

Health Talents International July 09 Mobile Medical/Dental Team

Participants: Dr. Allen White; Dentists; Dale Entrekin, Jim Haller, Robin Pruitt; RN's: Suzanne Bjork, Lauren Holmes; Physical Therapists: Steve Howe, Josh Steed; Translators: Allison Brewer, Terry Brown, Charles Campbell, Kristin Kelley, Melissa Root, Sandy Sims; Non-Medical Personnel; Kim Bradley, Seth Bjork, Emily Entrekin, Jimmie Harper, Susan Harper, Lydia Howe, Haley Howe, Somer Howe, Byron Kelley, Diana Kelley, John Land, Nancy Land, Bobby Lee, Paige London, Taylor Mote, Carson Pruitt, Davan Sampson, Sarah Sampson, Elsa Sims, Olivia Sims, Scott Sims, Abby Stanley, Cara Stanley, Julie Stanley, Sarah Stanley; Trip Chaplain; Brad Sullivan and Rick Harper.

The great states of Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Oklahoma and Texas were represented on our July 09 team, a wonderful collection of God's servants. Our flight arrived on time and after an hour delay dealing with customs officials and the temporary confiscation of medicines, we were quickly on the road to Chichicasteango.

We divided into three groups on Thursday morning with the largest of the three teams going to Sepela. This year, we provided wellness exams to all of the students attending the primary school in also conducted classes on Respect, one of the Six Pillars of Character. The second team went to Clinica Caris and the third team to Xatinab. We were blessed on this trip to have three US dentists, Drs. Entrekin, Haller and Pruitt, all trip veterans, who worked with two of staff dentists and one guest, Dr. David Batres. Throughout the three days of clinics, our dental teams cared for 75 to 130 patients at each location.

We met that evening after supper for a time of prayer, singing and devotion. Brad Sullivan, our trip chaplain, provided us with nightly thoughts that were insightful, encouraging and kept us mindful of the great God we serve. Dr. Dale Entrekin was able to bring down several dozen songbooks and he, along with Cameron Gilliam and Jimmie Harper took turns leading us in song.

Friday, Day Two of Clinics: We worked in two teams with Team A going to Paxot Segundo and Team B to Mactzul Segundo. The Mactzul team followed the pattern set in Sepela and provided wellness exams to more than 300 children and hosted classes, complete with puppet skits, on the topic of Respect. Respect for the Bible, for God, family, friends, community, others and self. It was busy day with each team providing medical or dental care for a bit over 200 patients. Our dental cleaning program provided a few smiles, about our equipment, from our team members and brighter smiles for our patients. (We use a wet/dry vacuum cleaner for suction and a hand pump spray container for irrigation...and it works. Tomas, in the photo below, cleaned the teeth of forty-two patients in three days.)



Saturday, Day Three, found us once again in two teams with Team A going to Chuchipaca and team Team B to Mactzul Quinto. By now, we were a well-oiled machine and doubly blessed by

the thorough preparation of our Guatemala ministry team, under the leadership of Kemmel Dunham. We lacked for nothing!

Sunday was a day of rest, relaxation and worship. We met together that morning for a worship service with devotional thoughts provided by Steve Howe and communion service by Jimmie Harper and Byron Kelley. After our worship time together, most of the group went to the market and enjoyed the “Chichi” experience. Following lunch, we loaded up and traveled to Guatemala City and a final dinner together at La Estancia. Carlos and Silvia were able to join us for dinner, their first official HTI event since they returned from their honeymoon.

Carlos and Silvia are pictured below, along with Silvia’s sister, Luby Batres, MD, David Batres, DDS and their daughter, Rosio.



God’s children are a blessed people and we believe we blessed others through our service in the name of his Son and our Lord, Jesus Christ.