

2024 Impact

Redención
Misión Bautista Independiente
En quien venimos, redención por su sangre
el perdón de pecados según la riqueza de su gracia



Mission Stats



12

LOCAL MEDIA
OPPORTUNITIES TO
SHARE THE MISSION



20

LOCAL CHURCH
PARTNERSHIPS



24

LANGUAGES
SPOKEN

4,199

DECISIONS FOR
CHRIST

Travel Stats



12

COUNTRIES VISITED



20

TEAMS MOBILIZED



24

HOTELS BOOKED*

*A total of 374 hotel rooms!

622,345

MILES TRAVELED
BY STAFF



Clinic Stats

796.5

CLINIC HOURS

862

TEETH EXTRACTED

660

TEAM
MEMBERS

13,733

PAIRS OF GLASSES FITTED

97

MINOR SURGERIES COMPLETED

25,981

PATIENTS
TREATED



2024 at a Glance

Click on a trip below for a more detailed report of our mission there!



■ COUNTRIES VISITED

SAN JOSE DEL MONTE
PHILIPPINES
January 18-27

SANTA BARBARA
HONDURAS
JUNE 14 - JUNE 22

BUCARAMANGA
COLOMBIA
AUGUST 22-31

NANYUKI
KENYA
MARCH 21-30

EL PROGRESO SOUTH
HONDURAS
JUNE 21 - JUNE 29

SANTIAGO
CHILE
SEPTEMBER 5-14

LA ROMANA
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
APRIL 5-13

TELA
HONDURAS
JUNE 21 - JUNE 29

ST. LOUIS
SENEGAL
SEPTEMBER 25 - OCTOBER 5

LIMA
PERU
MAY 29 - JUNE 8

RETALHULEU
GUATEMALA
JULY 5-13

BINGERVILLE
IVORY COAST
OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 2

EL PROGRESO NORTH
HONDURAS
MAY 31 - JUNE 8

JINOTEPE
NICARAGUA
JULY 19-27

SANTA RITA
HONDURAS
JUNE 7 - JUNE 15

BLANTYRE
MALAWI
AUGUST 8-17

EL PROGRESO, HONDURAS
**REARICK SURGICAL
CENTER**
MARCH 1-9
APRIL 5-13
SEPTEMBER 6-14
NOVEMBER 1-9

Medical



Optical



Dental



Physical Therapy



Soul Care



Surgical



Trip Reports

"When faced with the reality that some people have so little, I was reminded again that God is always good no matter the circumstances. God is the same good God all across the world."

JANNA, RN
Malawi Volunteer



TRIP REPORT

Lagro, Philippines

January 2024

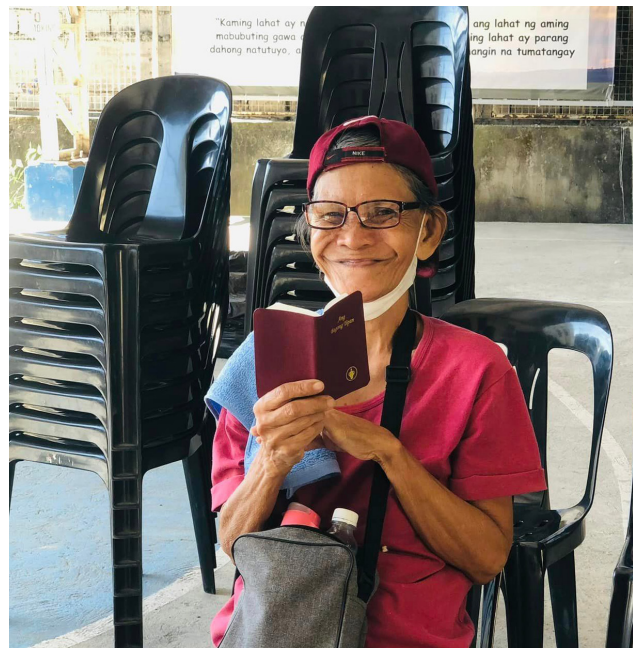
Host: Carl and Michelle Gormley,
Edgar and Miriam Robes
Hope Baptist Church,
Calvary Baptist Church
Services Offered: Optical

Team Members: 18

Patients Seen: 1007

Decisions for Christ: 662

A last-minute change of host church due to administration changes at the original one was unforeseen by our team but clearly ordained of the Lord. We were thankful for the team members' flexibility and understanding as we worked through changes, and the Lord blessed us with a remarkable week. Multiple return patients from previous clinics were an encouragement, as was the young man our staff member Jordyn was able to assist on the final clinic day. The number of medical professionals who signed up to serve on an optical team was unusual, but they enjoyed serving in a different capacity.





