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From the Eyes of a Honduran, Let Me Tell You How These Three Days Flew By!

By Alejandra Romero, Translator

As soon as the team entered the building not a single minute was wasted. I knew they were tired from their flight but that did not stop them. I volunteered to translate for the team and was assigned to the doctors during the first day, evaluation day. Patients were there from early AM waiting to be seen and hoping to find their so long waited answer. 66 patients came in and one by one they were seen. Since I was translating for the consultation, I got to see each one of the patients, heard their stories and saw how the doctors took care of each one of them. Some parents would cry when telling their child's story and hoping to finally get the help they needed. I got to see the relief and joy on their faces when they were told we could help them.

As a Honduran I know how difficult it is to have our health taken care of. How most of us can't afford it. How people wait for months for surgeries. For me this is a reason for so much joy in being able help translating so the doctors can take care of my people.

The second and third day flew by, full of surgeries back to back. Parents came in with their kids and were anxious yet so grateful for the help they were getting.

Everyone on the team was nonstop busy. The nurses were getting the children and the parents ready, doing



Alejandra (on right) was one of our interpreters who assisted us on our ocular plastic team in January 2019. Our trip was shorter than usual because of some possible demonstrations that were politically motivated. They did not occur, but we left early to avoid involvement in any way. Our two days of surgery were long but filled with grateful patients and families.

pre-op treatment and teaching. Treating each child with so much love and assuring them that everything was going to go great. Handing them a blanket a stuffed animal to hold on to, which really made the kids happy. Anesthesia was being so nice with the kids and explaining how they would just fall asleep and ask-

ing them what flavor they wanted to smell on their mask.

I got to go into the OR, where all the magic happened. I saw how everyone worked so hard. Doctors standing for hours, nurses cleaning up and setting up for back to back surgeries so fast, and anesthesia, just like they said "we will watch every heartbeat and every breath your child takes, and we will take so good care of them, don't worry, they are in good hands." It must have been tiring for the team, but it didn't show. If anything, all I could see is how happy they were of being able to help another child.

The best part was when the doctors came out and told the parents everything had gone just right and seeing the relief and joy on their faces and hearing how thankful they were. Seeing how happy they were and grateful really made everyone hearts so full. 19 patients had surgery by the team in the two days we were there.

I too, I'm so happy and honored I got to help a little breaking the language barrier and I'm so beyond grateful for the help the team gave to my people. Thank you for allowing me to serve others. Thank you so much.

Thank you for caring for my people, thank you for helping us. ●

Our 2018 Hand and Dental Team

Sharing Resources Worldwide took a team of hand surgeons and operating room staff from The University of Iowa and Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and a dental team from Wisconsin to Providence World Ministries Clinic in Siguatepeque, Honduras in September of 2018.

On the first day the surgical team screened 75 cases for possible repair or correction of hand and arm deformities and injuries. Thirty-seven children had surgery that week to improve their function and give them a better future. There were more that needed surgery but our 12+ hour days did not allow us to schedule

them for this year. They will be first on the list next year when this team returns.

Our occupational therapy specialist was also very busy treating over 40 patients with splints and special exercises. This is a huge part of the treatment plan for great results for these cases.

All of our hand/arm patients did well. Most will have casts for four to six weeks. All families expressed much gratitude.

Our dental team of five persons was again extremely busy treating 123 patients and 50 of those were new patients. That means patients (children) who had never seen a dentist before! Those make for challenging days in dental clinic. Most are children under 15 and a few adults with dental problems.



It was a great week of working together and accomplishing so much to give these children a better future. It is amazing how much fun hard work can be when you are with like minded persons with the same goal.... a great outcome for our patients!

Thank you to all who support SRW and to all our team members who pay their own way and take vacation time from their jobs here in the US. Thank you to Providencia for their huge part in maintaining the facility and doing all the work on the ground in Honduras to make these mission teams successful... it takes a village! ●

Coming Up

This September our hand team will travel to Siguatepeque to evaluate and treat hand and arm issues for children of Honduras. A dental team will also work for a week at La Providencia this fall. ●



Our hand team 2018

Team members were:
Melinda Seering MD
Kelly Beard ORT
Deb Fuhr RN
Lynn Burselson ORT
Wendy Read RN

Sangini Punia MD
David Cohen MD
Ericka Lawler MD
Apurva Shah MD
Pam Sarcinello RN
Elizabeth Weldin MD

Mary Dowling RN
Meagan Pehnke OT
Andrew Kinsing RN
Cynthia Haas CRNA
Elizabeth Alonso-Hohmann RN



Our dental team 2018

John Schacherl DDS
Paul Maxwell-Fixit guy
Branda Maxwell DA
Nicole Jansen RDH
Tanya Kudienenko RDH

Incredible!

