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I met Rick Sieller from the International Women and Children's Burn Foundation approximately 12 years ago while working as the chief surgeon and director of the Pearl Ort Burn Unit in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. Subsequent to our initial meeting, we have been great allies in all aspects of burn treatment in patients with mild, moderate and severe burn injuries throughout Latin America.

When we started, in 1991, Pearl F. Ort burn unit, in Dominican Republic had arrived to the highest quality of medical care in acute phase of burn patients. But the advanced acute care was overshadowed by the lack of compression garments and UVEX masks to completely and successfully rehabilitative someone back to becoming a productive and integrated member of society. This tremendous gap was bridged by Rick, who trained us and provided us with material for compression garments, thermoplastic material and UVEX masks.

I've always thought of Rick as the most passionate person with his burn rehabilitative projects. I know no other who is more dedicated to perfection in all tasks he assumes. For these reasons, we congratulate him on this new re-launch of the IWCBF website knowing that the strength, passion and effort of Rick, coupled with the financial aid and support of others, more good can be accomplished.

The attributes of Rick Sieller and the International Women and Children's Burn Foundation are the cornerstones of success. Both demonstrate extraordinary Christian act of love for the neighbor and assistance to the sick.

I strongly support and recognize the work of the International Women and Children's Burn Foundation and guarantee success as it is led by this extraordinary human being.

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