



Helping More Patients

Thanks to your support, SIGN Fracture Care is growing and reaching more people in need. So far in 2019, we have started new SIGN Programs at 27 hospitals in 19 countries. We partner with a total of 359 hospitals in 53 low- and middle-income countries.

Your gifts make it possible to donate orthopaedic instruments and an ongoing supply of implants to provide the right treatment for severely broken bones.

We're proud to share the story of Nestor, an orphan from Burundi, and other patient stories from these new SIGN Programs in this newsletter.

A photograph of a young man, Nestor Mpawenimana, standing next to a bicycle. He is wearing a light green polo shirt with a small logo on the chest, dark shorts, and blue flip-flops. The bicycle has a colorful metal rack on the back and a blue water bottle mounted on the frame. The background shows a brick wall and some trees.

SIGN Patient Nestor Mpawenimana, from Ngozi, Burundi.

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One of the primary drivers of SIGN's growth is our partnership with teaching hospitals in developing countries. When orthopaedic residents graduate, many return to their home communities with a goal of

giving back to the family, friends, and neighbors who supported their medical education. They are already trained in SIGN Surgery and they are motivated to care for people in need in their community. With donated

SIGN Instruments and Implants, these surgeons have the right tools to provide the right care to help their patients heal.

CENTRAL AMERICA: 2 New Programs

Hospital Lumiere, **Haiti**

Hospital Loma de Luz, **Honduras**

SOUTH AMERICA: 1 New Program

Hospital Universitario de Caracas, **Venezuela**

ASIA: 6 New Programs

Meiktila General Hospital, **Myanmar**

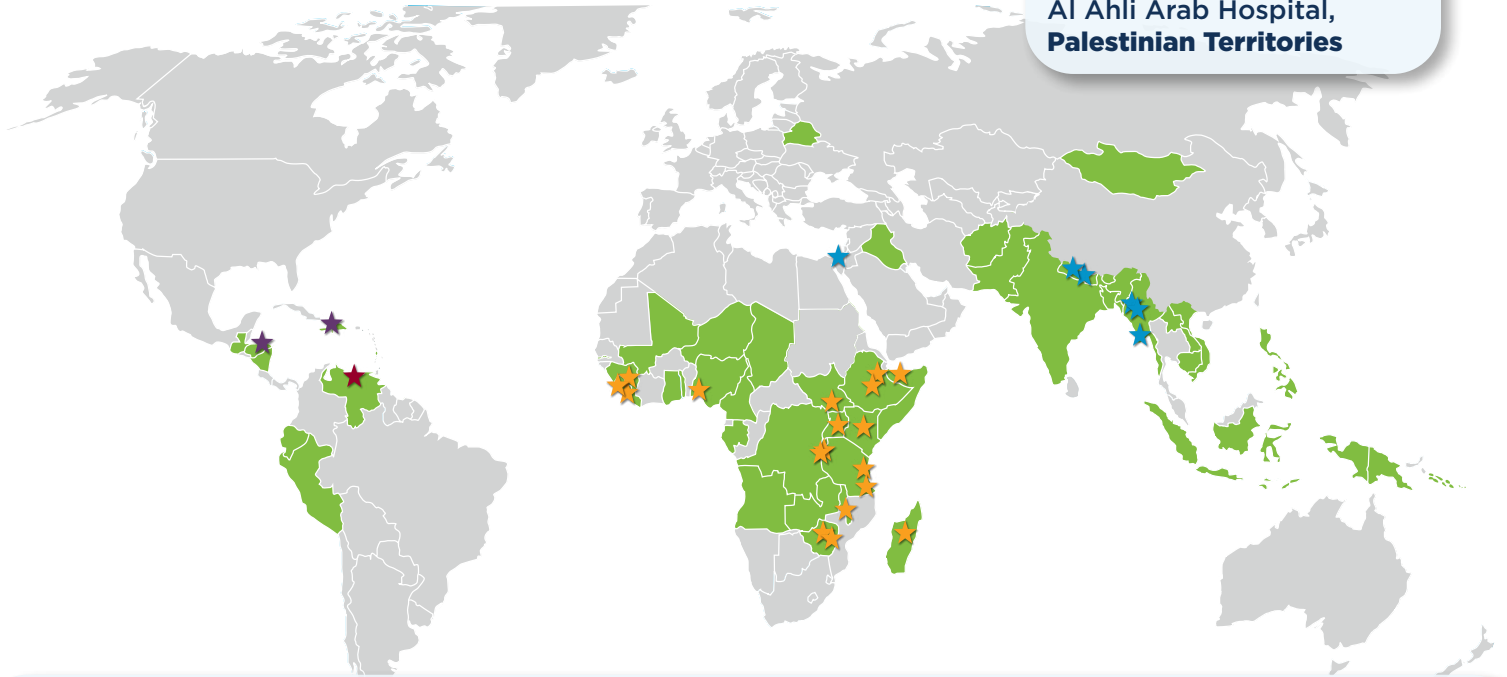
Monywa General Hospital, **Myanmar**

Myanmar Traveling Set, **Myanmar**

Scheer Memorial Hospital, **Nepal**

BLT Memorial Orthopedic and Trauma Center, **Nepal**

Al Ahli Arab Hospital, **Palestinian Territories**



AFRICA: 18 New Programs

Kamenge Military Hospital, **Burundi**

Ngozi Hospital, **Burundi**

Asella Teaching Hospital, **Ethiopia**

Debre Birhan Referral Hospital, **Ethiopia**

Hope Clinic of N'Zao, **Guinea**

St. Orsola Hospital Matiri, **Kenya**

James Appel Traveling Set, **Liberia**

John F. Kennedy Medical Center, **Liberia**

Joseph Ravoahangy Andrianavalona Hospital, **Madagascar**

Malamulo Adventist Hospital, **Malawi**

Hargeisa Group Hospital, **Somaliland**

South Sudan Traveling Set, **South Sudan**

University College Hospital, **Nigeria**

St. Walburg's Hospital, Nyangao, **Tanzania**

Tumbi Regional Referral Hospital, **Tanzania**

St. Joseph's Hospital Kitgum, **Uganda**

Chinhoyi Provincial Hospital, **Zimbabwe**

Mutare Provincial Hospital, **Zimbabwe**

SIGN Surgery Transforms Lives

Nestor Mpawenimana, 17 Ngozi Hospital, Burundi

Nestor is an orphan, and he uses income from his bike taxi to pay for his high school education. In August, he was riding home from the market when he was struck by a car, causing a tibia fracture.