Our Dr. John Schacherl-led dental team recently returned from working for a week at La Providencia Dental Clinic in Honduras. This year we celebrated 10 years of traveling twice a year to serve the students and staff at La Providencia. This includes a



completely furnished dental clinic with four to five working chairs or stations. The students we serve were only 5 or 6 years old when we began— they are now teenagers! Now there are over 180 of them of all ages. Because we started teaching oral healthcare to these students 10 years ago, they and we are reaping the benefits! Great oral health means they require little in the way of dental care. Their school also emphasizes this as everyone brushes daily at school!

This year the team treated 205 patients in six days... the most ever! Many adults need more dental care than the children but the littlest ones need much also, as they are new to brushing and taking care of their oral health.

It was a great week in Siguatepeque, with lots of sunshine, warm breezes, and great food! Thank you to our team members from Dr.

Schacherl's office in Verona and the team who assists us from La Providencia. Such a great legacy for those served. ●



Team members were:
John Schacherl DDS
Nichole Jansen RDH
Alyssa Tucker DA
Sara Burnham DA
Andrea Esparza-Monroy DA
Mary Dowling RN, Team Leader (not pictured)

Eyeglass Mission, November 2018



By Kathy Newlin

Since this was my first Eyeglass Mission, I didn't know what to expect. Little did I know that I would be embarking on such a memorable journey. There is nothing much more rewarding than seeing the look on someone's face when they put on a pair of glasses and see a clearer new world. Added to that feeling, I also received lots of handshakes,

hugs and even a couple of pecks on the cheek that boosted me up on our long busy days. Thanks to Mary Dowling for all her planning for the mission trip. Thanks also for the fabulous mission team she put together and for all our interpreters, our cook, our driver and all the rest of the hospital staff at Providencia. Because of everyone who was involved, we were able to see and help over 551



patients. 481 received glasses. All received sunglasses. It was an experience that I will never forget! ●

Team members were:
David Gamm MD
Todd Murdock MD
Kathy Newlin
Pat Kreibich RN
Mary Dowling RN
Bonnie Herberer COT, ABOC

SRW Pediatric Eye Surgery Mission Trip— Honduras, February, 2019

By Jacquelyn Maki RN BSN MHA

Yet another day comes as I get ready to do my daily work as a CNO. One more meeting to attend, one more letter to write, an instrument quote to analyze, a physician/staff interaction to smooth over; one more Joint Commission regulation to streamline, one more meeting to lead; and one more policy to change. Did I make a difference? Did I touch

a heart? A day that had great accomplishment? Is it a day that makes me happy I became a nurse?

Smiling faces staring at us in the bright sunlight, while 80-degree weather left us with dewy skin. Moms and Dads were shy yet patient waiting hours to see the surgeon in hopes that their little one would be eligible for surgery. The long bus ride after eight hours of travel was soon forgotten when we realized why we were there; we would actually make a difference this week. We would touch lives in a way that we do not touch them in the U.S. We simply would do what we know to do, and that is give of our time and energy; showing our love and compassion to a people that are never complaining, but rather so very thankful, sending us blessings daily for our generosity. Yet little do they know that we are the ones that have been touched and healed, and moved. It is their simplified, unassuming, ever grateful hearts that



Their first morning after eye surgery

make us realize that our calling, that of taking care of others, is not for naught.

Through bouts of nausea, diarrhea, ingesting antibiotics, famotidine, and immodium, it was all worth it. I would do it again in a heart beat to have my heart melted by one more smile, one more hug, one more day to end with the knowledge that today, I made a difference.

That week we screened 78 children and 24 had surgery in Siguatepeque for crossed eyes. ●

Parent thank you

We send you this (it was a cake) to express that in our hearts we just have gratitude to you all for the quality medical attention that you have given our son, Eduardo Moises.

You have been God's angels that with his wisdom and his virtuous hands you have touched the lives of thousands of children in Honduras, improving their quality of life.

We can never thank you enough for everything you have done for our country.

God Bless your lives, families, and ministry.

— From the family of a child who had strabismus (crossed eyes) surgery in February.



