



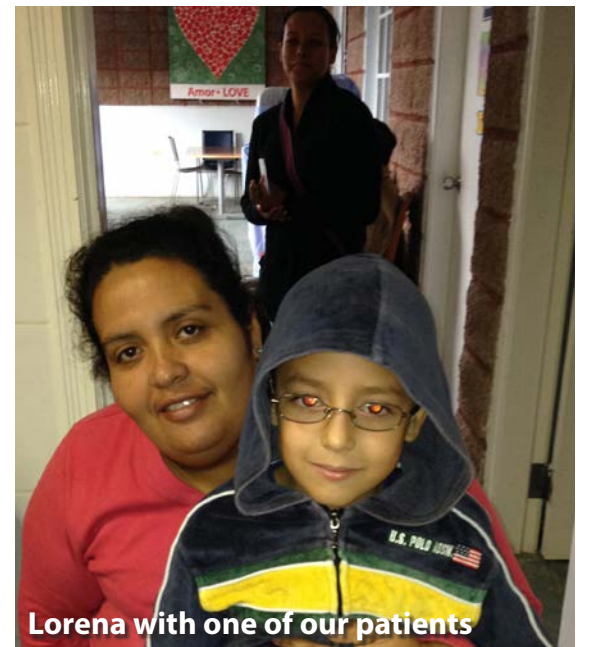
Dr. Gamm exams a patient with Lorena's assistance.



Bonnie and Patti working in Optical to fit glasses



Yes it was cold in Honduras and a new prosthetic eye for this toddler made it a much better day.



Lorena with one of our patients

Medical Brigade of Glasses and Prosthetic Eyes

By Lorena Gonzalez
Teacher at La Providencia School in Siguatepeque, Honduras

It was a great experience for me to translate with this brigade for Doctor David Gamm. It was a time of service and learning and I also had a lot of fun when I put the drops in the eyes of the patients. They told me that I was the bad guy because the drops sting a little bit. Also it was very fun when the patients called me DOCTOR!!! It helped me appreciate and value the simple things in life.

I also appreciate that I was able to receive a professional and thorough eye exam, which far exceeded the level of care I experienced with a private physician down here. I admire the professionalism of Dr. Gamm. He took his time to examine each patient and much care to tell the patient or parent the problem that they had in their eyes.

One of the complaints of each patient was that they could not read their Bibles because they could not see the letters. It gave me great joy to see children and young people with prosthetic eyes and the ways it changes their image, personality, and emotions.

Generally I feel that this brigade has changed my way of thinking and I value having my eyes healthy. I am filled with joy to see people who have never had the money to buy a pair of glasses and joy for them to receive this gift that has changed their lives in fulfilling the ability to read the Bible. Since this brigade, I am not the same. It changes my point of view about life... and eyes, as there were patients (babies)

about to lose the only eye they had left because of the retinoblastoma. So I am thankful that I was part of this brigade and thankful to this group of doctors and the people who invest their time and money to help people in need. ●



Our eyeglass/prosthetic eye team 2014: Carrie Ausloose, Susan Tynes, David Gamm, Emily Gamm, Pat Kreibich, Bonnie Verges, Patti Jahnke and Mary Dowling.

Testimony of a Father Whose Child Was Treated By One of Our SRW Medical Teams To Our Team Members

My name is Adelman Ulloa Rivera. I am enchanted by the welcoming that you give to all the visitors and the parents and especially to the children. I feel thankful for the support received. This is a big help because we are poor and we can't pay for these surgeries.

These are expensive surgeries. Thanks to God and to you for the help that is a great blessing for us that are poor to see our children happy and joyful.

God Bless you always and those that make possible this happiness.
Thank you. ●



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SRW Mission Trips: Everyone Benefits!



Drs. Lundin and Burkat with one of our patients and his mother post-op



Mary Dowling RN, Erin Lembcke RN, Cat Burkat MD, Mary Beth Schneider, CRNA, Jason Schoephoester Photographer, Ashley Lundin MD, James Albrecht CRNA, Neil Lucchese MD, Rachel La Fleur RN, Rose Silveira RN/CRNA

It's hard to say who enjoys the greatest benefits and rewards from an SRW mission trip: the team members whose donated time and expertise transform lives, or the children who receive their services. Fortunately, team members don't have to answer that question. All they have to do is look forward to the next mission they'll be a part of. Here, veteran team member Mary Beth Schneider reflects on the joys she experienced during her most recent mission trip.