TRIP REPORT

Rearick Surgical Center El Progreso, Honduras

March 2024

Host: Matt and Dallita Goins

Beacon Baptist Church

Services Offered: General Surgery

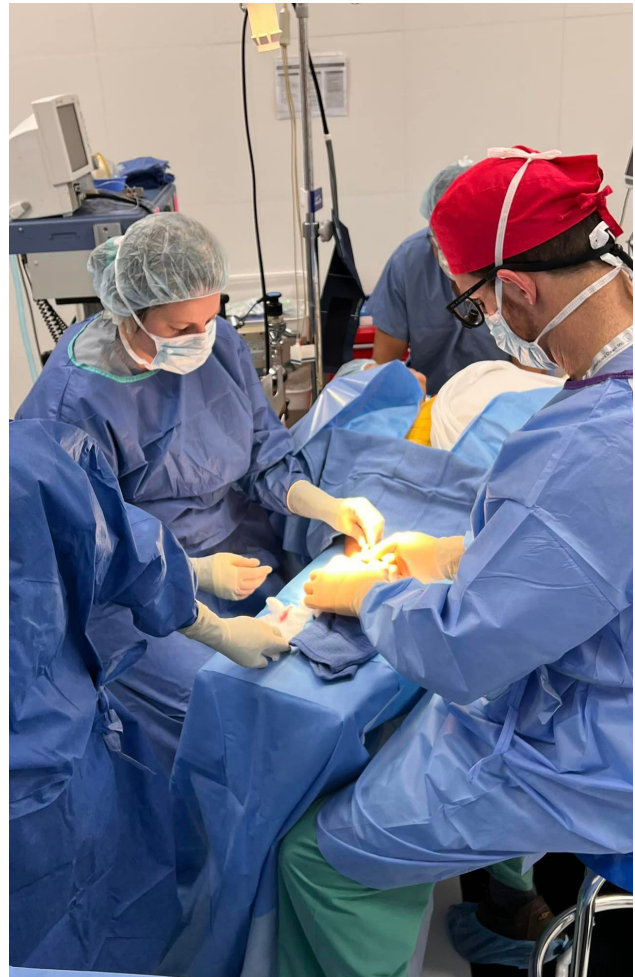
Team Members: 12

Patients Seen: 24

Procedures: 16

Decisions for Christ: Unknown

This surgical team will be remembered for their hard-working, quiet spirits. Although it was a smaller team than usual, we had incredibly capable providers and support staff that made the process run very smoothly. When some equipment failed, we were able to formulate a new plan with backup equipment and ensure that the patients received care. There were multiple opportunities to share the gospel with not only the patients themselves, but also some local volunteers who provided support services.





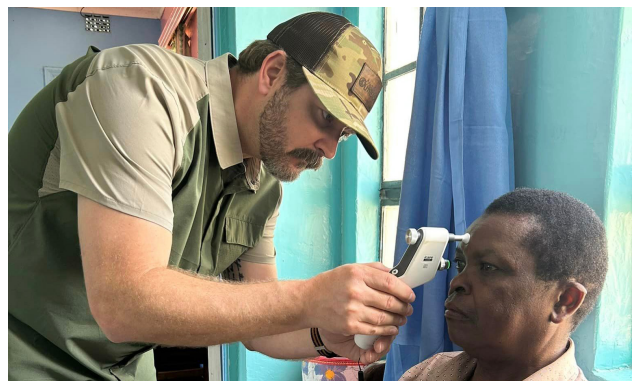
TRIP REPORT

Nanyuki, Kenya

March 2024
Host: Onesimus Kibera
Mt. Kenya Baptist Church
Services Offered: Medical and Optical

Team Members: 51
Patients Seen: 2375
Decisions for Christ: 128

Our first return trip to Kenya in several years was an exciting one! We had a wonderful mix of seasoned team members who came to serve with friends and coworkers along with a group of high school students local to our headquarters in Georgia. A highlight of this trip was the unexpected opportunity for one of our women's health practitioners to work alongside Kenyan providers in a mobile clinic provided by the Kenyan government. The team had high morale and worked together to tackle whatever was thrown at them, including multiple emergent situations. We loved sharing tea and meals with local church staff and members all week. We did run low on many supplies due to the pressing needs we saw, but we were thankful to be able to give away so much.





