

Not Just Pulling Teeth

By Kate Schacherl

On Sunday, March 15, 2009, Dr. John Schacherl (my dad), Jean Foley (dental assistant), Kari Gollup (dental hygienist), and I returned from a nine-day trip to Siguatepeque, Honduras. Our dental team traveled as a part of a larger medical mission group with Sharing Resources Worldwide.

Our planning began last fall, and we were able to send down most of our equipment in a shipment that left Madison in January. Once we arrived in Siguatepeque, we spent the first morning assembling our operatories, and then were up and running. The first permanent dental clinic is now established at Providence World Missions (PWM) orphanage in Siguatepeque. Our team screened and treated 86 patients, many of whom were seen several times during our week-long mission. The majority of patients we treated were children between 2½ and 6 years of age.

We saw children with a higher rate of dental cavities than we see in our Verona-based general dentistry practice. Honduras is a developing country where unemployment runs as high as 60 percent. Items considered everyday necessities in the States, including toothbrushes, toothpaste and floss, are out of reach for much of the Honduran population, making it difficult to prevent dental disease.

Through generous donations from dental supply companies, including Quantum, Henry Schein Dental, Patterson Dental and Holt Dental, we provided all of the patients we screened with a toothbrush, floss and toothpaste. We visited a school and instructed the children on how to use a toothbrush. We also provided dental care to PWM staff members and volunteers.

The PWM dental clinic is now established and permanently



Kate Schacherl, DDS, and Kari Gollup with happy patient at new clinic in Honduras.



Jo Schacherl, DDS, and Jean Foley with first patient in new dental clinic.



Dr. John Schacherl with one of the new dental patients on his first day of preschool.

equipped with two treatment areas, an x-ray unit and a sterilizer. Dental mission teams often are able to provide only extraction of badly decayed teeth for the relief of dental pain. However, the highlight of our mission was that we were able to save and restore many teeth. We extracted only a few teeth over the course of the week. Our ability to restore teeth was due to the modern equipment we were able to bring to the clinic. Orascope provided critical portable lighting for our dental loupes. Gendex, a dental x-ray company, generously loaned digital x-ray equipment that allowed us to more accurately diagnose and treat each patient. Dentsply, a dental supply company with cutting-edge technology, donated MTA, a product that allows patients to avoid root canal therapy in select situations. Use of MTA allowed our team to save permanent molars for many Honduran children, teeth that would otherwise have required root canal therapy or extraction.

We are returning to Siguatepeque in October 2009 to continue our work with SRW. We are planning to add a third treatment area, and a third dentist will join our team. If you would like to see our photos or learn more about this work, please give our office a call at 608-845-6127.

A note from our partner in Honduras after our teams returned

Just a short note to tell each of you thank you!

Matthew writes in his gospel that Jesus went into all the towns teaching in the meeting places, sharing the good news and healing the diseased bodies and hurt and bruised lives. We were again blessed by your loving hearts and willing hands as you crossed cultures to share this same good news with over 150 people. I continue to be amazed as trip after trip you guys pour out yourselves through patience, long hours of hard work, endless smiles and constant encouragement to my

family and the PWM staff. Your team brought special significance for my family—as it marked our one-year anniversary in Honduras.

Thank you so much for all the prayers and friendships—we are blessed!

We look forward to seeing you in the future. May you be richly blessed today!

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Wrestling with Tragedy, Peru 2009



left—Dick Beinborn CRNA with preop patient, Ledy, and her mother in Arequipa.



right—Another happy preop patient waiting for her tonsils to be removed.

by Mary Dowling

What do high school wrestlers and medical team members have in common? A recent conversation with my 18-year-old son, Nigel, brought some shared qualities to light. As Nigel reflected fondly on his high school wrestling career and what a great year it's been, he shared how he felt being a part of that effort, and how he would miss it. My participation in mission teams is, in many ways, a similar experience. How wondrous it is to work with like-minded people who share my goals, who do this work with a pleasant outlook and sense of humor, who are adaptable and look forward to challenges, expecting to overcome them and see great results. Our missions are very similar to a

great wrestling season—only they're much more compact and don't require driving on terrible Wisconsin roads two or three nights a week!

