

Honduras Team



Dr. Aviva Gal and Dr. David Gamm work with Jessi Weger in surgery.



Opticians Kim Leanna and Lacey Dalton prepare to distribute glasses after exams are completed.



Our entire SRW team in Honduras in May 2010.

By Patrick Frawley, C.R.N.A.

SRW's May trip to Honduras was an extraordinarily successful, productive, and intrinsically rewarding mission for all of the participants. The players on this trip inherited the order and momentum of players from previous trips and this was a major contributor to the success that we enjoyed. Our party was a mix of mission veterans and neophytes, people who have worked together for years and people who have never met. Collectively we were more than the sum of the parts.

The success of this trip started with Alfredo safely chauffeuring our party from the airport through the chaos of traffic to our hotel. His skill inspired a confidence that turned a white-knuckle trip into a scenic tour. Israel, Holly, Leslie and all of the friends and volunteers from the Providence community were invaluable in the support they provided to this mission.

Our ocularists, Carrie Messer and Susan Tynes, normally together produce six eyes in one week. On this trip they made 25 eyes in five days. The production pressure compelled them to abbreviate some of their contacts but their product was sheer artistry. Daniela is a patient that they have followed for years. Daniela's smile radiates her heart-felt appreciation for Carrie and Susan's efforts.

The ophthalmologists on this trip formed a consensus that providing exams for glasses was much more arduous than working in the air-conditioned operating room. Most of the kids we served needed plus power glasses; most of



Ocularists Carrie Messer and Susan Tynes with their very happy patient, Nafer, after he received his new prosthetic eyes.

our supplies were negative power. Our glasses come from donations to the Lions clubs. Most of the donations are from myopic older women; most of our need is for hyper-optic kids. We need to acquire more plus power glasses. Kids we could not fit received an exam, frames, and a prescription. Six children received a donation of funds to cover the expense of much needed extreme prescriptions. They had those prescriptions before we left Honduras. A total of 445 eye exams occurred in the six days the clinic was held, and 171 received glasses. Several were referred for further treatment and some also required medications which SRW was able to provide.

The surgical slice of the mission could not have been more productive. Dr. Carolina and Dr. Hector, local ophthalmologists, provided prescreening for some our surgical patients.

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Team members were:
Marge Abegglen, R.N.
Cynthia Brownlee, Orthoptist
Lacey Dalton, Optician
Mary Dowling, R.N.
Patrick Frawley, C.R.N.A.
Aviva Gal, M.D.
Omer Gal, M.D.
David Gamm, M.D.
Pat Kreibich, R.N.
Kim Leanna, Optician

Neil Lucchese, M.D.
Carrie Messer, Ocularist
Jessica Peterson, C.R.N.A.
Susan Tynes, Ocularist
Jessica Weger, O.R.T.

Support for this mission was provided in part by Alcon, Dave Becker, Chris Hornung, Lions Foundation of Wisconsin, Meriter Pharmacy.

Partnering for Strength Changes

In March, the SRW Board sent out a letter describing a number of changes at SRW. These necessary changes resulted from a business audit done in December 2009. The board expected, going into this audit that the results would reveal choices and changes that would need to be made. We studied the outcome and considered our options carefully.

Our board made the following decisions. SRW could no longer support or oversee The Wisconsin-Nicaragua Wheelchair Project. We wish Lisa Fernandez the very best as she continues to manage this very worthy and needed endeavor as a separate entity. Warehouse operations had to move to a higher level to be productive and self-supporting. We choose to have Cornerstone Alliance Navigators (CAN) take over that portion of SRW. Their staff had a thorough understanding of SRW's mission and goals. It was clear that CAN could take procurement and distribution to a level that would serve more people in need. CAN is now

saving supplies and equipment from Wisconsin landfills and putting it to use saving lives worldwide. This symbiotic relationship allows SRW to focus solely and more effectively on medical missions. SRW retains office and warehouse space, as CAN manages its use, providing supplies and equipment for medical needs worldwide, including SRW's missions. The more successfully CAN manages its endeavor, the more effectively SRW can serve others with medical expertise and supplies.

SRW and CAN are separate organizations with separate funding, separate fundraising, separate boards, and separate administrations. The SRW mailing address stays the same. Our shipments of supplies to support our missions will continue to leave from the same location.

Your continued support will allow SRW to provide medical missions to other parts of the world. Mission team members provide for their own travel expenses. But shipping the supplies needed by our mission teams is costly. Medica-

tions that are not donated must be purchased by SRW.

Your past support has changed lives and saved lives. We hope you will remain a part of our SRW team, supporting our efforts to bring hope and healing to children and families worldwide. Truly we believe we can be a part of the change we wish to see in our world. ●

—Mary Dowling and the SRW Board

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A New Destination

by Mary Dowling

An SRW ear, nose and throat medical team made up of professionals from the La Crosse, Wisconsin area, traveled to Trujillo, Peru on April 9–18, 2010. This first-ever SRW mission team to Trujillo worked at the Hospital Belin. Our Partner in Peru, *Asociacion Juan Pablo*

Magno (AJPM), assisted with the previsit tasks and provided logistical support, translators, and everything else that was needed to accomplish this mission. The medical team screened 35 children and performed 28 successful surgeries in the course of the week.

Trujillo, a seaside city on the Pacific coast of northern Peru, is rich with history, friendly residents and impressive

Anderson is waiting for surgery.

ruins now uncovered. The cool breezes and delicious cuisine at local restaurants make Trujillo a pleasant place to spend a week.

