



SMILE POWER NEWS

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THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!!!

Sept 2002:

Alfonso returned home to his beloved Bolivia after a 9-month stay in Sammamish for his amazing and successful, corrective spinal surgery performed by Drs. Wagner and Vazquez and their teams at the Swedish Medical Center.

March 2003:

We saw **Alfonso** again in March while we were doing dentistry in the orphanages. To our great surprise, he greeted us, waving from the balcony at the airport upon our arrival. Seeing his cheerful, gleaming grin brought a flood of tears to both of us! The security guards, holding sub-machine guns, eyed us curiously as we passed them with tears on our cheeks, and smiles on our faces! With big hugs all around, we were again reminded of **how grateful we are to all of you who helped make little Alfonso's dream come true!** He has grown so much and now stands straight, tall and proud.



Thanks to the many supporters of **Smile Power**, we have been able to pay his tuition to attend a private, bilingual, English-teaching school, where he is doing very well.

Two of his teachers took us aside and said, "There is something very special about Alfonso's Spirit, and we believe that he will do something great for his people one day!"

Hearing **that** was the highlight of the trip for us. We knew his life had been saved for a greater purpose beyond our understanding. His school is clean and bright and has a respectful and positive environment, with happy students, supportive parents and caring teachers. We felt a big relief to know he is in good hands there, too!

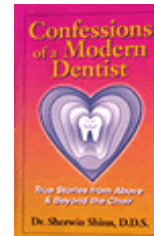
We brought new x-rays home for Dr. Wagner to review. He was pleased to announce that everything looked healthy and stable in Alfonso's back! Thank you again, to Dr. Wagner and the healing team of experts at the Swedish Medical Center!

The school projects were a fantastic success again! Students in the Issaquah, Lake Washington, North Shore, Seattle, Bellevue, and North Kitsap school districts donated 44 crates of school, art, and health supplies, tee shirts, and toys, which we delivered to the children in Cochabamba, Bolivia. With the money our students donated we were able to pay for a one-year-old girl to have surgery to correct a serious and debilitating hernia, and for another six-year-old little girl to have diagnostics and surgery to repair a hemorrhaging colon. Our school children are definitely reaching out to make a difference! Way to Go Everyone!!

The **Smile Power team** provided dental treatment to the 1-6 year old orphans and gave preventive education in rural schools. We also worked with *Smiles Forever* to help two Bolivian dentists start a dental health program in a remote rural village. Providing education and motivating self-sufficiency is a primary goal of Smile Power.

We donated \$2000 to upgrade and remodel an old dental unit in an orphanage for older boys. The equipment was barely functional for delivering the type of dental treatment needed. Dr. Ron Frost initiated the design and momentum for the project and Sandy Kemper and Michelle Bunn at *Smiles Forever* carried out the financing, negotiations and footwork to make it happen. Thank you all for unconditionally sharing your creative vision, passion, and talents to provide better dental care for orphans in the poorest country in the Western hemisphere!!

In March, 2004 we plan to work with *Smiles Forever* to renovate the dental clinic in the newborn-age six orphanage. It is our favorite place to work, and we are looking forward to the improvement in service for the little ones that can be provided through our mutual collaboration.



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Mission Statement

The mission of SmilePower is to provide health care, supplies, and disease-prevention education to people in underserved areas of the world, building bridges of understanding and peace through the mutual sharing of our talents and cross-cultural knowledge.

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Support to the Islands

May 2002 and June 2003: Papua New Guinea

Following up on a request by the government of PNG for health care services, our trip to remote islands in PNG and Micronesia brought us in touch with many amazing cultures and local healers. One of them was Dr. Joseph Hertog, a native dentist in Micronesia, who was in charge of the oral health of 3,000 people on four outer islands accessible only by outrigger canoe. He only had a portable lounge chair, a few rusty instruments, and expired anesthetic! His uncle was the chief, but even so it was impossible to obtain the supplies that he needed to provide the necessary services that he was trained to deliver. After experiencing Dr. Joe's enthusiasm and passion to help his people, we made a commitment to help get him the supplies, restorative materials, and equipment he needed.

