

# LAKE MICHIGAN 500

FUNDRAISER & LAUNCH PARTY

September 8, 2017 • 6:00pm

Cooper's Tavern – Upstairs  
Capitol Square  
20 W. Mifflin St.  
Madison, WI 53703



MEET DR. GAUS AND THE CYCLISTS  
BUFFET DINNER AND BEERS  
SILENT AUCTION

Join us in celebrating  
**AHD's 20 year anniversary** of  
health care for Ecuador's rural poor – AND  
send off 30 intrepid cyclists embarking on a  
500-mile **fundraising ride** from Madison to Notre Dame!

**RSVP by 8/24 to Laura Dries: [info@andeanhealth.org](mailto:info@andeanhealth.org)**  
**\$25 suggested donation at the door**

**Donations also can be made at [andeanhealth.org](http://andeanhealth.org)**



# About Andean Health & Development



Dr. David Gaus is the Founder/CEO of the Madison-based organization, Andean Health & Development (AHD). He grew up in Milwaukee and attended Notre Dame where he received an accounting degree in 1984. After a soul-searching conversation with then University President, Rev. Theodore Hesburgh, David traveled to Ecuador, where he spent two years volunteering at an orphanage. There he witnessed the marginalization of a population who lacked access to even basic health services. David's life had changed forever.

He returned to the U.S. where, with the assistance of Fr. Hesburgh and the famous columnist Ann Landers, David enrolled at Tulane Medical School to ultimately become a Family Physician. David and Fr. Hesburgh started AHD in 1996 to provide self-sustaining, comprehensive health care in underserved areas of Latin America. Their pilot project was building a hospital in the rural community of Pedro Vicente Maldonado (PVM). The hospital opened in '00 and became financially self-sustaining in '07 thanks to a unique combination of local financing mechanisms. Today, as the only hospital in the region, Hospital PVM provides high quality care to a community of 80,000 residents and is a training ground for physicians, nurses, and other leaders in the community.

AHD's most significant project to date, Hesburgh Hospital in Santo Domingo, Ecuador, is setting a new standard for quality in health care and medical education. Hesburgh Hospital opened in 2014 and serves a community of 600,000, of which a quarter live on less than \$4/day. On Hesburgh Hospital's campus, AHD built a training center that educates the region's public sector family physicians through a partnership with Ecuador's Ministry of Health. Following the April 2016 earthquake that destroyed Ecuador's coast, Hesburgh Hospital served as a beacon of hope, providing urgent medical and respite care to thousands. Like AHD's first hospital, Hesburgh Hospital is expected to reach financial self-sustainability, at which point AHD's model can be exported to other parts of Ecuador and rural Latin America.

David Gaus recently moved back to Ecuador after a recent post as Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine at UW School of Medicine & Public Health.

**More information about AHD can be found at [andeanhealth.org](http://andeanhealth.org).**