

July 2013 Mobile Medical/Dental Team Trip Report

The July mobile medical team consisted of **Dr. Jim and Barbara Haller; Jeff Hunter, DDS; Robin Pruitt Jr., DMD; Phillip Stewart (retired dentist); Dale Entrekin, DMD; Rana Ahmad, DMD; Steven Howe, MSPT; Marla Sanders, Phlebotomist; Jeremy Ledford, Pre-Med Student; Molly LaFlower, Medical Student; Maddie Vaughn, Nursing Student; BriAnne Tart, Nursing Student; Jason Johnson; Merri Ann Farmer, Dental Assistant; Beth Fuqua, Dental Assistant; Laura Herring, Dental Hygiene Student; Sydney Brown, Dental Hygiene Student; Abby Stanley, Pre PA; Cara Stanley, translator; Caregivers: Kim Bradley, Lydia Howe, Haley Howe, Somer Howe, Scott Sims, Sandy Sims, Julie Stanley, Mark Stewart and Susan Mellor; Dave Mellor, Chaplain; Julie Wheatley, HTI Team Leader.**

The team enjoyed the typical first meal of Pollo Campero chicken enhanced by diesel fumes in the airport parking garage. We quickly loaded the trucks and vans and set off for higher ground. It is always good to finally arrive at the beautiful Hotel Santo Tomas and this time was no exception. We were received warmly by the staff and quickly dispatched to our rooms. Those who had never been here before were delighted by the accommodations and we all appreciated the good hot meal they had waiting for us.

Thursday morning we set out to visit four clinics. In **Caris** we saw 20 medical patients and 20 dental patients. In **Mactzul 2** we saw 20 medical and 30 dental patients. In **Chichi** we saw 20 medical and 6 dental patients (this was the first time for clinic to be held here). The Chichi church went all out and provided fried chicken, rice and radish salad to our team there! In **Chicua** we saw 12 medical and 8 dental patients. They are meeting in a beautiful community building that was constructed and more or less abandoned. The community now owns that building and there is a hope that we can use that facility on a regular basis in the future. Manuel, one of the nearby church members is trying to check the possibility of a church plant there. He has Bible studies set up with four people and is pretty determined to make this happen. He came and helped all day and covered the quiche translation for us. He was a great help!





When asked how the day went in Mactzul 2, one of our group reported that there were “an enormous number of children in a home on the side of a cliff”. Rana Ahmad (first timer) noted on the ride there that “this place is really pretty, but there are no guardrails!” We all probably were thinking the same thing.

Friday we sent out 3 teams. In **Tzanixnam** we saw 56

medical and 15 dental patients. In **Mactzul Toto** we saw 14 medical and 8 dental patients. In **Saquilla** we saw 15 medical and 35 dental patients.

Saquilla had so many dental patients and they sent for help from another team. Rana was good enough to leave her assigned post and go help them out for the rest of the day. It was reported that Dale Entrekin’s reclining chair broke while he was working on a patient so he spent the day resting the patient’s head on his knee and never missing a beat! That’s dedication!



Saturday we again sent out 3 teams. **Chuchipaca** saw 30 medical and 30 dental patients, **Las Cuevas** saw 3 medical and 30 dental patients and **Chijtinimit** saw 12 medical and 15 dental patients and this was their first time to do clinic in this community.

One of the most rewarding events was the reunion of the Stanley's and two their ABC children. Esvin is 9 and Juana is 7. They were so



grateful for the support and were so anxious to thank them. They brought a letter the Stanley's had written to them over a year ago to show them how much they treasured the correspondence. The family has 8 living children. One touching point was when the mother recounted that she was so grateful to God for answering her prayer. She had prayed for her husband to return to God. Their son was hit by a car and killed...her husband came back to God. She praised God.