The students (our heroes) of St. Joseph's School donated over \$1,000 plus other supplies to make this vision into a reality. This, along with money raised at our very successful February auction, allowed us to purchase a new, fully functional, portable dental delivery system from the Aseptico Co. as well as a Honda generator and all the necessary supplies to make full treatment possible. Total cost \$9,500.

Dr. Shinn hand-delivered the equipment to Joseph on the island of Yap in June. He was overwhelmed, elated, and grateful and adopted Dr. Shinn as his own brother and a full-fledged member of the Ifalik tribe!

Dr. Shinn spent ten days teaching Dr. Joe how to use all the equipment and the new supplies. All the top government officials and local leaders of Yap State gave Dr. Shinn a sumptuous farewell dinner and presented him with an official government plaque in appreciation of the service of **Smile Power**.

Thanks to all of you who made this possible! We have all contributed to improving the oral health of these very deserving people in Yap. We have become their special brothers and sisters, and are known to the leaders of other nations as emissaries of peace and understanding.

School Humanitarian programs

We have continued our humanitarian outreach partnerships with several of the schools in our area. The program has been presented to over 26,000 children since 1999. We provide them with a personal experience which demonstrates that they can make a positive difference in the world by sharing something from their hearts.

. We have had many comments from teachers and parents about, "The difference the program has made in our children's lives... helping them discover the personal empowerment and fulfillment that comes from reaching out to others". We feel fortunate to be able to help connect the children of the World Community, to help bring us all closer to World Peace.

1000 Smiles and counting...

Nov, 2003: Jamaica "1000 SMILES" Project

In partnership with Great Shape, Inc. and after a year of planning and negotiating, we finally completed the first annual "1000 Smiles" project in Jamaica. It was conceived by Mr. Joseph Wright of Great Shape, Inc. who has extensive experience doing community service projects in Jamaica where there is only one dentist for every 80,000 people! (www.gsjamaica.org) After hearing Dr. Shinn's interview on NPR radio, he called Smile Power and we teamed up. Smile Power allocated up to \$25,000 that was used to purchase 7 portable dental delivery units, an ultrasonic scaler, misc. dental supplies, antibiotics and burn ointment, rental of 3 additional dental units, and shipping for over 2500 lbs of equipment.

We donated 3 complete dental units, 3 chairs, surgical supplies, sealant materials, 1200 toothbrushes, and all the medication to the Ministry of Health to facilitate ongoing treatment and to provide a base for future outreach projects. The rest of the equipment returned to Smile Power and will be used for future outreach projects.

Our 31-person team consisted of 12 dentists, 9 dental assistants, 3 hygienists, an education outreach team and administrators. **Sandals Resorts** sponsored our group by providing us with all-inclusive accommodations and meals for 16 days. Our goal was to care for at least 2000 people and work together with the local dental nurses to establish permanent programs in the rural villages.

Mission Accomplished! It was hot, hard, intense and very fulfilling work. We were able to provide treatment for 1000 patients and disease prevention education for at least 1200 more. Our team was the largest and longest staying humanitarian group in the history of Jamaica! We were interviewed on their national TV, made many mutual friendships, and have been invited to return in 2004.

All these projects created new cross-cultural understanding, alleviated pain and suffering and lead us closer to peace on this planet. **It is only possible thanks to all of you, who so generously contributed to Smile Power at our very successful Evening of Smiles auction last March, and all throughout the years.**

Watch for announcements about our **up-coming dinner & auction "Evening of Smiles" on Sat, Feb. 28th, 2004.** Penney LeGate will join us again for another fun evening of food, celebration, and surprises! If you want to help or donate, please call 425-868-4550. Our goal this year is \$150,000.

SmilePower Board Members

Dr. Sherwin Shinn, President
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Smile Power is In need of volunteers for Marketing, Publicity & Fund raising.

AWARDS

Dr. Shinn was awarded a **Citizen of Merit Award** Recognition from the Seattle King County Council in June, 2002 because of our work with Alfonso.

