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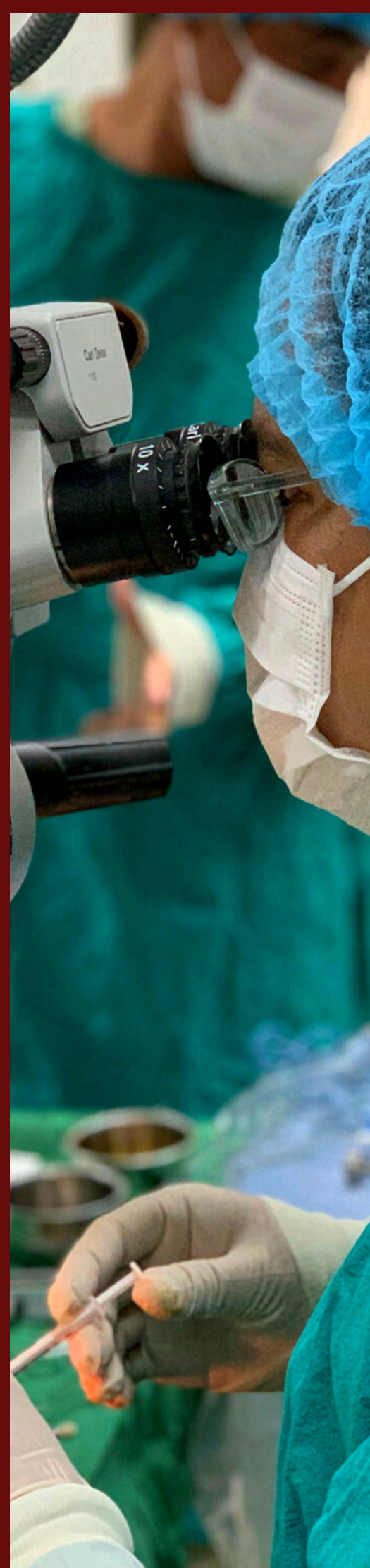
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# OCTOBER



CSC hosted surgeons Dr. Rene and Dr. Marco, who worked with our orthopedic staff in completing five complex spinal & scoliosis repair surgeries in just one short week.



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CSC also welcomed Drs. Siopaes and Herz from Austria who teamed up with our orthopedic team to teach and assist with hip surgeries. These life-changing treatments resolve crippling hip pain and severe walking abnormalities.

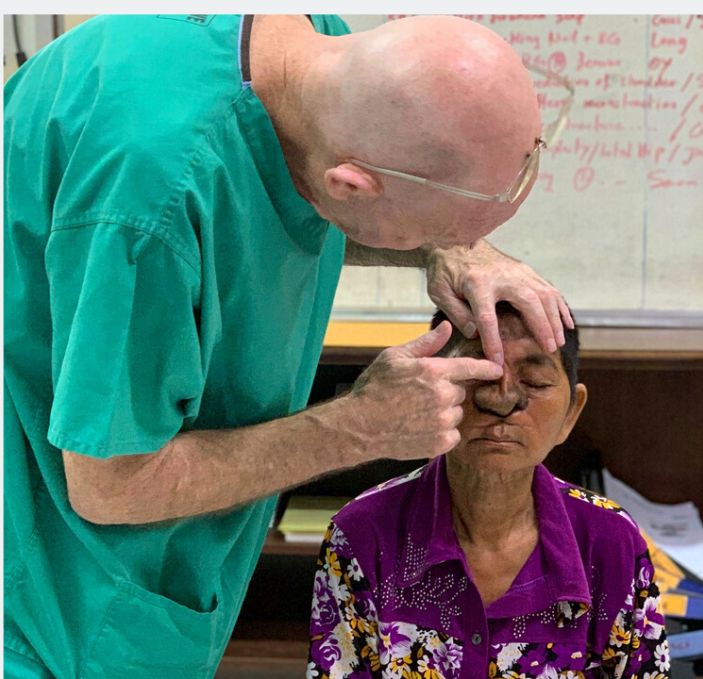


# OCTOBER CONTINUED



In late October, CSC welcomed back Dr. Kevin Winkle, an American pediatric ophthalmologist who, after recognizing the severe lack of accessible health care in Cambodia, has been volunteering at CSC multiple times a year - for over 15 years! Over the years, Dr. Winkle has completed an estimated 400 free pediatric eye surgeries at CSC, including hundreds more eye consultations! CSC is incredibly thankful to Dr. Winkle for his constant devotion to Cambodian childrens' futures and care.

