

TRIP REPORT
November 6-11, 2013
Mobile Medical Clinic
Chichicastenango

This team had a good balance of veterans and first timers. The leadership of Dr. Lamb gave the team a good foundation. Those participating were: Gary Lawrence, MD, Andrew McCormick, MD, Robert Lamb, DDS, Allison Smith, PA-C, Melina Calderon, PA-C, Gary Tabor, Linda Tabor, Kathy Lawrence, RN, Katie Ritter, RN, Mary Wheatley, RN, Dave Morton, Robert Morton, Herschel Wheatley, Debra Blesener, Alyx Siemer, Phil Brookman, Julie Wheatley, Rick Harper, Susan Mellor and David Mellor. The absence of Dr. Jim and Barbara Haller and Julie Stanley was noticeable. We were glad to hear that Bro. Haller got a good report from his doctor.



Lisa and Kemmel showed good organizational skills as they adapted to the loss of team members. Each day we had clear objectives and the necessary supplies, drivers, trucks and translators.

One of our main objectives was to do health and dental check-ups for our ABC students. It was a joy to see the children lined up and waiting when we arrived. Almost every child had a parent accompanying them, in some cases the entire family came.

The doctors were so patient and sweet with the children. Our American professionals worked side by side with the Guatemalans. Often the translators had to listen to Quiche, translate into Spanish and then explain the answer in English. The majority of the students did well on their physicals and dental checks. I enjoyed working with Dr. Sara. She does a good job with their patients. She takes the time to listen to the questions and concerns of each patient. Her husband proved to be a real asset as a translator. I was surprised to learn that he had attended both Harding and Ohio Valley Universities.



Each clinic had its' own pharmacy. It was interesting to observe the "pharmacist" find, dispense and record the prescriptions. This service really helped meet the needs of the people.



Dental care is needed so badly in this area. We were able to help meet that need. It is unbelievable that dental care can be provided in such primitive areas. Teeth cleaned, pulled and filled on a lawn chair! Notice the little guy peering into the patient's mouth - he hovered over the work for 5 or 6

patients - maybe we have an intern in the making!

One of our biggest supporters is the Memorial Road congregation in Edmond. Phil Brookman, their pulpit minister, served as chaplain. He did a good job and it was a joy to have him with us getting to know the HTI work. Dave Morton serves as an elder over missions for this congregation. He is a great ambassador for HTI.

Dave Morton, Dr. Robert Lamb and the Tabors were able to share a meal with their ABC child and families while on this trip. (Photo on next page.)



On Saturday, two teams headed out to serve in a very remote area that was a little over 2 hours from Chichi. The plan was to separate and do two clinics and then regroup for an evening meal and spend the night at the church building. The Guatemalans provided our meals, which were very good. It is such a team building experience to work and eat together all day and then find your place on the church floor to sleep. Thanks to Kemmel for getting us mats to sleep on! Times like these help us in developing the trust of our Guatemalan staff and our Guatemalan brothers and sisters.

It was another great trip!