TRIP REPORT

Rearick Surgical Center El Progreso, Honduras

April 2024

Host: Matt and Dallita Goins

Beacon Baptist Church

Services Offered: Podiatric Surgery

Team Members: 14

Patients Seen: 21

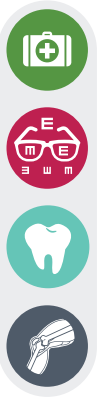
Surgical Procedures: 14

Decisions for Christ: 1



Our very first podiatry team served powerfully to improve life for the patients sent their way by the local government hospital. They debrided wounds, performed skin grafts, removed hardware, released tendons, removed cysts, and performed several other procedures to improve mobility and decrease pain. We were reminded of Jesus humbly washing His disciples feet as we worked, loving that we got a chance to serve like He did.





TRIP REPORT

La Romana, Dominican Republic

April 2024

Host: Ramón and Ludis Castro

La Romana Baptist Church

**Services Offered: Medical, Optical,
Dental, and Physical Therapy**

Team Members: 54

Patients Seen: 1557

Decisions for Christ: Unknown

After two years, we returned to this special church with the common goal of pointing the community to the Great Physician once again. Immense church growth had taken place in our absence, and Pastor Ramón was very eager to serve together. Dental and optical care were in extremely high demand, as these services would have cost most of our patients more than a month's wages. Their health had been long neglected due to this lack of resources. Our team was accompanied by many church members and even people from other nearby ministries who were eager to be a part of meeting these needs and share the gospel message.





TRIP REPORT

Lima, Peru

May 2024

Host: Giorgio and Janna Romani,
Beto Gallardo

Manantial Baptist Church and
MADEL Ministries

Services Offered: Medical and Optical

Team Members: 42

Patients Seen: 2861

Decisions for Christ: 658

Our return to serve in Lima this year meant very long hours to serve in the community of Manchay, battling traffic in the capital city each day with early morning departures and late nights, but the extra effort was well worth it. Some special moments included praying with a patient separated from a spouse for 10 years because of working abroad, a 16 year-old with extreme vision needs that were met through a special offering for custom glasses, and a cardiac patient whose care was coordinated through our local church host. When we served here previously, churches from the central part of Lima had sent many volunteers, but this year the Manchay church had grown enough to supply the majority of the local volunteers needed, which was a blessing to witness.





TRIP REPORT

El Progreso (North), Honduras

June 2024

Host: Team Honduras

Iglesia Bautista El Faro

Services Offered: Medical, Optical, Physical Therapy, and Soul Care

Team Members: 44

Patients Seen: 1886

Decisions for Christ: 51

Our most intense tropical heat of the year and multiple power outages meant that this tough team served in uncomfortable conditions, but the needs our patients brought us made it clear that any personal sacrifices we had made were small in comparison. What an honor it was to serve them! Our soul care team dealt with some particularly desperate cases and provided not only immediate help but also resources for continued care. This church is particularly burdened to serve people experiencing grief and loss, and we look forward to seeing them continue to care for these patients as part of regular ministry. We also were able to assist in the care of a 6 month old who needed eye surgery along with several other surgical candidates to be seen at the Rearick.



TRIP REPORT

Santa Rita, Honduras

June 2024

Host: LeRoy and Amber Rolston

Hope Baptist Church

Services Offered: Medical, Optical,
Dental, and Physical Therapy

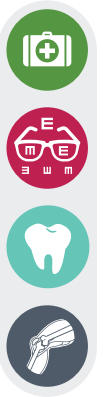
Team Members: 64

Patients Seen: 1829

Decisions for Christ: 105

This big team faced big challenges but God showed Himself to be powerful in the face of difficulty. The acuity of the medical clinic was high. We were able to stabilize one woman with dengue fever who was later admitted to the local hospital; we also escalated care for a baby who arrived at the clinic after ingesting bleach. One of our nurses was also an LPC, and she was able to provide one-on-one counseling sessions to many struggling with suicidal ideations and depression in collaboration with the pastor and his wife.

The gospel was shared joyfully by church members this week, and it was an encouragement to see each individual receive a gospel presentation catered to their age: picture illustrations for children, women with women, and men with men. It was also an encouragement to see the care taken in investing in the next generation of pastoral interns and students by the Rolstons and their church. The church was passionate about serving their community physically and spiritually.





