

Lipscomb University Spring Break to Clinica Ezell

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Team Members

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I met Sheri just before the Lipscomb team arrived at the airport in Guatemala City on the 11th. The team had several delays, so their arrival put us behind schedule a couple of hours.

We drove directly to Clinica Ezell and arrived at 6:30 pm. Once on campus, we unloaded the gear and medical bags; the students delivered their personal items to their rooms.

After dinner and later that evening, Sheri and I tag teamed the rules & regs for living at Ezell and touching base on all general information needed for the week.

On Saturday, we had over 60 ABC students arrive on campus. They were divided into six groups for the purpose of attending 6 different classes being taught by TSI employees. The classes were on general healthcare, good decision making, career possibilities, physical exercise, etc. The ABC and Lipscomb students had a wonderful time going to classes, playing games, and eating lunch with the ABC students. Overall, it was a fantastic experience for both groups.

On Sunday the Lipscomb team was divided into four groups. Each group went to church at different locations so that they could have different experiences. Our church locations were in Montellano, Chicacao, Santo Tomas and San Bernadino. This was a great experience and opened the door to lots of discussion at our evening devotional.





Having a little fun while sorting bags

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, the students were once again divided into groups. Each day three of the groups went out on mobile clinics to experience what different communities were like and to experience what it is like to be a medical evangelist. The communities we visited were all within a 90-minute drive from the clinic and included places like Xeyuyup, Arisco, Chicacao, and El Carmen. The remainder of the students stayed on campus

and assisted either in the dental clinic or with Nathan Click learning about Physical Therapy. Each day the groups changed so that all could experience something different. At the end of each day, the group gathered for a sharing and devotional time.

On Thursday morning, we were transported to Antigua where we had a local lab meet us at the hotel. A Covid test was provided for each member of the Lipscomb team and all tested negative. They were then given the green light to explore the city, eat lunch, and report back to the hotel by 3:40 for a 4PM shuttle back to Guatemala City.

The group arrived and checked into the hotel in Guatemala City by 5:45PM. After dinner at the local Pizza Hut, they met back up at the hotel for a last devotional and sharing time before heading to their rooms for the night.

The next morning, they were provided a 4:00 AM shuttle to the airport and flights back to the states.

All in all, it was a very productive and fruitful week. The Lipscomb students 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.

Bode Teague

Dr. Walter sharing his knowledge



Students learning to clean teeth