Dr Shinn and Jerri received the **Issaquah Schools Foundation Golden Apple Award** in October 2002 for their educational programs in Issaquah schools.

Dr. Shinn and Jerri won the local **Jefferson Award for Public Service** in March 2003! And then, they were honored in Washington DC with the **national Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis Award for Public Service** in June, 2003

It is the Nobel Prize for public service!



Dr. Shinn was also awarded with the **Washington State Dental Association Citizen of the Year Award, in October 2003**. His presentation moved the audience to tears.

We realize that these awards also belong to all of you, the Friends of Smile Power who are the wind beneath our wings! Thank you from deep within our hearts!

Namaste to all of our Smile Power Friends!

Special Thanks

for your powerful expressions of humanitarian outreach and personal commitment to making a positive difference in the world.

Schools, including:

Sunset, Apollo, Sunrise, Maywood, Echo Glen, Clark, Eastgate, Endeavor, Cascade Ridge, Discovery, First Place, Briar Wood, St. Joseph's, Tolt.

Organizations & Individuals, including:

Sammamish Bartells, Dr. T. Wagner, Dr. F. Vazquez, Swedish Medical Center, Seattle Radiology, Phillips Corporation, U. of W. Human Rights & Resources, Boeing Co., Rowley Enterprises, Patterson Dental, Vonne Cunningham at Dentsply, Nephron, Asceptico, M-DEC, The Kirkham Group, Wash. State Dental Assn., Dr. Christian Manley, Sammamish Mail Post, Saad Custom Homes, Kinkos, Chambers / Rinks Foundation, LAB Airlines, Issaquah Press, Sammamish Review, Seattle PI, Seattle Times, KIRO, KOMO, KING, Evening Magazine, Q13, Jane McCleney, Susan Brewer, Alcena Woods, the Thorson family, Danna Collingham's family, Kathleen Steoger's family, Susan Evans' family, Susan and Paul Moulton's family, Lou Gopal, Chambers and Lofink families, Shinn and Cable families, the Holeman family.

Other programs and events 2002-2003

- 😊 Adopt-A-Road: Smile Power now cleans Klahanee Blvd. twice a year.
- 😊 We facilitated a project to help buy desks for school children in India.
- 😊 We supported the Toppenish Oral Health Hygiene Program for migrant families.
- 😊 The Congo, the Cook Islands, Honduras, The Philippines, Transylvania, Malaysia, Belize and Nepal also received support and oral health supplies from Smile Power.
- 😊 Smile Power participated in the WSDA convention information booth in Seattle.
- 😊 We had a successful rummage sale booth at the Issaquah fourth of July Fair; and we enjoyed having an information table with books and tee-shirts for sale at the Issaquah Public Farmers' Market and Art Walk, in Sept. and Oct.



Dr. Shinn & Jerri give a new friend a check up in Jamaica.

What's next in 2004

- 2/28/2004 -**Evening of Smiles Auction**, ***Save the Date!!***
- March 2004 -return to work in the orphanages and rural schools in Bolivia
- Possible return to Cook Islands and other South Pacific support follow-ups
- Possible increased dental outreach in rural Malaysia and in Zambia, Africa
- Return to Jamaica for follow-up and to solidify dental program
- Expansion of schools outreach program
- Begin feasibility study and grant research for mobile outreach in rural Washington to aid migrant workers and low income families (Mobile vans cost about \$150,000 to set up, plus that much annually to operate)
- Creation of Smile Power Video for school programs and grant proposals

Because of all of your continuing trust, faith and support **The International Smile Power Foundation** has been recognized nationally and internationally for its good work with children's education and health care. With this momentum we have a golden opportunity to really make a difference now. We are inviting you and your friends to help us continue creating something we can all be forever proud of. Your contributions provide goods and services that are delivered directly to those in need and help set up self-sustaining programs in underserved areas, promoting independence, education and self-reliance.

Your support brings today's children together in friendship and understanding and produces people who recognize their worthiness and power to become our future leaders who promote lasting peace and well being for all of us.



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- My group would like to see Dr. Shinn's presentation about his travels and experiences. **Please Recycle**

Thank you!

