

Health Talents International July 07 Mobile Medical/Dental Team

Participants: Dr's. Greg Barden, Karen Vaughn, Allen White; Dentist's; John Bailey, Dale Entrekin; Pharmacist; Larry Owen; RN's Trish Kohn, Sara Widman; Translators; Jennifer Henderson, Haley Howe, Sandy Sims; Physical Therapist; Christy Hensley; HTI Board Member; John Land; Dental Student; Nathan Owen, Medical Student; McKaila Klugh; Dental Assistant; Nate Hill, Trip Chaplain; Johnny Hobbie, Non-Medical Personnel; Ashley Baird, Emily Barden, Emily Burns, Debby Bearden, Meredith Bearden, Aynsley Entrekin, Jimmie Harper, Susan Harper, John Hensley, Sandy Hill, Lydia Howe, Bobby Lee, Kevin McMurtie, Stephanie Rose, Elsa Sims, Olivia Sims, Scott Sims, Josh Stewart, Judy Stewart, Diana White and Rick Harper.

Our team consisted of thirty-eight servants hailing from Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Kansas, Oklahoma, Tennessee and Wisconsin. We arrived in Chichicastenango around 5:30 PM on Thursday evening and settled in to our rooms before supper and a brief devotional and meeting to discuss the assignments for the next day. We were joined by twenty-three from our Guatemala ministry team, three volunteer dentists, Jessica Romano, Karen Sandoval, Xochilt Rosales from Nicaragua, one volunteer dentist from Guatemala City, David Batres and two volunteer translators from Guatemala, Mario Rosas and Ryan Blucker.

We divided into three groups on Friday morning with a small work crew, one physician and two dentists working at Clinica Caris with Senor John Land in charge. Our other two teams headed to La Estancia and Paxot Segundo and by days end had cared for more than 150 dental patients and 100 medical patients.

That afternoon in Paxot Segundo, Johnny Hobbie spoke at a teen conference of the US teens and forty plus teens from surrounding communities on service. Ten of the teens and three adults in our group spent the night in Paxot and joined area teens for an evening of fellowship and a movie. Our brothers and sisters in Paxot were gracious hosts and our acceptance of their offer to house this group and serve together deepened an already wonderful relationship.



Saturday, Day Two of Clinics: Team A went to Mactzul Quinto, team B to Paraxaj and team C to Clinica Caris. A political party campaigning for the September elections and been to Paraxaj shortly before we arrived handing out bags of medicine, so very few patients came to clinic. Team B decided to head to Mactzul Quinto where 90 dental patients were overwhelming Team A. We eventually set up eight dental chairs and cared for 112 dental patients.



Teenagers from the US, Paxot Segundo, Paxot Tercero, Mactzul Quinto, Mactzul Sexto and Xepocol came together on Saturday morning for a community service project, painting the community center. They were treated that afternoon to a performance by Voces Acappella and a joint worship service.





Sunday was a day of rest, relaxation and worship. We divided into three groups this day as well with some of us traveling to Pacaja Xesic to worship with the church family there, a few went to Lake Atitlan and the remainder stayed in Chichi to attend worship services there.

We continued our three team pattern on Monday, but Team A had all of the North Americans going to Chuchipaca for an abbreviated clinic day. We hit the road at 2:45 after seeing 103 dental patients and 63 medical patients. Our Guatemala team arrived before we left to finish consultations with another 19 patients as we needed to be in Guatemala City prior to nightfall.



Throughout the clinic days, Diana White and others taught and entertained the children with face paints, coloring books with phrases in Spanish and Quiche, modeling clay and Scratch-Art crosses.

We arrived safely in Guatemala City on Monday evening, just in time for a quick shower before heading to La Estancia for dinner. Johnny Hobbie, our trip chaplain brought the trip to proper close with singing, prayer and devotion.

Once again, the people were served, God was praised and we trust, glorified by our efforts. Without a doubt, we were blessed indeed!