

THANOS ABOUT THE CTO MISSION IN ATHENS, GREECE

Conversation with Thanos Tyraskis | Pediatric Surgeon

[Pediatric surgeon, Thanos Tyraskis, about the CTO mission in Greece]

[Thanos Tyraskis, Pediatric Surgeon, Athens, Greece]

It's not only about the operations, and it's not only about the clinic appointments that we do with the patients that need us here. Actually, what's also very important is all of the volunteers that come with us, the nurses that are trying to spread knowledge not only in the surgical treatment of these patients, but also the after care of the patients, and the long-term care of the patients that might be done at home by the parents, and increasing the competencies and understanding from their perspective; what those families actually need.

Now in addition, it's also the camaraderie that exists between the whole team and the volunteers, especially, who contributed to this. And specifically on this CTO trip, they were able to paint five whole murals, at the Aglaia Kyriakou Hospital. Those murals have been greatly appreciated and people are hugely impressed with what they managed to achieve in just a small period of time, in terms of the beauty that they added to those corridors where those murals exist. So, to summarize it, it's a matter of the attitude, the camaraderie, and the end result, and the total amount of work that we've been able to do over these few days.