January 23 to February 1, 2009, an SRW medical team made its annual surgical mission to Peru. This year found us in Arequipa in the high desert region of southern Peru, where the weather is always refreshing and pleasant. This mission is accomplished in partnership with the orphanage Casa Hogar Juan Pablo 11, of Lurin, Peru. This year, our team of professionals from the La Crosse, Wisc., area screened 45 ear, nose and throat (ENT) patients who had already been thoroughly prescreened by the local ENT staff. That week, we performed 32 surgeries such as tonsillectomies, adenoidectomies,

tymploplasties, etc., on children under the age of 18.

A constant on this mission were the thoughts and prayers that went out to one of our new team members who was not able to accompany us to Arequipa as planned. Dena Trannel's son, Jacob James Trannel, age 15, passed away suddenly in his sleep just weeks before we left for Peru. This mission was dedicated to his memory and his life. Jacob's death was a tragedy. But as a team we were somewhat comforted by the privilege of bringing hope and improved health to many children. Our medical missions alleviate the tragedy of hopeless suffering for those we serve, so it was very fitting that we should serve the children of Arequipa in Jacob's name.

The following are some of the letters written by children and parents of children we treated in Arequipa.

Dearest Doctors,

I want to thank you, with much love, for this operation. You are blessing us by curing us and leaving us healthy. Thank you for thinking of us Peruvians. The children of Peru love you very much and hope that you return soon and never forget us. May God always guide you on your way. See you soon!

Thanks you,

Ledy (one of our 10-year-old patients)

Illustrious Doctors of the ENT mission from the United States, Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II

We, the parents of our dear daughter Ledy Tello Vargas, who is going to have an ear operation, feel very grateful for and motivated by your selfless work for those of us who have less. We are sure that this mission will be a success, and we hope in good faith that you will continue to come over the years and help us with these surgeries as well as other specialties.

May God light your way and give you a lot of strength in your social work. May God shower you with blessings and satisfy all your needs. Before ending this letter, we want to say thank you again, from the bottom of our hearts and ask you to personally follow up with the problem of our youngest daughter. We are forever indebted to you.

Jorge Tello and Deissy Vargas (parents of Ledy)

To the Casa Hogar Juan Pablo Mission Group:

In the name of my family I want to thank you for making this mission possible. My youngest daughter Maria Luisa had an adenoid operation. I hope that, God willing, you can continue helping the people who most need it.

Thank you so much American doctors,

Edwer Butron Paz (father of one of our patients)

Dear Doctors,

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for giving us the opportunity to be healthier. In my case, I was very tired of having a cold constantly. In school they used to make fun of me and call me sickly, because I had to wear a scarf and two sweaters all the time. Also, my mom was so worried about my health that she was very overprotective and this embarrassed me sometimes in front of my classmates, but I know she only did it because she loves me. Well, I don't want to go on and on about my own personal story.

I ask that you return. Whether I myself am sick

or healthy; I would like you to come back and help. Thank you!

Edison Zicona Perales (one of our 11-year-old patients)

Dear Doctors from the Casa Hogar Medical Mission,

I want to show you how grateful I am that you operated on my little son (Nick Davila). There are many children just like him who need your help in order to lead happy lives. This mission should come back every year, and maybe even with other specialties.

Thank you!

Kelly (mother of Nick, one of our most challenging patients)

Thank you letter

Well, to begin I want to offer my complete and profound thanks to the doctors from Casa Hogar Juan



Team members on this mission were:

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Pablo II. Because of your patience and sacrifice my little 3 year old daughter was able to get a free operation on her adenoids, ears, and tonsils. I also want to thank you for your bed-side manner which was so gentle and selfless for the little children. You have done more for us than the Ministry of Health has. Also you were so affectionate with the patients and had so much patience with them. I also want to thank you for the gifts and medicine you gave us completely free.

For those reasons, I ask that you keep doing these types of missions for the health of children. I hope that you come even more frequently to help improve the health of all the poor children in Peru. I want to offer a special thanks for the surgeon who operated on my little daughter Angela and the nurses who helped him.