by Mary Beth Schneider, CRNA

Rewarding . . . Challenging . . . Humbling . . . Inspiring . . . Life-Changing. These are just a few words to describe a mission trip with Sharing Resources Worldwide. I was recently a member of the oculoplastics surgical team that spent five days in Siguatepeque, Honduras. Oculoplastics is plastic surgery on eye structures. Thanks to the skilled hands of Dr. Cat Burkat and ophthalmology resident Dr. Ashley Lund, SRW was able to offer this surgical specialty to the children of Honduras for the first time. Our team left Wisconsin on a dark and cold February morning, and landed in San Pedro Sula, where we were greeted by sunshine and our La Providencia hosts Douglas and Calisto. After a 2½-hour bus ride through the beautiful Honduran countryside, decorated with roadside fruit stands, we arrived at the John Eaves Clinic in Siguatepeque. Waiting for us at the clinic were several patients to be screened for surgery. Our travel from Wisconsin to Siguatepeque was shorter than the travels of some of our patients; it could take them as long as ten hours to reach the clinic at La Providencia. We used every minute of our time in Siguatepeque to set up equipment and evaluate patients. The first twelve patients screened were all surgical candidates. Our concern about the need for oculoplastics procedures in Honduras was quickly confirmed.

After their surgical screening, children were screened by the anesthesia team. It is essential to evaluate each patient for anesthetic risk, and to explain to the child and family what to expect. This is part of my job as one of three Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists on the team. When patients go to the operating room for surgery, typically they breathe anesthetic gases through a mask and drift off to sleep. You can imagine how frightening this might be for any child—let alone a child surrounded by people who look and talk differently. The pre-anesthesia screening time is a favorite of mine. It gives me an opportunity to interact with each child and family, and to prepare them for the child's experience. I especially enjoy offering the children my stethoscope to listen to their own heart and lungs and to hear what I hear. I love to watch their expressions as they hear their own heart beat. The smiles on their faces reach from ear to ear.

This mission went quickly. Our ten-member team performed 26 surgeries in 2½ days. The majority of patients required surgery for ptosis (TOE-sis), a condition in which the upper eye-

lid droops. Depending on severity, it can cover all or part of the pupil, interfering with vision, which can impact many areas of a child's life. One young boy, Manuel, had surgery to treat infections in both eyes. His lacrimal ducts had been obstructed and infected since infancy. His eyes were weeping and crusted, causing difficulty with his vision. Manuel was having trouble in school and was taunted by his schoolmates. Dr. Burkat and Dr. Lund performed a bilateral dacryocystorhinostomy or DCR. This procedure creates a new tear drain between the eye and nose and bypasses the obstruction. It is highly successful and not available in Honduras. Manuel went home the day after surgery already much improved. What a difference this will make for Manuel and his family.

With each SRW mission trip, a team member becomes more comfortable. You know the surroundings and what to expect. You are familiar with SRW rules as well as the rules of Honduras... only drink from sealed bottles, brush your teeth with bottled water, toilet paper goes in the wastebasket, bring medication for traveler's diarrhea (just in case), etc. But it continues to amaze me how a group of people can so quickly combine talents to administer care to the children. It is an incredible feeling and a privilege to be a part of such a focused and talented team.

The success of these trips starts at home. Mary Dowling, the director of SRW, had a vision to help children around the world. She partnered that vision with La Providencia in Siguatepeque, building two operating rooms and sending loads of unused medical equipment from the US. In turn, La Providencia finds the patients and keeps us safe during our visits. All of this is possible only because of SRW's many donors and volunteers...lots of



Our SRW anesthesia team- Mary Beth, Jim and Rose.

volunteers. From those working close to home handling supplies and volunteering at the warehouse, to the medical professionals who use their talents to deliver needed care to the children of Honduras. And that is just the tip of the iceberg. Rewarding . . . Challenging . . . Humbling . . . Inspiring . . . Life-Changing. ●

Coming up for SRW in 2014

- May—Dental Team to Honduras
- September—Pediatrics team to Honduras
- November—Eye surgery team and Dental team to Honduras ●

MISSION

Through the delivery of excellent health care Sharing Resources Worldwide (SRW) endeavors to improve the quality of life of disadvantaged populations around the world.

VISION

By organizing and supporting medical teams, SRW will provide surgical, medical, dental care, and eye care for disadvantaged people. When possible, SRW will work closely with in-country partners to deliver these kinds of care. SRW will provide on-site medical professionals and institutions with donated supplies and equipment and allow them to consistently offer needed services for their needy populations. SRW's primary concern will be meeting the needs of children 18 years old and younger.

VALUES

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- Excellence
- Respect
- Compassion
- Accountability

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Bright Eyes, White Teeth, Shining Futures

By Mary Dowling

One of the highlights of returning to a previous medical mission site is the joy of seeing patients we've treated there before. When our medical team returned to Siguatepeque, Honduras, in October 2013, previous patients traveled many miles to visit us, thank us, and show us their beautiful smiles and uncrossed eyes. For these children, the correction of disfiguring afflictions has brought—and will continue to bring—positive changes, opening doors to things all children should have: education, opportunity, and social acceptance.

