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**REPORT ON our 29th Medical Mission Trip
Neurosurgery Program**

October 3rd – 9th, 2010: Medical Mission to Santa Cruz and Cochabamba



HIGHLIGHTS

The head of our Neurosurgery Program, Richard Moser, MD, and his colleague John Weaver, MD, performed 10 surgeries, provided teaching in the operations and consulted on numerous cases brought by the local neurosurgeons. We delivered equipment valued at \$158,623 including spinal instrumentation, neurosurgical instruments, and a craniotomy drill and bits.

Dr. John Weaver doing a spiral surgery with Bolivian colleagues, Dr. Tito Parcel and Dr. Juan Carlos Otazo (left to right)

NEUROSURGERY PROGRAM IN COCHABAMBA and SANTA CRUZ

In Cochabamba, Dr. Weaver continued to help develop the surgical technique of the local neurosurgeons that use the Stryker spinal instrumentation. In addition, he performed were 2 surgeries. First he operated on an aneurysm, with Dr. Moser assisting, as well as a number of local neurosurgeons. He also operated on a spinal case with local participation. In addition, the local neurosurgeons presented many clinical cases for review. Both Drs. Richard Moser and John Weaver also had meetings with the neurosurgery community of Cochabamba the advise them and find out more ways in which we can help.

The first day in Santa Cruz brought the great majority of the neurosurgeons from all of the hospitals together to present patient cases. There was a rich consultation in every case presented. Of the presented cases, we selected a total of 9 for operation - 5 spinal surgeries, an aneurysm surgery and three cranial tumor surgeries.



Drs. Richard Moser and John Weaver with Bolivian neurosurgical colleagues consulting on patients in Santa Cruz.



Dr. Weaver doing an aneurism (clipped on the right through the microscope) with Dr. Juan Carlos Otazo at the microscope and with Dr. Guider Salas (not seen)