Every year more than 170,000 children are born with cleft lip or palate. Most can’t afford surgery.
In 2005, Dr. Williams created the International Children’s Surgical Foundation to support and sustain the work of changing the lives of third world children—children that would otherwise be confined to lives of seclusion and shame. He also has recruited a wide array of specialists trained in treating childhood deformities including orthopedics, ear-nose-throat, maxillofacial, burns and neurosurgery.

Dr. Williams’ vision has now become ICSF’s mission, which is to provide free corrective surgery to poor third-world children suffering with correctable deformities by teaching and training the doctors in these countries to adequately care for their own patients and train their own students.

Joe Usman, a long-time member and past president of the Rotary Club of Pompano Beach has taken on this project. In 2012, Joe traveled to many small islands of the Philippines, in 2014 traveled to Bolivia, and once again in 2015, Joe visited Guatemala and personally witnessed the life-changing results of surgeries performed by Dr. Williams. He traveled to Vietnam and Cambodia in 2016, and to Pakistan in 2017, and Joe and Dr. Williams continue to follow up with the families in the years following their surgeries. To hear the experience described, it makes one realize how fortunate we are to be in a position to be able to help these individuals. “We are surely blessed.”

Thanks to your contributions more than 500 children have been helped. Your continued support aids us in providing ongoing missions to areas that need it most.

“Kids are kids, it doesn’t matter where they are. Kids are Kids no matter what the origin, race or religion.”

- Joe Usman