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Gus is another long-term CSC volunteer; he has been visiting CSC for over 5 years! He is dedicated to operating and teaching his vast range of surgical skills and can carry out operations ranging from scoliosis, to contractures, to free flaps. We are thankful to doctors like him who have a tireless passion to help those in need.

# NOVEMBER



Over the Khmer Water Festival holiday, SmileTrain sponsored surgeons Ngiep, Sopheap, and Bunvath; anesthesiologists Sokhalay and Reangsey; and nurse Sopheaktra to attend the **9th Asian Pacific Cleft Lip-Palate & Craniofacial Congress and the 12th Annual Meeting of THAICLEFT** in Khon Kaen, Thailand. The team learned about the management of velopharyngeal dysfunction following cleft palate repair, models for longitudinal surgical cleft care, and the essence of alveolar bone grafting in residual patients.



Drs. Sokleng and Rith returned to **North Korea to Pyongyang's Kim Il Sung Medical University** for their fourth mission. They were joined by Dr. Ratha, and Rith's friend, Dr. Bona. They carried out a total of 32 consultations resulting in 3 cleft palate operations, 12 cleft lip, and 16 burn reconstructions. The biggest challenge for the team was the limited quantity of medication available. The next mission is tentatively set for early-mid 2020.

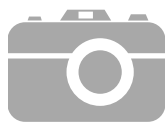
# NOVEMBER & DECEMBER



Southeast Asia has very high instances of a rare condition known as MEC, a protrusion of fluid through the skull. CSC is dedicated to treating MEC patients with the help of a talented team of visiting French surgeons with Médecins du Monde, led by facial maxillary surgeon, Dr. Fred Lauwers. The team celebrated their tenth year of visits to CSC, and CSC's very own, Dr. Ngiep, is now fully trained to perform these complex operations independently. Their visit also included operations on three patients from Laos, some travelling over 600 miles seeking free MEC treatment.



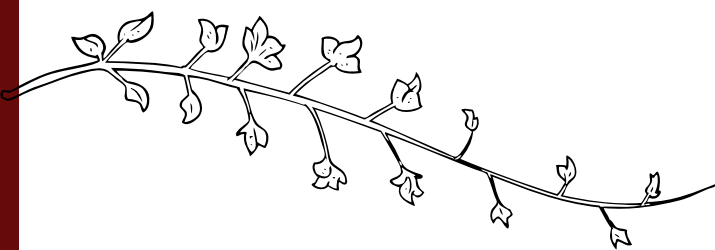
Photos courtesy of [http://glenhill.co.nz/mec\\_treatment\\_cambodia.html](http://glenhill.co.nz/mec_treatment_cambodia.html).



# QUARTERLY PHOTOS



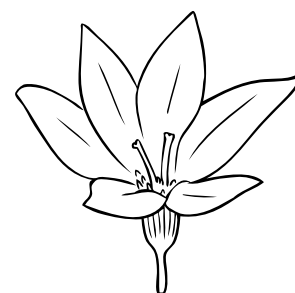
One of CSC's anesthesiologists tickles the toes of young Pich to comfort her before surgery.



Nine-year-old Chhai Na takes a rest after his successful ulnar osteotomy.



Volunteer Wendy's hand-made bear is clutched by 2-year-old Rath after her arm hemangioma removal.



Kimlong recovers after fracturing and dislocating his elbow while playing in a tree.



# VISITORS

Visiting surgeons and other specialized visitors, who generously came from around the world to volunteer their time and expertise, from October 2019 to December 2019, included:

- Dr. Andrew Yam (Singapore)
- Dr. Rene Castelein (The Netherlands)
- Dr. Marco Ghignone (Italy)
- Dr. Nadia Syafeera (Malaysia)
- Dr. Sharaf Ibrahim (Malaysia)
- Dr. Zara Nasser (Malaysia)
- Dr. Robert Siopaes (Austria)
- Dr. Thomas Herz (Austria)
- Dr. Kevin Winkle (USA)
- Dr. Isabelle Jacquier (France)
- Dr. Paul Viala (France)
- Ms. Marie Gines (France)
- Dr. Jean-Francois Loriferne (France)
- Ms. Ailatda Soulivong (Laos)
- Dr. Fred Lauwers (France)
- Ms. Florence Giroussens (France)
- Dr. Bernard Coustets (France)
- Dr. Zoe Cavallier (France)
- Dr. Aymeric Andre (France)
- Ms. Virginie Roux (France)
- Dr. Sergio Boetto (France)
- Dr. Franck Roux (France)
- Dr. Brian Moore (USA)
- Mrs. Ellen Interlandi (USA)
- Ms. Annagret Schlumpf (Switzerland)
- Dr. Chris Lyon (USA)
- Dr. Josephine Yip (Hong Kong)
- Dr. Samson Chan (Hong Kong)



# COMING UP

We look forward to welcoming back returning ophthalmologists, as well as spinal teams in general surgery, and many visitors and researchers in our ENT department. Follow our visitor calendar at <http://csc.org/contact/visitorvolunteer-information/>.

We also look forward to the return of Nurse Dara, who spent the months of December and January with Sauver La Face at Toulouse University Hospital in France.





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## GuideStar

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CSC has been providing disabled Cambodians with rehabilitative surgery since 1998. In 2017, CSC provided more than 25,000 consultations and 4,018 life-changing and life-saving surgeries – free of charge.

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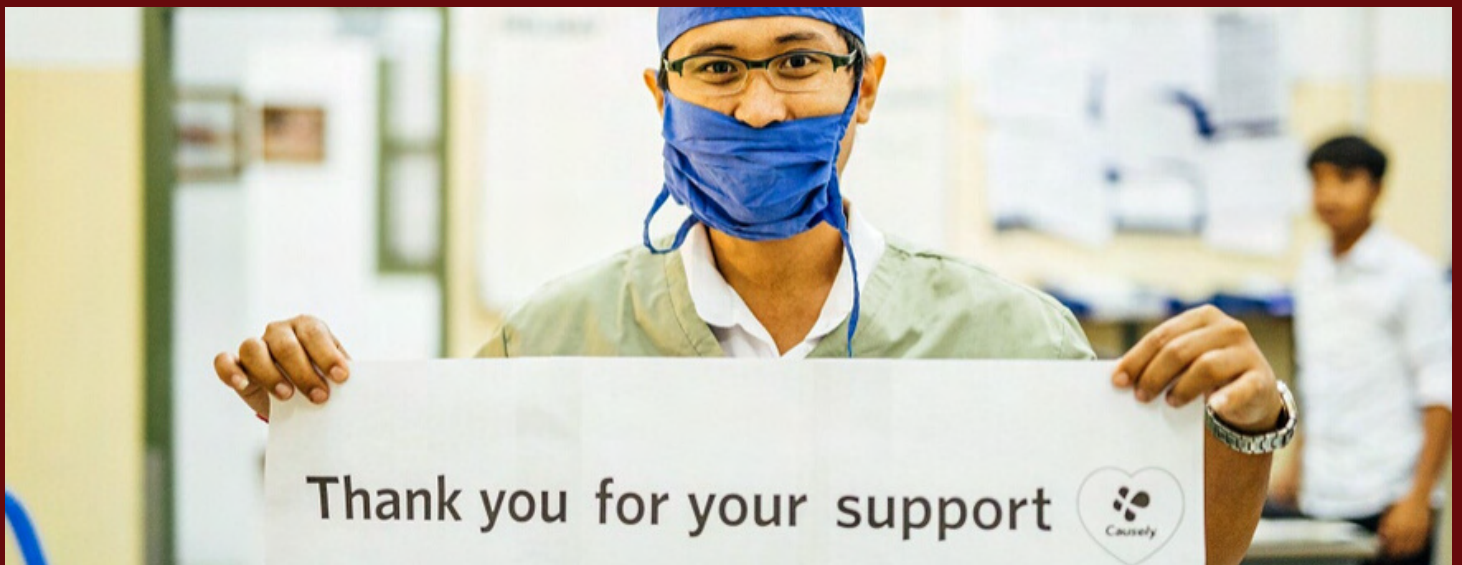
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**We continue to expand and are currently looking for a new space to house our facilities. If you are able to assist with acquiring land or building space, please email [info@csc.org](mailto:info@csc.org).**



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