TRIP REPORT

Santa Barbara, Honduras

June 2024

Host: Alex and Yadira Reyes

Truth Baptist Church

Services Offered: Medical and Optical

Team Members: 19

Patients Seen: 1170

Decisions for Christ: 25

A smaller team served in a smaller town setting, but the results were huge. When we were in Santa Barbara just last October there were no walls in this church, but now we saw them in place. Our team took up a collection for the windows and doors, getting them one step closer to completion and making the worship service atmosphere more pleasant for them. One church member, Paulina, shared that she had been praying for her son's salvation and the Lord answered that prayer through this team. A gentleman found our team on the way out of town at the end of the week and proudly showed us his new glasses, explaining how they had changed his daily life. We are thankful that while daily life was improved for many, eternal life was given through Jesus Christ as well.





TRIP REPORT

El Progreso (South), Honduras

June 2024

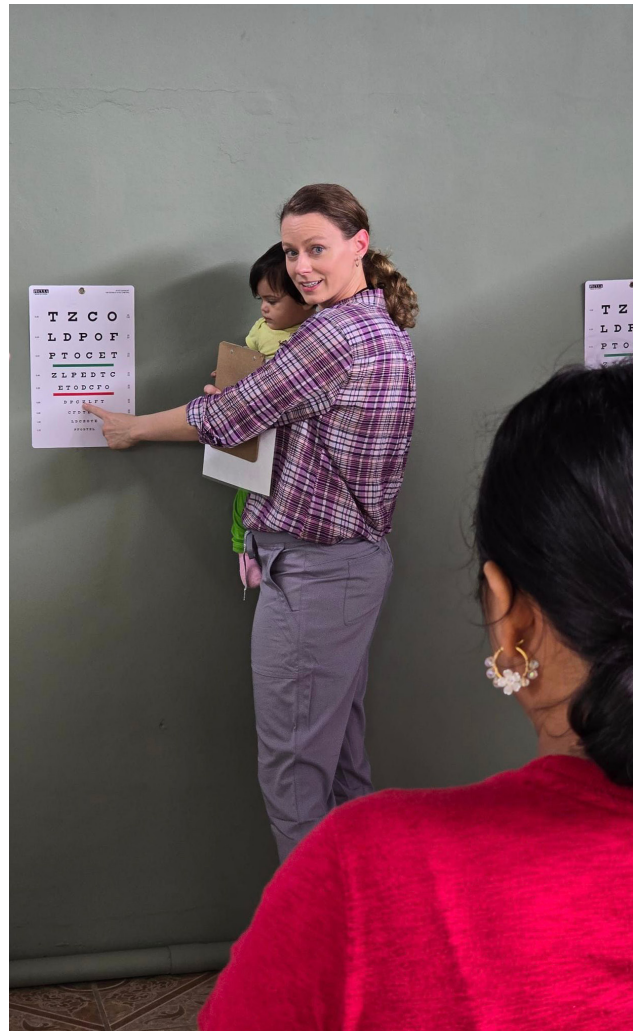
Host: Daniel and Karen Pineda
Grace and Truth Baptist Church
Services Offered: Optical

Team Members: 12

Patients Seen: 884

Decisions for Christ: 23

Our host, Daniel Pineda, just planted this church last November and his members were eager to host their own clinic to help introduce themselves to the community on the opposite side of the city from their mother church, Beacon Baptist. The clinic was held at the church site and was a great fit for this smaller team. Pastor Daniel has limited English, but was an excellent first-time host: aware of needs in clinic, helping continually, and ensuring the gospel was shared. A local optometrist brought his floor-model autorefractor for us to use, making that station a particularly effective one. One team member shared that he was able to give glasses with a large prescription to a 19 year-old, who was then able to go from 20/100 to 20/20. Most exciting was the spiritual sight that was gained by those who chose to accept the gift of eternal life at a church that didn't exist just one year ago. We look forward to returning here and seeing the Lord grow His church.



TRIP REPORT

Tela, Honduras

June 2024

Host: Axil and Aida Urbina

Redemption Baptist Church

Services Offered: Medical, Optical,
Physical Therapy, and Soul Care

Team Members: 45

Patients Seen: 998

Decisions for Christ: 1

This national pastor and his family are a light in the city of Tela. We thoroughly enjoyed our first chance to serve here and get a glimpse of how the Lord has used their decades of faithfulness and burden to see souls saved. We were able to serve two days at their main church location and then one day each at church plants in other areas. A special moment of the week was while waiting for dinner at the hotel, one of our team members, Alondra, was able to lead a patient seen in the clinic earlier that day to Christ.



