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MEDICAL GEARING UP FOR THE MARCH 2006 MISSION TRIP

(For any of you thinking about joining us, here is the report on last Springs mission trip to whet your appetite.) by Karen Kearcher, WWH2H Medical Team Coordinator

The medical mission trip to Honduras on March 23-April 2, 2005 was enriching, rewarding and challenging. We provided medical, eye, and dental care to approximately 4000 people in six days of clinics. Our team consisted of two physicians, one nurse practitioner, six registered nurses, two student nurses, two dentists, one dental assistant, one dental hygienist, an optometrist, an optometrist assistant, two interpreters and five multi-purpose assistants. Amy and Oscar Serrano joined us when we arrived.

The team left Portland at midnight March 23, arriving in San Pedro Sula, Honduras about 1:00 PM, flying Continental airlines. All our supplies were in our 48 pieces of checked baggage, which had to clear customs and be safely transported with the 24 team members to our motel, the Flamingo, in Omoa, Honduras, about an hour and half drive. Our transportation was a rented bus with a local driver. Driving conditions are challenging, and the team was grateful for the driver's expertise in maneuvering through Honduran traffic.

We arrived during Holy Week, a time of celebration in Honduras, when the "locals" head to the beach. Thursday, March 24 we enjoyed the local culture by mingling with the crowds on the beach and shopping at the small vendors set up along the beach and streets. This was a fun way to practice our Spanish, which was at varying levels for each member of the team. In the evening we had a brief team meeting and prepared supplies for next day's clinic.

Clinics started Friday, Mar 25. We had six days of clinics, with a schedule of two days on, one day off so the team could relax, regenerate, and enjoy local culture. Our clinic days started early, arising at 6:00 AM. We were on the bus by 7:30 each day. The length of the drive to the clinics varied, but generally took about one hour. We traveled to various small communities/villages around the Puerto Cortes area to set up our clinics. The communities visited were, in order: Tegucigalpa (two days), Chameleconsito, Nisperales, el Puenton, and Puente Alto.

Tegucigalpa has a large "social center" where we set up our first two days of clinics. We have used this site successfully each year. Though it gets crowded and warm, having the team all together in one big room promotes cohesiveness and an understanding of team needs. It is a good place to start the week. Nisperales is a lovely village in the mountains. The bus ride to the village required faith and prayer – a steep gravel road – but it was worth it. El Puenton was a little rough; we had problems there the year prior also. This year we set up in the school (the year prior we were in a pool hall), but still had difficulty with crowd management. We may want to consider omitting this site for future trips. Puente Alto is a quaint village, marked by the big bridge and the railroad tracks running through it, and remembered for the gentle, appreciative people. As soon as we arrived at the sites in the morning, we quickly surveyed the structure we were to use for the day, decided on the arrangement of the "stations", unpacked, set up and began seeing patients within ½ hour of arrival. We had a quick break mid-day for lunch then continued to see patients until about 3 to 4:00 most days. Then we disassembled, repacked our supplies and equipment, cleaned up our site and traveled back to the motel.

Evenings were spent enjoying quality meals at the motel, repacking and organizing supplies for the following day, discussing the day's events, planning the following day and debriefing. We discovered that the most efficient way to provide the dinner was by buffet, and this seemed to be enjoyed by the majority of the team. Juan's staff was attentive and eager to please, and Juan was also more congenial this year.

On Easter Sunday, most of the team went to the Children's Village for a barbeque and Easter celebration. Amy gave an inspirational message at the informal Easter service. Dee used the time to provide needed teeth cleaning for the boys. Some of the team stayed behind at the Flamingo to rest.

Tuesday after clinic, we headed to Lake Yojoa for rest, relaxation, and team building. The volleyball, swimming, card games of Golf, good meals, fishing, hammock-swinging, and sun-soaking provided all we had needed and hoped for in this mini-vacation. On the journey back to Omoa, we stopped to visit a spectacular waterfall.

We left Honduras Saturday, April 2. We returned to America with a renewed appreciation for its infrastructure and abundance. We were tired but joyful, as it had been a busy, exhausting, rejuvenating, interesting and fun 10 days abroad.

Reflection on the trip, and per the feedback from team members, supports the two days on – one day off schedule. The majority enjoyed the trip in the middle of the week to experience the country in a restful way. The prayer and devotional time add an important dimension to the experience, and need to be a priority.

