

*Can we ask you to take this opportunity to encourage your clubs, your small groups, your religious institutions, and companies to give and bring JOY to children needing a new smile?*



Our advisors in Kenya have told us that the Western regions of Kenya have limited access to healthcare resources. The number of untreated clefts, therefore, must be high in the region. The medical camp will take place at the Jaramogi Oginga Odinga Teaching & Referral Hospital (JOOTRH) in Kisumu which is in western Kenya. As the mobilization efforts continue, the list of patients who will attend this camp will also grow.

The 8-member medical team is comprised of craniofacial surgeons, anesthesiologists and pediatric intensivists who will work alongside the local Kenyan medical staff to impart skills as they transform the lives of these children through cleft repairs. The team is coming from Vietnam, Zimbabwe, India, America, and Uganda to converge in Kenya and join the medical professionals there.

During the India camp in November 2021, the pain in the faces of family members was put in the spotlight as they brought their children for screening. Our team understood that for many of the patients and their parents, there was no reason to smile. This was just the motivation we needed to bring joy to the families. For many of the families, they traveled over 24 hours by public transport to reach the hospital.

This December at the Mercy Hospital in Kolkata, the medical team will operate on children and adults in the state of West Bengal in India. Will you donate to help fund this camp and bring the Joy of a Smile to the children?



West Bengal is one of the poorest states in India. Unfortunately, the cycle of poverty and low literacy creates an environment for human trafficking. Children with clefts are extremely vulnerable, therefore cleft surgery changes their future. The medical and administrative teams that will be coming from India, Kenya and the USA will be working together to transform 50+ smiles in Kolkata. On average one cleft lip repair is \$1000, or about \$90 a month.

Partner with us today to change the life of a child and bring joy to the family in this holiday season. Your impact does not stop with a child but continues for generations. Thank you for turning their sadness into JOY!

# MEGA MEDICAL CAMPS 2022-2023



NOVEMBER 20 - 25, 2022 IN KISUMU, KENYA



DECEMBER 4 - 9, 2022 IN KOLKATA, INDIA



MARCH 12 - 17, 2023 IN ZIMBABWE, AFRICA



JUNE 18 - 23, 2023 IN NAIROBI, KENYA

Volunteers of all backgrounds and professions are welcome on the medical camps. Get your questions answered about prices, length of the camps and travel by emailing us at [info@lovewithoutreason.org](mailto:info@lovewithoutreason.org)

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