Our 2019 strabismus team

Team members were:

Robert Bechtel MD
Wendy Read RN
Pat Kreibich RN
Dick Beinborn CRNA
Mat Dyer CRNA
Rose Silveira CRNA
Mary Casey RN
Jackie Schmidt ORT
Charlene Sauer NP
Jaque Maki RN
Karol Eckel RN
Neil Lucchese MD
Mary Dowling RN

The Newest Addition: Hernia Surgery

By Elijah Stairs

Throughout the years I had often heard of mission trips while working in healthcare. Colleagues and friends would often discuss missions they had been involved with, and I knew if ever given the opportunity I wanted that same experience they spoke so highly of.

That opportunity came in October of 2018 when I was working in Madison, WI. A co-worker and I were both discussing our love for travel and adventure. Her recent work on missions came up in conversation and I was instantly fascinated. Without hesitation she asked me if I would be interested in accompanying a pediatric hernia team on a mission to Honduras. This was a newly established team and I was told there was a need for one additional nurse to join the group. I was initially excited but deep down a little nervous. Those apprehensive feelings were swept clean from my memory as soon I met the other team members at SRW. I knew this was something I had to embark on.

The mission trip was an absolute success. Working with the staff and families at La Providencia was such a treat. Throughout the week we provided dozens of surgeries to children that truly needed our expertise and I felt so humbled to play an active role in their care. The mission gave me the feeling of togetherness that I hadn't felt in years, and I knew I was apart of something bigger than myself. Words can't describe the mission as a whole, but it was a life changing and eye opening experience. The people I met and the relationships formed will hold a place in my heart for eternity.

The team screened 33 patients and performed 18 surgeries in four days. ●



The newest team: hernia repair

Team members were:

Hau Le MD
 Taun Tony Nguyen MD
 Keon Young Park MD
 Kevin Janek MD
 Valerie Mok MD
 Rose Silveira CRNA
 Ric Choudoir ORT
 Joe Hilgers RN
 Robert Machotka RN
 Elijah Stairs RN
 Gary Haefer Biomed Eng.
 Mary Dowling RN
 Wendy Read RN



Ocular plastic team in January 2019

Team members were:
 Cat Burkat MD
 Erin Lembcke RN
 James Albrecht CRNA
 Rose Silveira CRNA
 Mary Beth Schneider CRNA
 Nathan Matthews MD
 Susan Powers RN

Keare Armenta RN
 Jo Lippitt RN
 Wendy Read RN
 Mary Dowling RN



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Meet Wendy

Wendy Read RN is a member of our SRW board, an experienced RN, mission team member and now will be the Leader of our Surgical Mission Teams. Wendy is committed to the mission of SRW to bring excellent medical care to all that we serve. Wish her the best in her new role!

Orthopedics Team, January 2019

"You're going to come back here in six weeks," Ken says for what feels like the hundredth time. The translator delivers the doctor's words. A father nods. "We'll take off the long-leg cast, fit your child with a brace, and put them in a short-leg cast."

That is the plan for most of the 36 children who had surgery by our SRW team in January in Siguatepeque, Honduras. Of course there is more to the story... much more... so please go to our SRW website to read the entire article by Heather Mann. (sharingresourcesworldwide.org) ●



He loves his new camo cast



Dr. Mann and crew work on little feet in January



25 patients require even more forms for braces

Sooo Many Feet!

Our pin and cast team always follows our January orthopedic team six weeks after the initial surgery. This year that was Feb. 23–26. Our seven-person team arrived at the clinic about 4pm and initially saw several patients waiting for us. The next day we really began our work as casts from 25 children were removed and forms taken for new foot/ankle braces and new casts applied for the remaining six weeks of treatment. Some children received anesthesia to make these changes. By the end of that final six weeks the braces will be ready and a new way of walking evident for the children we treated. In all 33 braces will have to be made. The company doing that was very helpful. This brace process is as important as the surgery. New position must be maintained to retrain the muscles and tendons in the correct position. These are not inexpensive and some will need to be changed as the child grows. SRW helps with the cost of the brace for those who cannot pay. Again thank you to our interpreters and PWM staff for making this three-day mission a huge success. ●

Participants were:
David Mann MD
Jessica Ebert CRNA
Jessica Hoffmaster CRNA
Elizabeth Shimon PA
Pat White RN
Cassie Kolstad PA
Wendy Read RN
Mary Dowling RN



So brave, walking his very best into the operating room



Pin and cast team in February

With Gratitude

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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

SRW's board, director, and medical team members will provide needed care and treatment internationally, while consistently demonstrating the following core values:

- Excellence
- Respect
- Compassion
- Accountability

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