Our October medical team was made up of eye-surgery and dental professionals, most of whom had traveled to Siguatepeque before and were eager to return. Working with the Providence World Missions (PWM) Clinic, we operated to correct crossed eyes in children under 18, and offered dental care for the PWM staff, students and community.

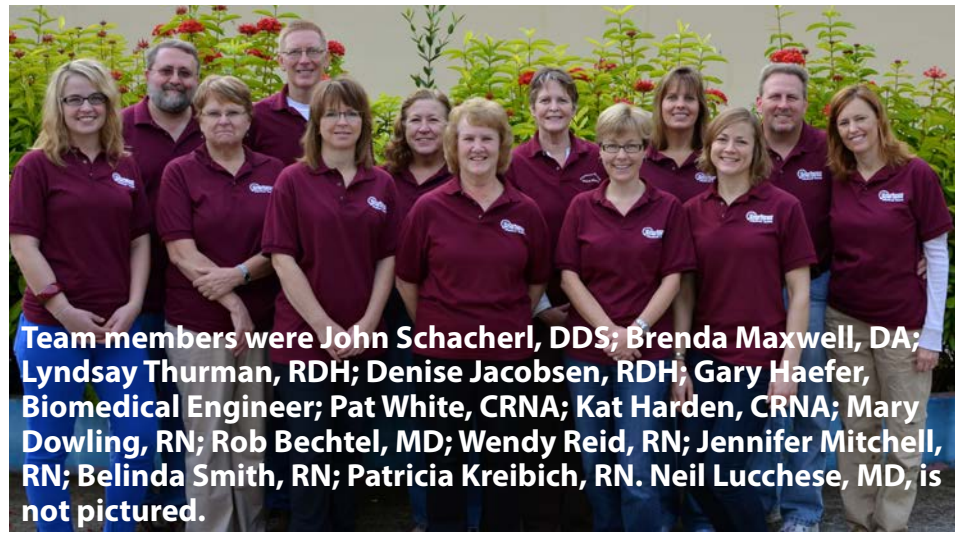
Two doctors on our team screened patients, and one performed operations to correct crossed eyes. After completing about 80 examinations, we had a nearly full surgery schedule. Dr. Rob Bechtel started operating bright and

early on Monday, while Dr. Neil Lucchese continued to screen eye patients. That week we screened 118 children, and performed surgery on 30. We have a long list of children for our fall 2014 return trip; there will be plenty of work to keep two eye surgeons busy, and that's how many we hope to take.

The need is very great.

Our team's dental volunteers treated 100 patients, and the care they offered saved many people from dental pain and tooth loss in the future. Practicing oral hygiene and having regular dental care is making a difference for PWM students, as evidenced by much better checkups for all!

Thanks to our partnership with PWM, and



Team members were John Schacherl, DDS; Brenda Maxwell, DA; Lyndsay Thurman, RDH; Denise Jacobsen, RDH; Gary Haefer, Biomedical Engineer; Pat White, CRNA; Kat Harden, CRNA; Mary Dowling, RN; Rob Bechtel, MD; Wendy Reid, RN; Jennifer Mitchell, RN; Belinda Smith, RN; Patricia Kreibich, RN. Neil Lucchese, MD, is not pictured.

their organization and commitment, we can offer treatment and a brighter future to many. We thank PWM, all our volunteer mission team members, and everyone who helped to sponsor this medical mission. With your help, SRW is making a difference in many lives. ●

Reflections on the 2014 Orthopedic Mission to Honduras

By Tracy Cotter MD

Each winter, Sharing Resources Worldwide sends a Pediatric Orthopedic Mission Team to Siguatepeque, Honduras. This past February, 17 health care providers led by Dr. Ken Noonan, a pediatric orthopedic surgeon from the University of Wisconsin, set out from Milwaukee one cold winter day. However, our group was rerouted due to inclement weather, and ended up taking "the scenic route." After stops in Chicago, Dallas and El Salvador, we finally arrived in San Pedro del Sula late at night. Following a one-night stay there, we awoke to find the bus waiting to transport us to Siguatepeque. After a two-and-a-half hour journey through the mountains, we arrived at the Providence World Ministries Clinic around noon. Waiting for us were close

to 100 children and their families. It was time to get to work!

As part of our group readied equipment and checked supplies, Dr. Noonan and his team began the daunting task of evaluating the waiting children. Over the next nine hours, we examined 97 patients, assessing new patients' surgical needs and, if surgery was appropriate, sending them to our anesthesia team before the end of their visit. Thirty-four children were deemed suitable for surgery. Those who did not need surgery, or were returning for follow up, were evaluated and treated as needed. At the end of clinic, the entire team met to schedule patients, and to make sure that we had the appropriate equipment and expertise to provide the best possible care.