William Vilca Moran (father of one of our surgical patients)

A Blessed Christmas for Us, the Poor, the Children and the Elderly in Peru

My name is Sr. Carla Harrison, and I am a native of Wisconsin Rapids, Wisc. In 2001, I joined the Daughters of Our Lady of the Pieta, a religious order in Peru, and have been living among the poorest of the poor for eight years. Our mission in the Catholic Church is to be at the foot of the Cross of all those who suffer, as the Sorrowful Mother was at the foot of the Cross for her son, Jesus Christ. We reach out to the poorest of the poor, the sick, the elderly, and the abandoned and abused children.

Our community is beginning a new project in Lima, Peru. We recently built a new 80-room nursing home for the poor, abandoned elderly. This facility will also be used as a women's shelter for those who come from the poor rural areas looking to better their lives by learning a vocational trade. While living in residence and attending school, these dedicated women will help care for our elderly who live at the nursing home.

A good friend of mine, Tony Klink, and his colleagues at BellBrook Labs in Madison, Wisc., held a multi-family garage sale for a fund-raiser project this past summer to raise money to send a 40-foot container shipment of donated medical equipment and supplies from Mary Dowling and Sharing Resources Worldwide to Peru.



Sister Carla (standing) demonstrates one of the new wheelchairs from the SRW shipment.

The garage sale efforts and sacrifices by so many people in Madison were an overwhelming success. Not only did people donate items for the yard sale, the event grew to encompass other ways to raise money to help the poor. Folks also donated house plants as well as time to prepare crafts, baked goods, brats and hotdogs for a truly community-wide fundraiser. Others donated extra money for the shipment when purchasing a hotdog or a backyard treasure! Still others collected toys and school supplies for the poor children who live in the Andes Mountains of Peru, another mission of our community which cares for the orphaned and poor children by providing a home and a soup kitchen for many in this mountain town of Huaraz.

The fundraiser event date was in August while the shipment from Madison was sent to Peru in November and was released from customs on Dec. 21st! Many thanks to Mary Dowling, the co-president and co-founder of Sharing Resources Worldwide that allowed for this shipment...

many Christmas blessings were received by so many of our poor who live in desperate need! Since our nursing home is not furnished, nor does it have any supplies on hand, this shipment is truly a gift from God through the generosity of time, sacrifices, prayers and sharing of Mary Dowling, Sharing Resources Worldwide, the folks at BellBrook Labs, and so many other friends and family.

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The highlights of the shipment are hard to describe because so many different items will serve so many different people in dire need. Just to name a few, the nursing home received hospital beds and mattresses, wheelchairs, walkers, canes, scales, geriatric chairs, bedside tables, commodes, office chairs and tables, rehabilitation equipment, bed sheets, draw sheets, disposable gloves and disposable diapers, absorbent bedpads, countless dressings, urinals, bedpans. These items are like gold to us!

The orphanage and soup kitchen received numerous school supplies, toys and stuffed animals for the many poor children. The list goes on and on, but to summarize we received so many priceless and useful gifts with thanks to so many people. Indeed, Bucky Badger cups were donated by the University of Wisconsin-Madison and are now being used to serve milk and juice in the soup kitchen run by the Daughters of Our Lady of Pieta.

On behalf of all the poor who we love and serve here in Peru, I thank the people of the Madison community, especially Mary Dowling and Sharing Resources Worldwide and the caring community at BellBrook Labs for their time and dedication to helping the poor but I would also like to thank personally the countless other friends and family who made this possible.

Please know that you are in our prayers.
God Bless you,

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One of the sisters in Peru with one of the patients at the nursing home there.

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Working Together

By Richard Thompson, SRW Board President

For me, travel always leads to reflection. My recent trip to Honduras with the Sharing Resources Worldwide (SRW) medical and dental team was no exception, as it provided a rich opportunity of new experiences and friendships to reflect upon. With this in mind, one cannot help but feel humbled to be a small part of the community of volunteers associated with SRW, inspired by the dedication of the medical and dental teams, encouraged by the results of the team's efforts and thankful to have been a part of what was truly a challenging but enjoyable week.



After surgery Marvin enjoys his new bear and blanket donated by friends in Wisconsin.