SRW's annual missions to Peru, in cooperation with *Asociacion Juan Pablo Magno* (formerly *Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II*), are possible because

of support from the Diocese of La Crosse, The Gunderson Foundation, and many business and personal donations from friends of mission team members and AJPM. As many people come together to serve one goal, SRW is able to

help children who would otherwise have little hope of receiving treatment to improve their quality of life.

Thank you, Father Sebastian and AJPM staff for your assistance and friendship! ●



Our entire Peru Team — including the AJPM staff

Thank you to all of the team members and their families, for their part in supporting this mission:

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The Next Year at SRW

The near future holds many plans and activities as SRW carries out its mission and continues to build a strong foundation.

- In November 2010, a medical team will travel to Honduras to provide surgical care for patients with hand injuries and defects. A dental team will also work that week with our partner, Providence World Ministries, in Siguatepeque, Honduras.

- We may consider a new name for SRW— one that better depicts our mission focus.

- We will expand and establish our governing and advisory boards.

- We will plan missions for 2011.

- We hope to hear from you in 2010 and we count on your continuing support for our mission team efforts.

We plan to send our newsletter electronically in the future. Please send your email address to mdowl@tds.net; this allows us to keep our costs to a minimum.

If you do not wish to continue to receive this newsletter, please contact Mary Dowling at mdowl@tds.net or by phone at 608-445-8503. ●

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Healthy Bones and Teeth for Siguatepeue

by Mary Dowling

Between January 28 and February 6, 2010, two SRW mission teams — an orthopedic surgery team and a dental team — traveled to the Providence World Ministries (PWM) Clinic in warm and sunny Siguatepeue, Honduras.

For me, this was a new experience... my first orthopedic mission trip since 1993 without David Mann, M.D. But being the mission-minded, forward-thinking person that he is, Dr. Mann had planned well for his retirement and recruited one of his partners from the University of Wisconsin who was on the previous year's mission to fill his shoes. And Jim McCarthy, M.D., did just that—he filled David's shoes well for our team.

On screening day, our orthopedics team screened 151 patients—more than we had ever screened in one day. By 4PM, the surgery schedule was set for the week. Our team worked well together, as always, and the week

was a great success as 40 patients received surgery in five days. All of the patients did well, and our Honduras partners, Bertha Turcios, M.D., and Silvio Gonzales, M.D., were prepared for weeks and months of serial casting for many of those patients on a regular basis after we departed.

Our dental team, from Verona, Wisconsin, treated 100 patients during the week. Many toddlers returned from the previous year's visit with smiles and a cooperative demeanor. With great dental care and the teaching of good dental health, all are doing well.

Although our dental team was accustomed to working together in an office, our surgical team was not. Few of us work with each other, except on these missions. It's always a pleasure to see how well we mesh when we have the same goal: working with the PWM staff to bring the best health and surgical care to our patients in a professional and cooperative way. Thank you, SRW supporters, for your support of these missions, and thank you to the team members who pay their own way and use their vacation time to assist SRW in bringing medical care to those in need worldwide. We also appreciate and thank PWM, our partners in Honduras. What occurs before we arrive and after we leave is the groundwork for the success of SRW missions. ●



Dr. Jim McCarthy and Dr. Katie Garrels examine Angela one more time before going into the operating room.



Kari Fitzgerald, R.D.H., and Anita Nesheim, dental assistant, cleaning teeth in Honduras



Toby Haines, R.N., and friend leave for the operating room.



Team members were:
Marge Abegglen, R.N.
Jim Albrecht, C.R.N.A.
Mary Dowling, R.N.
Kari Fitzgerald, R.D.H.
Kathryn Garrels, M.D.
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Dr. Katie Garrels visits Maria post op, and all is well.

Haiti Disaster

Days after the Haiti disaster occurred SRW realized that we could assist our brothers and sisters in their time of need. We asked for your assistance and you responded. The funds donated amounted to just over \$1,500. One half of that was used to cover trucking costs to get some of our supplies to the Mission Outreach warehouse in Chicago. They were sending a shipment each week for some time after the earthquake to their mission that has been in

place for many years there. The remainder was donated to Mission Outreach to cover shipping costs for those very shipments. To date they have sent 25 containers of relief and medical supplies to Haiti.

Thank you all for your donations to help those who so desperately needed our help. By combining effort, much relief was delivered to Haiti. ●



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Their generous contribution of time and talent very much enhanced the productivity of this mission. Our surgeons, Drs. Aviva Gal, Neil Luccheses, and David Gamm, all demonstrated great skill and good humor throughout the week. Together the team performed

28 surgeries. Jessi Weger, O.R.T., scrubbed for every surgery and was on her feet all day every day. No one worked harder. Marge Abegglen circulated every case and, probably more than anyone, set the pace, the thermostat, and the overall tone of the milieu. Mary Dowling and Pat Kreibich's demonstrated clinical skill in post anesthesia care unit (PACU) made it easy for the anesthetists to transfer care of patients with complete confidence. Dr. Omer



Pat Kreibich, R.N., with post op patient in PACU.

Gal punctuated an internal medicine residency to, in her words, "take the scenic route." She will follow her mother, Dr. Aviva Gal's, career path by starting a residency in ophthalmology this summer. Omer demonstrates identification with her mother's commitment to share resources. It was my pleasure to have the opportunity to work with this team and I look forward to doing so again. ●

Warmer and Cooler

In the fall of 2009 we realized at SRW that our warehouse (now under the direction of Cornerstone Alliance Navigators) needed to undergo some winterizing so that our volunteers could work more comfortably during the winter months. Many of you helped with that effort by offering your labor, skills, suggestions, and tools. Now we have a great space for CAN volunteers to accomplish the very important sorting tasks. This space also offers air conditioning in the summer if needed and much improved lighting.

Thank you all very much, especially Mike Sweeney, for organization and leadership on the project.

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