

Health Talents International July 08 Mobile Medical/Dental Team

Participants: Dr's. Lesca Hadley, Charles Jarrett; Dentist; Robin Pruitt; RN's: Connie Campbell, Elaine Fischer, Lauren Holmes; Physical Therapists: Hayley Harrell, Steve Howe, Janel Steed; Medical Students: Jared Brockington, Jennifer Brockington; Dental Students: Hayley Harrell, Nate Hill; Translators: Erin Fulks, Brett Hicks, Sandy Sims, Rob Smith, Kelsey Young; Non-Medical Personnel; Mary Arvin, Susan Arvin, Caleb Bedgood, Kim Bradley, Anna Dempsey, David Driskell, Cheryl Finley, Scott Finley, Tara Finley, Trent Finley, Ty Finley, Erin Gurchiek, Jimmie Harper, Julie Ann Harper, Susan Harper, John Henry, Kenneth Henry, Johnny Hobbie, Lydia Howe, Haley Howe, Somer Howe, Bob Jordan, Jan Jordan, Kyle Jordan, Lauryn Pritchard, Makayla Samaras, Nathan Schandavel, Elsa Sims, Olivia Sims, Scott Sims, Sarah Stanley and Rick Harper.

Our team consisted of forty-nine servants hailing from Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Kansas, Kentucky, Indiana, Tennessee and Texas. Forty of us had to spend the night in Miami in order to catch the flight to Guatemala, a bit of hassle but worth it in the end. We arrived in Chichicastenango around 7:00 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-two from our Guatemala ministry team and local volunteers.

We divided into two groups on Friday morning with the larger of the two teams going to Sepela. We provided physicals and dental exams to 100 students attending the primary school in Sepela and also conducted classes on Trustworthiness and Caring, two of the Six Pillars of Character. The children received vitamins, treatment for parasites if needed with any other medical treatment deferred until their parents can bring them to Clinica Caris. Similarly, the dental exam included an assessment of their dental needs and training on proper care for their teeth. The second team went to Paxot Segundo where they provided care to 20 patients and 48 dental patients. That evening, we had a special treat as Nate Hill, a second year dental student and former MET student shared how his time in Guatemala had shaped his career choices and his walk with Christ.



Saturday, Day Two of Clinics: Team A went to Mactzul Quinto, team B to Chuchupica. The Mactzul team cared for 50 medical and 80 dental patients, while several of the young men helped clear property for a new church building. The Chuchupica team treated 69 medical and 92 dental patients while others, worked alongside a dozen of the men from the church and community to paint three school buildings. We were blessed during the evening devotional to hear from yet another, former MET student, Jared Brockington now in his second year of medical school.



Sunday was a day of rest, relaxation and worship with a couple of highlights. The Finley family was joined by their ABC child, Belinda Aracely for breakfast along with her parents and a bus load of us drove to the Mayan ruins outside of Santa Cruz before worshipping with the church family there.

We divided into three teams on Monday, with Team A going to Xepocol and caring for 21 medical and 69 dental patients, Team B went to Lemoa and once again provided physicals and dental exams to the children. This is a larger school, with more than 400 children so we will make future visits and continue this program. We examined 80 medical patients, 90 dental patients and taught another two classes on the Six Pillars of Character.

We headed back to Chichi a little before 1:00, picked up twenty pizzas for the ride to Guatemala City and the Biltmore Express.

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