Our trip started by meeting at the Milwaukee airport at 4:00 a.m. An uneventful flight got us into San Pedro Sula around noon where we were met by Leslie, our caretaker for the week. She volunteers her time with Providence Worldwide Ministries, a partner organization of SRW, which advocates for orphans and widows in Honduras. Leslie's chief task for the week, which she performed flawlessly, was to oversee our transportation and dining needs. After making our way through customs we loaded onto a bus and began our two-hour ride to Siguatepeque. Unlike many on the medical team, this was my first trip to Honduras, as well as my first experience in a less developed country, so the bus ride itself was interesting and at times exciting. You can't help but be taken aback by the general living conditions as small makeshift houses in forms of constant disrepair dot the landscape. We travelled on a winding road up the hills to Siguatepeque, at times going around corners with no guardrails, which proved to be slightly nerve racking. We safely arrived, however, and prior to ending our day at our hotel, the Flamingo Estancia, we stopped by the medical clinic for a quick tour, as this is where the medical and dental teams would be spending their week.

The medical clinic is owned by Providence; however, just about everything in the clinic, from the beds to the operating room lights to the tables and chairs in the break room, were donated by SRW. Equipment that may have

found its way into an American landfill has found a useful and productive new Honduran home. Clearly, this clinic would not be available to our medical teams or the other medical teams Providence brings in were it not for the generosity and hard work by the community of SRW volunteers.

Our first day set the pattern for the week of early beginnings and late endings as we left the hotel around 7:30 a.m. and returned around 9:00 p.m. Upon arrival, the medical and dental teams quickly got to work setting up their exam and operating rooms. Waiting for us outside under a tent were over 100 children and their parents, some of whom had traveled more than eight hours to the clinic to see if they could be helped by our medical team. On this mission we brought orthopedic surgery teams to repair what is commonly known as clubfoot. As I learned, this is commonly treated at birth through a casting process, but due to the lack of medical accessibility the children we screened never had this opportunity. Striking to me is that most of the roads are uneven and unpaved and the most prevalent forms of transportation are riding a bike and walking. I thought about how challenging it must be for the children we were seeing to function in a perfect environment, and all the more difficult it must be in that environment. The simple process of getting around is a day-to-day obstacle for the children we were screening. Clearly the surgeries would make a life-enhancing difference.

One by one the doctors met the patients to determine if surgery was viable. If it was, the team's photographer would take their picture for the medical file and then the patient would meet with a member of the anesthesiology team. By 8:00 that evening all had been screened and the surgery schedule had been set for the week. By the end of the week, after five long days, 40 children were given a fresh start of increased mobility.

On the first day, the dental team was busily working to get their room established and by late afternoon was able to begin screening patients as well. This was the first time a dental team has joined SRW on a mission trip and, based on the initial screening, it was well received and needed. The combination of the lack of regular dental hygiene, fluoride in the water and poor diet have resulted in tooth decay that at times to describe as extreme would be an understatement. For most of the children this was their first trip to the dentist and often it was greeted with apprehension. I was impressed with the patience the dental team exhibited working through a translator to perform their

duties. Their services were well received and most had needs ranging from general cleaning to fillings to extractions. In the end the team treated over 100 patients and importantly laid the groundwork for future trips and continued dental care.

As the week progressed I became more and more impressed with and thankful for the



Miguel recovers with his mom, uncle and new friend after surgery by the SRW team.

teams. Not having a medical background, this was the first time I got to view the interaction and work patterns of medical practitioners. I was inspired by their work ethic, teamwork and the caring attitude they displayed as they worked towards the singular goal of helping those less fortunate. SRW is thankful to each of the team members who took time from their work and families to share their talents for the week. I am also personally thankful as I got to experience their level of care first hand when I found myself laid out one day with a bad case of what might have been the flu. A couple of I.V.s of fluid, a pink blanket to keep me warm and 10 hours on an exam table made for a long day but I couldn't have taken better care of myself if I were at home. (Then again a more comfortable bed and my daughter's stuffed animals would have made me feel right at home.)

