

Oklahoma Christian University

Chichicastenango

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Our trip began in Guatemala City and a night spent at the Hotel Barcelo.

Our team met at the airport at different times but by 11:00 PM, all of us had finally made it to the hotel.

The next morning, we met up for breakfast at 6:30 then gathered our things for the 3 hour drive to Chichi. Once we arrived we checked in and settled in before spending an hour or two shopping in the market.

That afternoon we made the drive to the Xepacol church where we joined the congregation for services. It was a wonderful way to spend a couple of hours before heading back to the hotel for dinner.



On Monday, our crew split into two groups. A few headed for Clinica Caris while the remainder of the team went to Las Trampas to set up for the next two days of clinic. By the end of day one, we provided 52 medical and 43 dental consults. This included 29 ABC students.

On our second day of clinic we split again to Caris and Las Trampas. By the end of this day we had provided 67 medical and 46 dental consultations, including 38 ABC students. This was a very productive and busy day at both locations.

At the end of the day, we packed up all of the gear and supplies and drove to Chichipaca where we off loaded the trucks for the next two days of clinic.

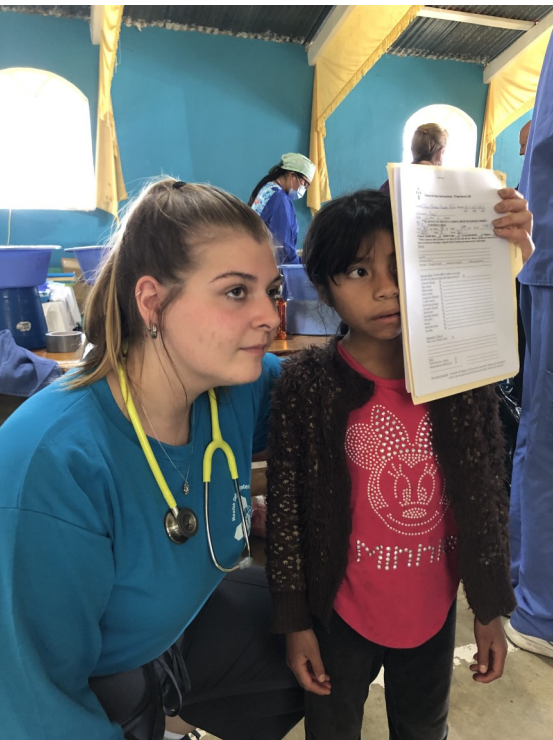


Day 3 began at 3:30 AM with a car driving about 3 mph on the streets blaring music and with a loud speaker saying, "dia de la Madre," Happy Mothers Day. This happened every 15-20 minutes or as long as it took the car to travel around Chichi then back in front of the hotel. Only interrupted by the sharp explosions of fireworks being lit off every 5 minutes. They love their mothers!

The clinics were a little slower today due to the holiday. We provided 41 medical consults and 46 dental. The total number of ABC students for the day was 22.

On our last day of clinic, many of us were back at Chichipaca, the remainder of the team were at Carris and the Chichi Church building. By the end of the day we had provided 64 medical and 42 dental consults. This number included 22 ABC students.

Once we had finished, we began the process of taking everything down and loading it up in the trucks for the trek back to Caris.



Once we arrived at Caris, we began unloading and storing the machines and supplies in the bodega.



This evening was made special because we were able to celebrate with our TSI team and enjoy a smoked turkey and turkey leg dinner with mashed potatoes and guacamole. Eric Phelps spent much of the day smoking the turkey and preparing for the feast. This was now our 2nd turkey dinner with all of the Caris TSI crew. It was quite the hit.



Friday morning, six of us headed to Antigua for a few hours then on to Guatemala City and a night at Barcelo before flights back to the states on Saturday. The remainder of the OC team spent a day in Chichi doing some site seeing, then moved on to Lake Atitlan and more adventures before heading back to the airport for their flights home.

All in all, it was a very productive and fruitful week. Each night ended with a devotional and a game of cards. Overall, the team members were very excited for the experience and many Guatemalan people were aided by their service.

Thank you to all who lifted us up in prayer while on our trip. Your thoughts and prayers were felt and greatly appreciated.

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