“I am very happy because I thought that my life was over, and now I have regained my smile. I ask donors to extend the program to other hospitals in the country so that other patients and victims of various accidents can benefit from it.”



Johnson Flomo, 17 John F. Kennedy Medical Center (JFK), Liberia

John was riding in the back of a taxi that crashed into a presidential motorcade. Initially, his family wanted to take him to a traditional bonesetter, but doctors at JFK convinced them that a SIGN Implant was the best treatment, and would enable him to walk sooner.

He has fully recovered, and is now back to work laying floor tiles at a construction site, which is an important source of support for his family.

“When I had the accident, I thought I would not be able to walk again. My family was devastated because I am a major source of support for them. However, the SIGN Team at JFK did extremely well and gave me hope. Less than four months after the accident, I am able to walk normally and I am very happy to be back to work. I extend my thanks and appreciation to the SIGN Team for performing this miracle. I will forever be grateful.”



Luka Aprerihono, 35 St. Joseph's Hospital Kitgum, Uganda

Luka lives in Chukudum, South Sudan, near the border with Uganda. He is a farmer, supporting his wife and three children. His vehicle was ambushed, and he was shot in the leg, breaking his femur. The local hospital provided initial care, but they were not equipped for orthopaedic surgery. He was referred to another hospital, but with the ongoing violence, there was no safe transport available. He was bedridden for three weeks before he found a cargo truck that could bring him to St. Joseph's Hospital Kitgum—a bumpy three-hour drive.

The next day, surgeons at St. Joseph's used a SIGN Fin Nail to stabilize the fracture. One month after surgery, his recovery is going well, and he is nearly ready to resume farming.

“My life has been restored, I couldn't imagine I would walk again and I am very happy now,” Luka says. “I sincerely thanked SIGN program for providing free implants and the surgeon for the good work done.”



U San Hlaing, 74 Myanmar Traveling Set, Myanmar

When San fell and fractured his left femur near the hip, his family brought him from a small village to the city of Tharrawaddy. Local doctors wanted to transfer him to the capital city for surgery, but he could not afford the travel and cost of being away from his family.

With the Myanmar Traveling Set, surgeons from Yangon traveled to Tharrawaddy Hospital and partnered with local doctors to stabilize his fracture with a SIGN Nail and FX Plate. San and his family were grateful that the surgery could be performed locally.





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DOUBLE YOUR Donation

The first \$500,000 donated now through **Dec. 31, 2019** will be **doubled!** 

To be matched, **donations** must be postmarked by **December 31, 2019** or received in **our office by 3:00pm on December 31, 2019.**

Note: The SIGN Office closes at noon, Friday, December 20 and reopens on Monday, December 30, 2019.

Ruth, 14
Hospital Universitario de Caracas, **Venezuela**

Ruth is walking after SIGN Surgery at the first SIGN Program in Venezuela.



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