By the end of the week everyone was tired but there was a sense of accomplishment and encouragement knowing that, through our partnering with Providence and their community of volunteers, we are working towards a long-term goal of raising the living conditions for those less fortunate. It is hard to turn your thoughts toward home without a sense of thankfulness for living in our country, not to mention things I've taken for granted like reliably hot water in the shower, clean drinking water and paved streets. Furthermore, as bad as our economy may seem right now we should consider ourselves blessed and lucky to be living in the United States.



The entire surgical and dental team from Wisconsin in Honduras.

With this in mind, the trip was a great reminder that we all should continue to actively seek out ways to utilize our unique talents and join the community of volunteers dedicated to helping those less fortunate.

In closing I would like to thank the volunteers that joined us on the most recent trip: Marjorie Abegglen, RN; Mary Dowling, RN; Toby Haines, RN; David Mann, MD; Kathleen Sweeney, LPN; Michael Sweeney, photographer; Gary Haefler, Biomet; Luke Hattenhauer, CRNA; Debra Dahlke, CRNA; Bonita Steinbach, RN; Elizabeth Shimon, PA; Karen Greenwald, RN; Kevin MacDonald, MD; J. Mitchell Hoopes, CRNA; Karen Gollup, dental assistant; James McCarthy, MD; John Schacherl, DDS; Katie Schacherl, DDS; and Eugenie Foley, dental assistant.



Ready to go home smiling, but there will be weeks ahead in those casts.

What Is Coming up for SRW

In September 2009 Mary will take a prosthetic eye team and eyeglass team to Siguatepeque, Honduras. The following week a dental team and a surgical team will go to the same destination to provide dental care and surgery for children with crossed eyes.



Do you have a drawer with several pairs of old glasses in it or maybe more than several? You won't need them again but our brothers and sisters worldwide might. Please get them to a local Lions Club Recycling bin—often found in grocery stores and libraries—and they will refurbish and recycle them. SRW will also take them to this facility.

That is where SRW is able to obtain glasses for our eyeglass missions. The Lions project is in Rosholt, Wisc.. They are very much in need of glasses. Fewer people wear glasses these days because contacts and surgery are available for eye problems.

Tell your friends and neighbors—pass it on!

Also in September, Lisa will travel to Matagalpa, Nicaragua to work with the Wisconsin/Nicaragua Wheelchair project for about three weeks.

Paper and Pencils

SRW needs basic school supplies to send to our partners in Honduras, Nicaragua and Peru. Any help to collect them or funds to purchase them would be appreciated. This is an especially good project for August and September when school supplies are inexpensive here in our area. Call Mary (608-445-8503) or Lisa (608-445-8504) if you can help with this need.

Now More Than Ever

By Lisa Fernandez

There's no question that these are scary times, and we're all being affected, in different ways and to different degrees, by the worldwide economic downturn. It's no fun to watch our retirement accounts shrink, to see our investments lose ground daily, to lose income at the time when we most need it. We're all cutting back to varying degrees, depending on the urgency of our circumstances. And as our stressors build, our focus narrows—survival instinct tells us we must protect ourselves first.

These are natural reactions. But as global citizens, we must have a wider view. The world financial crisis hits the poorest people the hardest. That applies to the poor both in the U.S. and in developing countries. Non-profits that provide basic needs are already having to cut back, and that leaves more people at risk, just at the time the number of people in need is rising.

Before I sat down to write this article, I searched the web for articles appearing in newspapers from countries SRW has served on the subject of the economic crisis in the U.S. Such articles are ubiquitous, and they all mention the fears of the developing world, concerning the effects that the downturn in the U.S. will have on their economies. Countries like Uganda and Nicaragua and Honduras are afraid that their exports market in the U.S. will be reduced, and dread the impact that will have on jobs and income in their own country. Uganda may face the effects of decreased aid from the U.S., decreased earnings from exports and decreased income from tourism. An area we don't tend to think of right away is that of remittances—funds which people now living in the U.S. send to their families in their home countries. These families depend a great deal on these funds which will stop coming if their

relative in the U.S. is jobless, homeless and under increased financial pressures. In many developing countries, remittances constitute a significant portion of the national income.

