

## Greetings from Kausay Wasi Clinic!

The rainy season has brought about a great transformation in the Sacred Valley. The mountains are lush; a patchwork quilt of vegetation covers the crags, and the rivers are full and flowing with great intensity. In fact, this intensity has caused great havoc. Peru, especially



the Sacred Valley, has suffered from an overabundance of rain, which has led to several small scale disasters. You may have heard about the flooding of Machu Picchu which subsequently led to its temporary closure, but it is unlikely you have heard much

about the damage caused by the rain in The Sacred Valley. Mudslides and floods have caused houses to collapse, bridges to cave in, and roads to close. Many families have been relocated into government issued tents, where they will wait out the rainy season until they begin to rebuild. The crumbling infrastructure is not the only problem; there have been several injuries

and deaths in the neighboring towns of Písaq and Taray. The

clinic and its workers have thankfully remained safe and have

been diligently addressing the affected patients, including a car

accident, which challenged the clinic and the visiting orthopedic



surgeons and nurses from Salem, Oregon with nine trauma patients. Additionally, our rural nurse is working hard to reach patients in the damaged areas, mainly, the villagers who find the trek to the clinic too arduous due to damaged pathways.

Visiting medical teams flew in eager to aid the clinic with their expertise. So far this year the clinic has hosted three visiting medical teams. The Vosh Michigan Optometry



Campaign arrived in January, working with great efficiency, in the span of four days, they were able to examine and provide 701 patients with glasses. Immediately following their visit, Dr. David Shaw, of Salem Oregon, arrived with his team of pediatric orthopedic surgeons and nurses. After consulting and examining 86 patients, the team performed 26 surgeries. Among the congenital problems they operated on were club feet, hip dysplasia and defects

associated with cerebral palsy. More surgeries followed when Dr. Tom Wang and his team of plastic surgeons visited the clinic in early February. They successfully performed 38 surgeries. Cleft lips, cleft palates and microtia were among the most common operations performed.



Patients from all three campaigns left thankful, hopeful and indebted to the medical teams who volunteered their time and expertise to the clinic at no cost.

The Kausay Wasi Clinic is grateful to you for your support and interest in our patients, as it is an invaluable resource, for those without access to other resources. For more information on the clinic and its services, news on the recent floodings, pictures from the past campaigns, and a place to make a secure tax deductible donation, please visit our newly remodeled website at [www.kausaywasi.org](http://www.kausaywasi.org).

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