



## 2020 ANNUAL REPORT

# DESPITE THE CURSE OF COVID, WE'RE STILL



# TRANSFORMING LIVES ...ONE STEP AT A TIME



# 2020 IN REVIEW

## Overcoming COVID

After celebrating our fifteen-year anniversary, LIMBS started 2020 with a lot of momentum and some big plans to expand operations and provide more training sessions to prosthetists, medical staff, rehabilitation experts and volunteers. However, when COVID-19 hit the world hard in mid-March, we had to cancel trips and seminars – and rely on virtual interactions. The virus slowed us down, but it did not stop us.

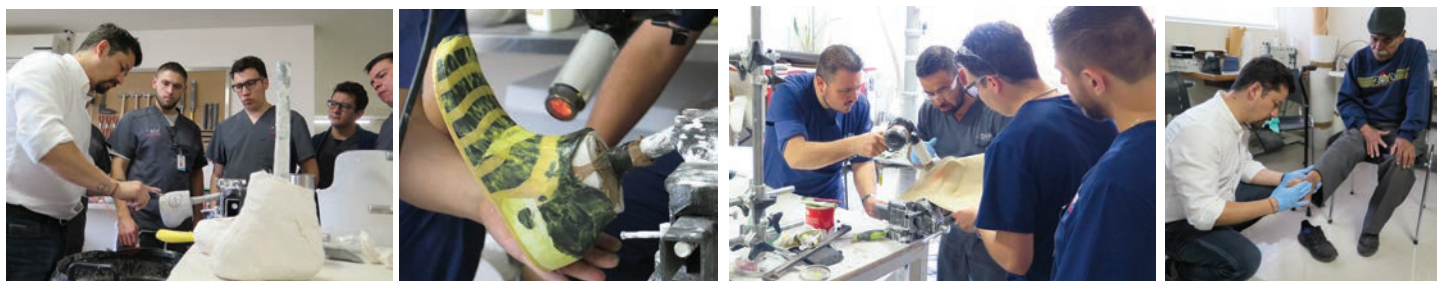
### Mexico City and Morelos Training



In January, Dr. Bruce Scudday, DPM from El Paso, TX – a Podiatric Surgery Specialist and Fellow of The American College of Foot & Ankle Surgeons – joined LIMBS on a trip to Mexico City and Morelos State to train health professionals on how to treat diabetic patients who are not going through amputation. Dr. Scudday consulted on some very serious cases – instructing doctors, physical therapists and patients' family members on how to treat diabetic foot disease.



### Chihuahua Training



In early March, in conjunction with the U.S. Consulate in Juarez, LIMBS held a training session in the State of Chihuahua for nine prosthetists from the DIF (Integral Development of the Family), which is a humanitarian organization funded by the Mexican government. Over the three-day session, the trainer Eric Lemus, instructed the prosthetists on how to fit patients with partial foot amputations, using special techniques and new materials. The seminar helped the prosthetists gain knowledge and confidence to help more amputees.



### On-going Virtual Interaction with Partners

To compensate for our inability to travel abroad, LIMBS relied on quarterly virtual meetings with our world-wide network of partner clinics and organizations, to provide training and support. According to President Oscar Gonzalez Montoya, "Last year, COVID made it very difficult to conduct business, but we accomplished many of our goals. In 2021, LIMBS plans to further expand its outreach in Mexico, Latin and South America, Africa and Asia."

## Food Drives in Indonesia

Throughout the pandemic, patients who were previously-fitted with LIMBS prosthetics delivered relief food, water and other supplies into the neighborhoods around a popular local community center, Lembaga Rahmat Kasih ("Institution of Merciful Love") that is sponsored by a LIMBS partner in Indonesia.



## LIMBS Leg Distribution

LIMBS planned to provide at least 262 leg systems in 2020. Despite all the COVID issues, we still delivered 213 LIMBoxes and other components to our partners in Mexico, Indonesia, Bangladesh, El Salvador and Liberia.

## In Memoriam

LIMBS lost a valuable partner and close friend, Prosthetist Hugo Corral Hernández – the Founder of the Central Ortopedica Clinic in Guadalajara, Jalisco, México. Hugo served over 150 LIMBS/Manos Hermanos patients with great compassion and generosity. We will miss him.

*Photo (left to right): Manos Hermanas Vice President Dr Hiram Navarro, Hugo Corral Hernandez and LIMBS Founder Dr. Roger Gonzalez.*



# FINANCES

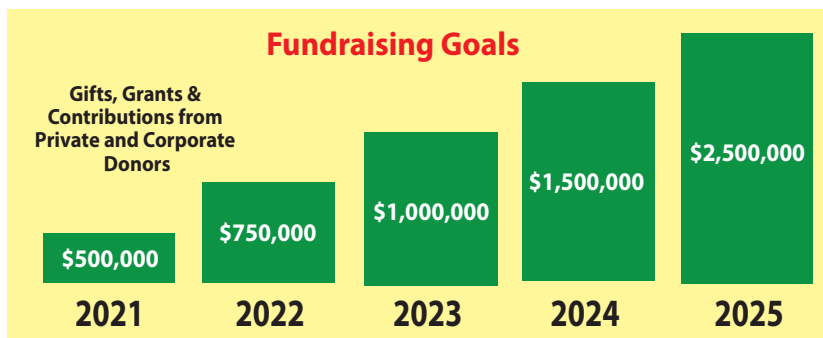
## 2020 Review and 2021 Preview

For 2020, the LIMBS Board of Directors approved a working budget of \$297,097. The pandemic forced us to cancel all travel and other activities, which resulted in a 48% reduction in projected expenditures for a total of \$141,148. LIMBS raised \$122,177 in donations via grants, Friends of LIMBS, and employee matching programs (via corporate partners: Caterpillar and Boeing) as well as substantial "in-kind" contributions from many different professionals. LIMBS prides itself on keeping its overhead low in order to help as many amputees as possible.

## 2021 Goals

Based upon current budget levels, LIMBS has set three basic goals for 2021: 1. Continue to field test and manufacture the new LIMBS IM Knee for worldwide distribution, 2. Distribute a minimum of 450 LIMBoxes to ten LIMBS programs, and 3. Provide rehab training in Columbia, Poza Rico (Mexico) and Indonesia.

LIMBS can accomplish much more if it can secure additional funding. The organization is focusing on fundraising via grants and large donor contributions. LIMBS has many volunteer prosthetists and rehab experts who want to travel abroad to help amputees; however, we need the funding to expand our staff, produce more LIMBoxes and underwrite travel expenses. **LIMBS can and will TRANSFORM LIVES ... ONE STEP AT A TIME.**





*"Set your heart on doing good.  
Do it over and over again,  
and you will be filled with joy."*

– Buddha

*"If you have much, give of your wealth;  
if you have little, give of your heart."*

– Proverb



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