The International Monetary Fund has issued this statement: "After hitting first the advanced economies and then the emerging economies, a third wave from the global financial crisis is now hitting the world's poorest and most vulnerable countries." The World Bank asserts: "The crisis will trap 53 million more people in developing countries on less than \$2 (£1.4) a day this year. That's on top of the 130–155 million pushed into poverty in 2008 by soaring food and fuel prices." Initial estimates for 2009 to 2015 indicate an average 200,000 to 400,000 more children may die each year if the crisis persists. The U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights warns that in poor countries, the economic downturn threatens to undermine not only access to work, but to food, housing, water, basic health care and education.

Let us resist the human tendency to narrow focus in times of crisis, and instead open our hearts to the opportunity to be agents of change for a better world. We can all contribute in some way to easing the suffering of those much worse off than ourselves. Giving can take a myriad of forms; money is only one of them. We can all find a way to give which fits our values and resources. We can only recover from this crisis by uniting as brothers and sisters on a global scale. For all the struggling people, here and in other countries, we must give of ourselves and share our resources. It has never been more imperative.

"Be the change you want to see in the world"—that's the only way change will happen. It's up to each of us to do whatever we can to help the most vulnerable. Therein lies the true measure of our humanity.

Partnering for Strength An Update from SRW

SRW is evolving to meet the demands of the times, and we find that there is great strength in joining forces with other medical surplus recovery organizations (MSROs). For example, our partnership with Hospital Sisters Mission Outreach is thriving. We serve as a first sort for medical supplies, which we send to their warehouse to be classified and shipped. Our volunteers have quickly learned the new sorting method this requires, and are plowing through our constantly incoming supplies. We are sharing surplus supplies with other like organizations, thus clearing space in our warehouse and keeping inflow and outflow better matched. We



recently loaded a 40-foot container of hospital laundry destined for the Dominican Republic. SRW donated this laundry, collected and sorted at our warehouse, to Hope for a Healthier Humanity, another MSRO. We also loaded a 53-foot container of hospital laundry and supplies for Globus Relief, a Utah-based MSRO. They will be shipping these supplies to countries in need. Now more than ever, in these difficult times this kind of networking and relationship building lays the foundation for continued success and growth, enabling SRW to serve the most people possible, with the greatest efficiency possible.

Founded in January 2002, Sharing Resources Worldwide makes surplus and recycled medical supplies, durable medical equipment, and related items and activities available to needy populations around the world. SRW endeavors to improve the health and quality of life of its recipients and to empower them to live with increased dignity, independence, and hope.

We do this through three areas—medical missions, shipping and the wheelchair project.

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Keeper of the Books

By Lisa Fernandez

There are many ways to contribute to Sharing Resources Worldwide that don't involve writing a personal check. In our last newsletter we told you about Riley Rhoads, who raised significant funds for SRW by running the Ironman Triathlon in our name. What a great effort! And the ripple effects will be felt around the world. Another wonderful way to give is to donate your skills and expertise. SRW relies on many professionals who donate their time and knowledge to keep our organization running. One of these is our accountant, Roy Neuenschwander.

Roy has been a dedicated volunteer since our inception. He's on the A-team of container loaders who sweat and labor to fill every inch of container space that leaves the SRW warehouse, so the people receiving the container can get every ounce of benefit possible. Roy is also an accountant by profession. When SRW incorporated as an independent non-profit in 2005 (you may recall that previously we were under the non-profit umbrella of the Dean

Foundation), we needed an accountant to set up and maintain our books—not a simple task, and one that only a professional could accomplish. Roy stepped up to the plate, and has been serving on a pro bono basis as our accountant ever since, developing and maintaining a specialized accounting system that provides SRW with the detailed tracking of funds, both in and out, that we need in order to evaluate our past and present and to plan our future. He also maintains our books, submits audits to meet regulatory requirements and generates reports. He brings many years of experience to these tasks.

Roy worked at Marshall Erdman & Associates, Inc. for 28 years (the final years as controller), and retired on Dec. 31, 2002, at age 52. In retirement he became an investment advisor, helping former co-workers with their financial lives, including investments, taxes and planning. This work grew into a real business, with an office and employees, and Roy's son and son-in-law have since joined him in the business.

Roy's rules to live by? "I have always considered giving back

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