

## **Marco V. Ávila, P.E.**



Marco V. Ávila is very proud to be one of the Founders of The Healing Hands Foundation. Marco is the Foundation's Executive Director. A Civil Engineer and a registered Professional Engineer in the states of Maryland and Virginia.

Marco was raised in Quito-Ecuador and moved to the USA when he was 18 years old. He attended the New Jersey Institute of Technology where he received his bachelors of Science degree in Civil Engineering. While working and going to school at the same time he met members of the Ecuadent foundation in 1995 and he was introduced to the wonderful work that these volunteer performed. Marco spent 12 years with the Ecuadent Foundation, his main roll was to be the official interpreter and mission coordinator working closely with the medical and the dental team.

Marco lived in New Jersey for 24 years and he relocated to Maryland in August of 2005. He is currently working as a Project Manager/Supervising Engineer for Parsons Brinckerhoff (PB) and he is part of the Program Management Team. He is part of the General Engineering Consultant Partners (GEC Partners – STV, Wilbur Smith & PB) working on Infrastructure Mega Project for the Maryland Transportation Authority.

Marco is a member of the American Society of Highway Engineers and as part of the board members serving as Vice President. He is also a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and Engineers Without Borders.

Since Marco started volunteering in these medical missions in 1995, he developed a passion to help children in need and he is very thankful to Ecuadent for giving him the opportunity to get involved.

Marco Avila is extremely excited to be one of the founders of The Healing Hands Foundation and he is looking forward to work hard to keep helping children in need around the Goble.