

Medical Mission Trip A Rewarding Success

MANAGUA -- The medical team had a very rewarding mission trip in July. The team consisted of a physician, three nurse practitioners, and a physician assistant from Arizona, a medical assistant, several teenagers, and other helpful non-medical personnel. With God's guidance, we treated many people. We performed yearly physicals at 3 schools to the majority of 1500 students. We were able to treat the teachers as well as family of the students. Home visits were made to bring much needed medications to those who could not afford them.

The special needs children at Oscar's school not only received physicals, but developmental screening as well. Therapists were on hand to give the students' parents and teachers visual explanations of exercises that could be done to enhance the student's physical capabilities.

The medical team also had the privilege to serve the community of 18 de Mayo. Approximately 400 people were seen and treated. The physical difference between those children who were not attending school and those children we had seen at the schools, who have been given the advantage of food for the mind, soul, and body was striking.

Not only did the team dispense 25,000 vitamins to the children and community, we also dispensed 12 duffel bags full of medicine, medical supplies and treats to them. We were able to donate six duffel bags full of medical supplies to a local public Women & Children's hospital, as well

The most exciting news is that the medical board has found a physician to fill the position of health care provider for the schools. He has already begun seeing follow up patients. Some children now have greatly needed eyeglasses, which will help improve their school performance. The team will hopefully be able to coordinate with him on health education, medications needed, and follow-ups on future trips.

If God is calling you to serve in Nicaragua with a medical missions team, or if you would be

willing to serve on the NRN Medical Ministry Team, please contact Alison Sears at 317-580-9028(H) or 317-730-1305(M).

The Medical Ministry Team is an advisory group for NRN in the area of medical needs. We usually meet monthly, and we disparately need volunteers with energy, a love for Nicaragua, and fresh ideas to serve on our team.

-- Alison Sears



Photo Album from the Medical Missions Trip.



Clinics were set up at two locations: Hogar de Fe, and 18 de Mayo.

The clinic area at 18 de Mayo was set up in the church. Each provider had a table with supplies, an interpreter and numerous chairs. Typically, an entire family would be seen at a time. Privacy was at times, unfortunately, standing behind a simple sheet.



You can also see a picture of the "pharmacy." This was a very busy place where typically three or four people worked together to fill the medication needs.



Upper photos: 18 de Mayo



Bottom photos: Hogar de Fe.