TRIP REPORT

Retalhuleu, Guatemala

July 2024

Host: Robin and Mariela Cifuentes

Retalhuleu Baptist Church

Services Offered: Medical, Optical,
and Dental

Team Members: 41

Patients Seen: 1744

Decisions for Christ: 700

This energetic team went above the call of duty to tackle challenges, and we saw the Lord use their spirit to bless in great ways. Getting all of our luggage to this location was a logistical challenge, but many team members came out of security in Atlanta to check a second bag in their name, enabling all 22 pieces to arrive safely. This spirit continued throughout the week as they refilled waters, shared snacks, helped set up tables and chairs, and did any other task they saw with a willing spirit. Mudslides and accidents made the travel time much longer than expected, but the journey was worth it to be able to serve.

It was exciting to see a patient turn around and tell one of our runners that they accepted Christ as their Savior. Also, there was a 12 year-old girl working in the evangelism area, sharing Jesus with whoever came next despite her young age. Her boldness for Christ left an imprint on our hearts.



TRIP REPORT

Jinotepe, Nicaragua

July 2024

Host: Pastor Jaron and Nicky Rogers

Grace of God Baptist Church and

Renew Nicaragua

**Services Offered: Medical, Optical,
Dental, and Physical Therapy**

Team Members: 39

Patients Seen: 1828

Decisions for Christ: Unknown

We do not have a count of those that made a profession of faith this week, but we know that all patients heard the gospel and received compassionate and ethical medical care. This ministry was passionate about building relationships in their community and used our medical clinic to accomplish that goal. Pastor Jaron sat in the library of the school that hosted our clinic and counseled many patients through the burdens they carried. We were able to leave reading glasses with the church, and he shared that it was a huge blessing because it was easier for them to provide readers than to obtain large-print Bibles. It was a blessing to see the heart this family had for the people of Nicaragua.





TRIP REPORT

Blantyre, Malawi

August 2024

Host: Navigator and Jennifer Gome
Good Samaritan Baptist Church,
Thuchura Baptist Church, Nanguluwe
Baptist Church, and Poya Baptist Church
Services Offered: Medical, Optical,
and Physical Therapy

Team Members: 43

Patients Seen: 2667

Decisions for Christ: 900

Our team was excited to be able to serve in Malawi after seeing the reports from the team that went in 2022. We were met with smiles from the children's home that instantly warmed our hearts. We enjoyed watching the stampede of yellow Crocs chasing soccer balls brought by the team. We were also able to bless this ministry with clothing, formula, socks, school supplies, and toys. We left knowing that these children were being cared for, educated, fed, and had adequate shelter. We also had the opportunity to work in surrounding villages where the needs were even more apparent. The passion these churches have for ministering to the people of their communities is evident; they circled up small groups of patients and preached the Word of God to them as if it were their only chance to hear the good news. We left each village with children chasing our dust clouds and our lives changed.





TRIP REPORT

Bucaramanga, Colombia

August 2024

Host: Aaron and Aubrie Vance

Agape Baptist Church

Services offered: Optical

Team members: 16

Patients seen: 1036

Decisions for Christ: 156

So much prayer went into a successful Customs release of our eyeglasses after having had so much trouble last year, and those prayers were answered by a smooth experience this time. This host church's burden to serve is obvious, as evidenced by the overwhelming flood of volunteers who worked alongside our team. They even had a digital system for patient registration to ease the flow and ensure we saw as many as possible. Their excellence is a testimony of their desire to please the Lord in the details, and we loved being able to watch and learn from them as we worked together again this year.





TRIP REPORT

Rearick Surgical Center El Progreso, Honduras

September 2024

Host: Matt and Dallita Goins

Beacon Baptist Church

Services Offered: General and
Gynecologic Surgery

Team Members: 18

Patients Seen: 32

Surgical Procedures: 14

Decisions for Christ: 1



The patients we saw this week were all-around beautiful souls who had experienced much pain, suffering, and frustration in their lives. They inspired us with their resilience and desire to be a part of the work being done here. For example, one of our patients celebrated her birthday on Tuesday, spent the night as a patient caregiver for a woman who had a hysterectomy that day, then had her own procedure done on Thursday. She was a giver, and we were humbled to see the way she loved well but also needed help herself. Some of the best moments of the week came when we shared about what the Lord was teaching us through various hardships and how we were growing in His Word. We are thankful to be able to provide surgical care in a place where the Great Physician's touch is everywhere you look.