One of the most touching team moments, other than Amy's Easter message, was having the team serenade Sandy in her room – she was restricted to her room because of asthma, so the team brought song to her after the Beach Barbecue on Friday evening. Of special note was the team's rendition of "Breathe" dedicated to her.

Once again, God used the team to bring comfort and compassion to others. How blessed we are to be able to be His hands in such special ways. I am honored to have served as Medical Coordinator for the team

THE SERRANO REPORT

By Amy and Oscar Serrano



This month in Honduras has been wonderful. As our ministry grows, God has put new relationships in our path. Other ministries doing what God has called them to do, and WWH2H doing what God has called us to do, has become a powerful combination.

On the 25th of August a group of 5 young adults from England, under the direction of our good friends, the Mercy Ships Ministry, came to our Children's Village in Tegucigalpa to continue a project that the ministry started for the children back in June. They are building a Technical school to offer training to our children and the community.

A budding new ministry, Empowering Kids for God (EKG), brought a dental ministry to the Village in early September. The founders, Mike and Kambria Robertson, with two volunteer dentists and a well equipped dental van, spent two days fillings teeth for our

children and staff. They will return to finish the job in a few months.

Today, September 15th, as I write this report, the nation of Honduras is celebrating their Independence. For our children, this means a day of happiness and parades, with many of them participating.

Guadalupe, their house father, says the children are all doing well in school, but are looking forward to their vacation which will begin the end of November. They have their "summer vacation" from November to the first of February.

We are excited about getting "home". We will leave Carson, Washington on the 17th to visit family in Boston, Florida and Louisiana. We will fly from Texas to Honduras on October 3rd. We continue to ask for your prayers for us and for this ministry. May God richly bless all of you.

CONTAINER NEEDED TO SHIP SUPPLIES TO THE CHILDREN'S VILLAGE

Many supplies for WWH2H are gathered and stored in various locations, awaiting shipment to Honduras. All we need are the funds (approx. \$5000) to pay for the cost of shipping. Perhaps there is a church or organization out there that could take this on as their project for WWH2H. We have large items for our clinic, as well as our homes and the tech school that need to be shipped. Please prayerfully consider helping with this cost. Thank you.

VOLUNTEER MISSIONS TEAM OPPORTUNITIES FOR 2005-2006

(Please note we make plans and travel arrangements at 2 to 6 months in advance, so if you are thinking about participating on a team, please contact us right away. Thanks!!)

WWH2H Board members to Copan Ruinas for Conference - Oct. 19-23

WWH2H Construction team -October 22-29, 2005 Contact Joel Olsen

509-427-5907 joelo@wwh2h.org

Touch of Hope - Teen Mission group End of November 2005 - Contact

Mary Frenter maryf@wwh2h.org, 509-427-8585

*WWH2H VBS team - January 28-Feb. 4, 2006 Contact Tina Campbell 360- 274-8840
tlducks@juno.com*

*WWH2H Medical team - March 21-April 1, 2006 Contact Karen Kearcher 503-728-4290
karenkearcher@msn.com*

CHURCH CONGREGATIONS OR ORGANIZATION SPONSORSHIP

OPPORTUNITIES

Container to ship supplies to Honduras - \$5000

*A child in our Children's Village **full** sponsorship - \$200 per month*

New Way to Donate to WWH2H

All systems are in place for you to make donations to WWH2H on our website at www.wwh2h.org The Charity Group will soon be up and running on our site for donations of items worth \$75 or more. They will pick them up from you and sell them for us. If you wish to mail a donation instead, please address your letter to WWH2H, Box 372, Carson, WA 98610. Thank you and God bless you for helping us help those God has brought to the Village.

Immediate Needs

Monthly support sponsors for the children

Construction fund

Please pray for...

Wisdom, health and strength for our leaders in Honduras. Serranos will arrive in Honduras on Oct. 3.

Safety and monthly support sponsors for our children

Responsible house parents for the next house we are ready to open.

Medical personnel for our clinic



Mercy Ships Crew enjoying a well deserved meal after working on construction of Technical school which will offer training to our H2H children and the community.

Cut off the coupon below and use the self addressed envelope and enclose mail
WWH2H, Box 372, Carson, WA 98610.

PLEASE SPON- SOR ME!

My Name is ILSI

I need a sponsor. I am 7 years old and live Honduras. Please return this coupon to sponsor me each month. Thanks!

