

### THE MEDICAL DOCTORS



These **Doctors of Medicine** and Surgery (Suany, Giezi, and Monica) from different medical specialties took 4 days off to help facilitate the medical clinic. In four days, they saw and treated 357 adults and children with various illnesses and ailments that ranged from respiratory infections, rheumatoid arthritis, stomach parasites, severe diarrhea, urinary tract infections, severe headaches, rashes, cuts, bug bites, even a crushed toenail that had to be surgically removed. Prescriptions were written and some follow-up referrals were provided for more serious cases. They explained the diagnosis and sent them to the pharmacy to fill their prescriptions.

And their faithful **assistant Patti**, who loved on the children. She calmed their fears, especially for the mothers of newborn babies. Oh, what a blessing and answered prayer to have medical doctors and assistant Patti available. I can see now why she made such a good Stephen Minister.

From Suany – one of the doctors: “For us, it has been a great a blessing for the people who attended and for the group of North Americans that GOD sent. Only God could have put together all of the pieces of the clinic to make a way to see and treat everyone that came”. Sounds like a song: Way maker, miracle worker, promise keeper!

THE PHARMACY AND READING GLASSES

	Seen	Prescriptions
Monday	125	213
Tuesday	80	102
Wednesday	55	128
Thursday	97	362
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>805</b>



A total of 357 patients were seen; 805 prescriptions were given out. That came out to about 6,500 doses of medicine. 4,627 for adults and 1,877 for children. The cost to get to a doctor consists of transportation, the visit, possibly a test, and the medicine. The doctors are in town about 10 miles away. A cab is about \$10 round trip, the visit is about \$25 and a test is about \$30, and the prescription is about \$25 for a total of \$90 on an average family salary of \$20-\$35 a day, or \$175 week. If you were to multiply it out, 357 patients for an average cost of \$90, that would be \$32,130. So, if there was no medical brigade, too many of these people would go untreated.

You all know the issues we had planning this trip. We started with 10 people, dropped to 4 and ended up with 6. Donna and Rhonda (our pharmacists) joined the team last week before the trip, and they did a stellar job working closely together managing the pharmacy. It's not as easy as it looks. I cannot begin to tell you how many prayers were answered and how many miracles this represents.

In addition, Linda and Warren tested 173 people and provided 157 pairs of reading glasses. One gentleman who came to the clinic on horseback from the mountain community in 2012 and received a 1.0 pair of readers, came back and was able to trade them in on a 3.5 pair of readers.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



**What was accomplished** in four 2-hour sessions of Bible School? Well, over 300 children and adults, some maybe twice, heard the Gospel story – God’s Plan for Us. We started VBS by **playing games** such as tossing water balloons, doing the soccer ball waddle, and having relay races with a container of water over our heads. Next, **Patti led** the children in the Gospel story that had 5 main points. God Reigns, We Sinned, God Provided, Jesus Gives, and We Respond. The children were very attentive and asked good questions. Following the story, they made hand **painted posters of the cross**, made crosses with **tongue depressors**, bottle cap kids, and colored pages that referenced the story. After that, they received a snack of cookies and juice.

## THE REST OF THE STORY

## HONDURAS MIRACLES

I could tell you so much more about the wonderful meals the ladies cooked over an open fire, served us on their best China plates, and washed dishes on the water cistern. I could tell you about the amazing worship, singing and testimonies we experienced. I could tell you how one of our own got sick and by the power of group prayer was healed to be able to travel home. I could tell you about the enlightening devotions that were given by the team members. I could tell you how they crowned us king and queen at a worship service. And I could tell you about old friendship renewed, and new friendships made. From my perspective, a mission trip is so much more about making lasting relationships than what we did. I could tell you so much more, but I encourage you to talk to **Pastor Fidel, Warren, Patti, Rhonda, Linda, Brian, or Donna about their experiences.**



Also, Pastor Fidel and Chely will come by Perry next Monday and they would love to meet you at Rhonda' house from 5-7PM Monday the 18<sup>th</sup>. Look for details and directions to Rhonda's his week.

We plan on sponsoring 100 children to attend school next year and are planning to return to Honduras the first full week in February 3<sup>rd</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> of 2024. More about that in late October. Thank you all so much for your fervent prayers and financial support and thank you for allowing me to make this presentation.