

## **Operation Arthroscopy**

The mission of Operation Arthroscopy is to "bring orthopedics and arthroscopy to a world in need."

By providing orthopedic medical supplies and training to under-served communities and countries, we hope to build kinship and understanding while improving the quality of life in these communities.

Inspired by their love and compassion for humanity, William and Erica Stetson created Operation Arthroscopy, a small, grassroots, non-profit organization that is a 501(c) 3 corporation in 2004 as a result of the work started by Dr. John Feagin in Cuba. In pursuit of these objectives, Operation Arthroscopy provides a platform for collecting and delivering donated medical supplies, provide hands-on training, as well as performing arthroscopic surgery with the local surgeons. To learn more, go to www.operationarthroscopy.org. In addition to humanitarian trips to Cuba, Haiti, Vietnam and Peru, Dr. Stetson and his team of volunteers also do "Volunteer Saturday" where they perform a day of surgery free of charge for those in need in the local community.



Dr. Stetson and colleagues perform the first shoulder arthroscopy in Cuba in 2004.



Dr. Stetson (right) and his friend and mentor, Dr. John Feagn on their first trip to Cuba in 2003.



Dr. Stetson on one of his many trips to Cuba teaching the Cuban surgeons the techniques of shoulder arthroscopy on a shoulder model.



Dr. John Feagin (left) and Dr. Stetson (far right) pictured with their Cuban colleagues at the First Annual Congress for Arthroscopic Surgery in 2005 organized by Dr. Stetson and his wife Erica. The Congress is now in its 17<sup>th</sup> year thanks to Dr. Stetson's colleague and friends from Europe.



Dr. Stetson and his wife Erica at the 2005 Cuban Arthroscopy Congress pictured holding their oldest daughter, Claire, only 6 weeks old in this picture. Claire was presented with a certificate for being the youngest member of the Congress!



Dr. Stetson (second from right) is pictured in 2010 after a long day in the operating room in Havana, Cuba after working with his American colleagues teaching arthroscopy. There have been many volunteers that have traveled with Dr. Stetson, volunteering their time to help the Cuban doctors and people.

To learn more about Operation Arthroscopy, go to the website: www.operationarthroscopy.org.