TRIP REPORT

Santiago, Chile

September 2024

Host: Jason and Lori Holt

Cross Baptist Church

Services Offered: Optical

Team Members: 21

Patients Seen: 1305

Decisions for Christ: 432

This church partnered with us to show love for the underserved in immigrant populations, a command the Lord emphasizes in His Word. The capable and enthusiastic church volunteers made it clear that they loved the gospel and they loved their community. When we attended their midweek service on Thursday evening, we were thrilled to see multiple first-time visitors who had come through our clinic earlier in the week. We pray that the body of Christ in Santiago continues to flourish in the weeks and months to come.





TRIP REPORT

St. Louis, Senegal

October 2024

Host: Josh and Julie Meade,
Pastor Malik Diop

Living Hope Baptist Church

Services Offered: Medical, Optical,
and Physical Therapy

Team Members: 42

Patients Seen: 1591

Decisions for Christ: Unknown

This trip was fraught with hardships: an unexpected yet hefty fine in Customs, traveler's sickness, cultural differences, and extreme heat. However, the Lord's presence was evident as we received all of our supplies, served efficiently, saw the gospel proclaimed by His church, and worshipped in a beautifully blended service in three languages. A local Islamic religious leader attended the clinic and let the pastor know that he listens to his online teaching. The Jesus film was shown to all patients in attendance. For many, this was the first time they had heard of Christ. God is at work in difficult places, and those are the places we want to be. Though it wasn't an easy trip, it was a rewarding one in so many ways and we look forward to serving in Senegal again.





TRIP REPORT

Bingerville, Ivory Coast

November 2024

**Host: Bob and Becky Mach,
Kristine McLaughlin
Bingerville Baptist Church
Services Offered: Medical, Dental,
Physical Therapy, and Public Health
Education**

Team Members: 41

Patients Seen: 1236

Decisions for Christ: 355

The local church is alive and well in not only Bingerville, but also in the villages where we worked. Seeing a nurse practitioner who lives and works here serve her people with such tenderness felt sacred. Our team adapted well to changes when we received word that we could not hold our optical clinic due to a local government clinic wanting to be the sole provider in this area. We worked with our NP host to plan a patient education station that covered basic public health instruction that would be valuable in this area and contribute to overall health through prevention. This also meant an opportunity for increased engagement, as patients seemed to enjoy the interaction while they waited to be seen by a provider for their individual consult. Our dental team tackled some critical cases, removing an abscessed tooth from one young man on the verge of sepsis. Kristine our NP felt that he would not have survived much



longer without this intervention. Our team also funded a gift bag containing personal hygiene items that were distributed by our local church evangelism team. The patients happily received these items and listened intently as the gospel was shared. It was clear that they understood that they were cared for.



TRIP REPORT

Rearick Surgical Center El Progreso, Honduras

November 2024

Host: Pastor Matt Goins

Beacon Baptist Church

Services Offered: General, Orthopedic,
and Dental Surgery

Team Members: 23

Patient's Seen: 80

Surgical Procedures

(General and Orthopedic): 34

Dental Procedures: 33

Decisions for Christ: 2

Our largest surgical team to date provided care for a wide variety of cases ranging from laparoscopic cholecystectomies, hernia repair, hardware removal, ACL repair, carpal tunnel releases, tooth extractions, fillings, and a silver crown. This was our first team offering dental surgeries, and although they viewed this trip as somewhat of a survey experience to find out what could be accomplished, they actually were able to serve in a powerful way for patients who lacked access to care. So much pain was alleviated. Best of all, gospel conversations flowed throughout the week and echoed off the walls. We know of two whose journey with Jesus began here and we believe more will come.





A VISION FOR

2025

Since 2005, it has been our mission to use ethical medical care to introduce people to a Savior who loves them. When we set out on this journey almost twenty years ago, we began to see God work in so many ways. With each passing year, the number of people who understand that mission and the number of people served has increased. Our original focus of gospel-centric, local church centric care has remained the same.

Thanks to 660 team members in 2024, the gospel of Jesus was introduced to 25,981 patients! There is far more to do, and we cannot do it alone. Join us as we enter our 20th year and continue Pointing Others to the Great Physician.