Surgery dominated the rest of our week at Providence. Because we had two surgeons,

two anesthesiologists, and a large group of dedicated support people, the team was able to perform a variety of complex pediatric orthopedic procedures. Repairing club feet, lengthening tendons to improve ambulation, and improving and straightening old fractures are just a few examples of what the team accomplished. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, and the diligent work of our director Mary Dowling, we had the equipment and materials to perform these procedures safely and effectively. The days were long and challenging, but the rewards were great. The gratitude of the children and families we served was immense. We are happy to report that all the children did well.

The five days of surgery flew by, and soon we were packing our things to return to the United States. After a wonderful evening at the home of a local colleague to celebrate the effort, the team returned to San Pedro del Sula and flew home to Wisconsin. On our return, the group resolved to return again next year.

The closeness of the group and its ability to work effectively as a team ensured the success of this mission. As we went our separate ways and returned to our everyday lives, we began looking forward to our next trip to Siguatepeque. Thanks to SRW and Providence World Ministries, we have a wonderful facility to provide care for those who come with great needs. We hope that 2015 will be even more successful! ●

Epic Changes for La Providencia School

By Mary Dowling

Early in 2013 I became aware that La Providencia, the K-5 school at Providence World Ministries in Honduras, needed computers to furnish a computer lab for their students. Verona, Wisconsin, is the home of Epic Systems Corporation, a large healthcare software company. Perhaps Epic, which has supported SRW with grants yearly for some time, would also help with this need. My contact person put me in touch with the correct department, and soon I was 20 desktop computers to the good. Now there were only two small details missing: a keyboard and mouse for each unit.

When in need, let your fingers do the walking. I soon located a likely source for the missing components: Cascade Asset Management of Madison, a recycling facility for computers and components. Initially, they declined, but persistence paid off, and I was soon the proud owner of 20 donated keyboards and mice, all in working order.

SRW shipped the donated goods to Siguatepeque, Honduras. La Providencia school set up a computer lab for students, and also began classes for parents. A well-equipped computer lab is more than just a great asset: It sets La Providencia apart as a local school that offers an outstanding education in English and Spanish.

Many years ago, I got over my hesitation and learned how to be a "professional beggar." I never stammer when making a need known or asking for a donation. I've received my share of

nos, but when one company cannot help, there is usually another on my list. In general, I've found that if a company has the resource SRW needs, kind folks are only too happy to know of the need and do what they can to meet it. One thing I can always promise our benefactors is that their donation will go to the destination where it is most needed. And it will change and improve lives!

SRW sends a big thank you to Epic, Cascade, and all our contributors who make the shipment of donated equipment possible! ●

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Resources

By Claudia Noonan

Love in itself is unconditional. It knows only giving, sharing; it does not know any desire for getting something in return. Its joy and its reward is in its sharing. And its power is in its sharing. It is so powerful that it can go on sharing with millions of people and still the heart remains overflowing with love- it is inexhaustible. That is its power.

—Osho

In organizing and restocking surgical equipment, one realizes, yes, these are important resources. The surgical drapes, scalpels, blankets and diapers are all incredibly valuable at La Providencia Hospital in Siguatepeque, Honduras. However, they are not the most valuable. Not even the knee immobilizers, that seem few and far between, are the most valuable. The most important resources that are donated and brought to the Sharing Resources Worldwide locations are what the volunteers have to offer beyond their medical skills. It is the sense of pure joy volunteers get from making a difference in someone's life. The patients that travel miles upon miles to the SRW clinics may not be cured of every ailment and disability. However, whatever differences the doctors and nurses do make improve the patient's quality of life exponentially. It is the smile that the doctor gives a patient's family post-surgery that has the ability to bound across any language barrier that is the most valuable resources. It is the comforting hand of the nurse on a young patient's arm as they come out from anesthesia that is the most valuable resource. It is the ability of the volunteers and patients to share an idea that the patients' lives will drastically improve. It is when a patient comes back to clinic a year later and is in tears because he/she could never have foreseen the amazing changes his life has had as he/she is going to school, getting a job and enjoying life that is the most valuable resource. While all the medical equipment and supplies are incredibly valuable and deeply appreciated, they are not the most valuable resources that are brought to SRW. The most valuable resource is the ability and willingness to share love unconditionally, all through the world. ●



Claudia was part of the orthopedic mission to Honduras Jan. 31 to Feb. 7, 2014. The team screened 97 patients and 34 surgeries were performed that week while at Providencia. Many thanks to each one of them for their support and resources.

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