

## March 2024 Surgical Team & Lipscomb University Team March 9-16 2024

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Our journey in March to Clinica Ezell Hospital was a great success! The surgical team and students from Lipscomb University provided eye and orthopedic surgeries as well as dental care for a large number of Guatemalans in need.

Our primary objective was to provide essential surgical, dental, and medical care to underserved communities in Guatemala. With the dedication and support of our team and the enthusiastic participation of Lipscomb University students, we were able to make a significant impact during our time there.



Many of our team members including our Lipscomb students and their team leaders arrived in Guatemala City on Friday. The remainder of the team arrived on Saturday and we spent the afternoon traveling to Clinica Ezell Hospital. Once all settled in, we had our typical Saturday night taco dinner followed by our orientation.



Sunday was a great worship service and as soon as it completed, we began our medical orientation with Dr. Walter.

Sunday afternoon we began surgicals and by the end of the day, we had completed our first of over 90 eye surgeries.

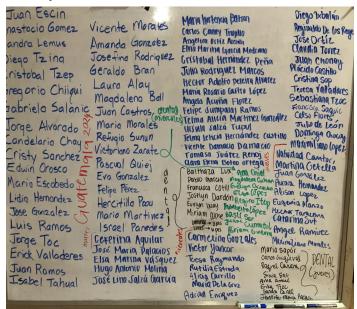
Pictured left is Bob Huffstutter with the Ezell dental team. Above is one of the Lipscomb students providing eye drops prior to surgery.

By weeks end our team operated on over 100 patients needing either eye or orthopedic procedures, as well as provided a large number of patients with dental procedures including root canals and extractions. Our student team members from Lipscomb received quite an education being able to observe first hand medical and dental professionals at work.

We extend our sincerest gratitude to everyone who supported us in this endeavor, including our donors, volunteers, and partners. Your generosity and commitment made this mission possible, and we're truly grateful for your support.

As we reflect on our time in Guatemala, we're inspired by the resilience and strength of the people we met. We look forward to continuing our efforts to improve access to healthcare and make a positive difference in the lives of those in need.

Thank you once again for your support, and we hope to share more updates with you soon.







We look forward to the remaining trips in 2024.

## **Bode Teague**

Pictured above are two shots of the Lipscomb team visiting the chocolate farm on Thursday.

Bottom left is the white prayer board. Every day the new patients are added to the prayer board. Once the week is completed, it is full of patients who are healing from the procedures.