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Merry Christmas!

As the new year approaches, we often take this time to reflect on the past year and prepare for the upcoming year. I would like to take a moment and do the same. This year has been filled with growth, trials, perseverance, and firsts. Through it all I've seen God's mighty hand working through every detail, no matter how insignificant it might seem.

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2024 Wrap Up

In 2024 we held 4 surgical teams:

- 65 team members
- 2 new specialties: Podiatry & Pediatric Dental
- 55 minor procedures/consults
- 8 surgeons:
- 97 surgical procedures
- over 251 clinic hours
- 33 clinic days
- 3 patients accepted Christ!

Patient Story

A terrible fall changed this sweet lady's world in 2021, and she had surgery to repair her broken femur. Then in 2022, she fell out of bed while sleeping and broke her tibia and ankle (same leg) and had surgery for that. In 2023, she had the plate and screws removed from tibia due to pain. Unfortunately, her pain has gotten worse; she was told that she needed yet another procedure to have the femur hardware removed. We had to break the sad news to her that the hardware wasn't the problem, and we wouldn't be removing it. The pain she was dealing with was from her fall and age.

Noticing that her walker was old, rusty, and far too short, I went to check to see how many walkers we had. When our patient saw the new walker, she began to cry. This wasn't the solution we longed to give her, but she was able to stand up straight for the first time in a long time. She was so happy and thanked us all the way out the door.

*Patient image and story shared with consent.

Team Testimonial

"It was an absolute spiritual blessing to witness people that could easily rely on their own worth and abilities, set aside any ego, and trust fully in the plan that God, as the Great Physician, had for the week in routine and difficult situations."

-Bonnie, Surgical Technician

Final trip of 2024

November 1-9 marked our final trip of 2024. This amazing team of professionals provided surgical care to 34 patients; general, orthopedic, and dental. Of our 34 patients, 2 accepted Christ as their Savior!

| PRAYER REQUESTS & PRAISES

Praise God for the two souls saved on the last trip

Praise God for an amazing year

Pray for 2025 trip preparations (souls saved, supplies, monetary needs for clinic, team building, and safety)

Pray for Delta Cargo shipment in February

Pray for transition to Honduras

Patient with her new walker

November '24 Surgical Team

First Pediatric Dental Team



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Not only was it the biggest team we have ever had, but this team held our inaugural pediatric dental team. A pediatric dental team has been a dream of one of our anesthesiologists, Dr. Huntington, whose group works with a pediatric dental group in his area. Since we already had two surgeons, these ladies came not expecting much, only to see the surgical center and meet with Honduran dentists. Little did anyone know, they would end up evaluating over 40 children!! 33 of these children received cleanings and minor treatment. Several children needed more extensive work that would require anesthesia. Since there was OR time available, these ladies were able to provide care to 8 children under general anesthesia. We are praying we will be able to continue holding a dental pediatric surgical team each year.

Each team member is vital and helps the weeks to flow smoothly. Among our 22 team members was a very special couple, Steve and Mona James. Mona is a nurse and Steve is non-medical. Our nurse spots were filled, but Mona offered to help with breakfast and laundry during the week because they wanted to serve. Steve helped Mona with breakfast, but also helped clean and sterilize instruments and do some maintenance work. It is such a blessing to have team members like the James who are willing to fill in anywhere they can.

Exciting News!

I will be moving to Honduras in February 2025! This has been a dream since my first trip to Honduras in January 2017. The road to this point hasn't been easy. It has been filled with doubt, tears, and lots of prayer. But God is faithful and His time is perfect. I will continue to travel back to the states throughout the year to work on packing supplies, but the majority of my time will be in Honduras.

Please keep me in your prayers as I prepare to make this move. There is a possible housing option - please pray with me that God will make it clear if it's the right place. I know he will provide and has my best in mind. In addition to housing, furniture and appliances will need to be purchased in the near future, as well as other basic start-up items for the home. If you feel led to help in this transition, you can click on the "Support" link below and comment "Start up-funds". I am looking forward to finally calling Honduras home.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

Surgical team praying with patient before surgery



Ladies from church cooking lunch



Dental patients from a local children's home



Fall party with friends

