



Medical Missions  
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2021

# *Impact*

## **Report**



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# Impact Report



**12 Countries**



**17 Trips**



**437 Team members**



**16,938 Patients**



**2,900+ Decisions to trust Christ**



**26 Churches helped**

*Thanks to MMO, our churches in Colombia have all grown, both numerically and spiritually. Many people are now believers, and many new believers have discovered the joy of serving the community and demonstrating the love of Christ in a tangible way.”* **Pastor Aaron Vance**



# TRIP REPORTS



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# San Miguel El Salvador

Our very first trip since the start of the global pandemic was a challenging one! Our team tackled the problem of a new plan for patient flow to lower risk for everyone...in five separate locations! This gave us the unique opportunity to address challenges presented in various sites and bonded this brave group who dared to travel during a time filled with doubt and questions. It was truly a beautiful answer to months and months of praying to be able to serve overseas.

**January 2021**

**Host: Pastor Roberto Nieto  
The Baptist Tabernacle Church**

<b>Team Members:</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Services Offered:</b>	<b>medical optical</b>
<b>Patients Seen:</b>	<b>933</b>
<b>Decisions for Christ:</b>	<b>201</b>



TRIP REPORT

# Inaugural RSC Team Honduras

We never dreamed that it would take so long, require so much, or become so difficult to open the doors to the Rearick Surgical Center. But when we were finally able to do so, it was worth every bit of it. There were challenges with equipment, procedures, supplies, and systems. We all walked away with long lists for improvement. But every single patient was loved, cared for, and given dignity in their pain. Each one was ministered to, surrounded by their family and a local church with a heart to reach them. This historical trip was one of the highlights of our year, and it was such a privilege to serve here.

**January 2021**

**Host: Jason and Sarah Frazer**

**Iglesia Bautista El Faro**

<b>Team Members:</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Services Offered:</b>	<b>general surgery</b>
<b>Patients Seen:</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Procedures:</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Decisions for Christ:</b>	<b>TBD</b>



A man in dark blue scrubs and a light blue surgical cap is sitting on a hospital bed. He is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile. The room is brightly lit by large windows in the background, creating a warm, golden glow. There are other hospital beds visible in the background, some with white linens. The overall atmosphere is professional yet welcoming.

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*I felt like the staff worked incredibly hard to make this trip successful. I was very impressed with how smoothly the trip went, even with its share of bumps. This is the way any organization should run and function — a great way to build bridges to reach people for Christ.*

**Luke, RN**

**Inaugural Rearick Surgical Center Team**



## TRIP REPORT

# Cojutepeque El Salvador

This was the first trip location change due to the pandemic (originally Panama, changed 6 weeks before departure). Pastor Adam did an incredible job executing clinic organization while respecting COVID guidelines in his area. He put a QR code on handouts to give patients access to an online registration system. This method helped control the number of people coming to the high-in-demand optical clinic each day and make social distancing possible where patients on the medical side were being cleared. Many patients at this particular location shared struggles with depression associated with the pandemic and its corresponding challenges. It was a sacred privilege to offer help in a desperate time.

**April 2021**

**Host: Adam and Esther Fridenstine  
Emmanuel Baptist Church**

<b>Team Members:</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Services Offered:</b>	<b>medical optical</b>
<b>Patients Seen:</b>	<b>1080</b>
<b>Decisions for Christ:</b>	<b>126</b>



TRIP REPORT

# Aiyinasi Ghana

This public health team was recruited and organized by Dr. Amy Hicks of Bob Jones University and attended by Dr. Kadio Bernard, whom we have worked with in the Ivory Coast. The children of this church's school were screened and evaluated for malnutrition. The data that was collected by this team will be used to create interventions to improve the overall health of the children in this village. One focus of this team was malaria screening, diagnosing (by Dr. Kadio), prevention (through education), and treatment.

**May 2021**

**Host: Rebecca Walker**

**Tabernacle Independent Baptist Church**

<b>Team Members:</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Services Offered:</b>	<b>public health research and education, medical</b>
<b>Patients Seen:</b>	<b>275</b>
<b>Decisions for Christ:</b>	<b>none known</b>



TRIP REPORT

# Santo Domingo Dominican Republic

This was the second trip location change due to the pandemic (originally Dominica). The clinic was held at a Christian school in Belén, a location where the host church had the goal of a church plant from follow-up from this clinic. Our first dental team to serve since the start of the pandemic was an exceptional blessing to this community, and they stayed very busy. Translators and evangelism workers were in low numbers, possibly due to the pandemic. Help was recruited from other MMO contacts on the island.

**May 2021**

**Host: Pastors Pedro Da Cunha and Yadin Rodriguez**  
**Christian Baptist Church**

<b>Team Members:</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Services Offered:</b>	<b>medical optical dental</b>
<b>Patients Seen:</b>	<b>906</b>
<b>Decisions for Christ:</b>	<b>56</b>



TRIP REPORT

# Arequipa Peru

Despite a rough start due to team members testing positive for COVID or not receiving their results in time for their flight, this team was able to address the needs of several memorable cases during the week. A 6 year-old boy with severely crossed eyes needed glasses not only for reading, but for overall mobility. We were able to coordinate with the missionary to fund the purchase of these specialty glasses. A 12 year-old girl arrived with her mother to address the issue of incontinence. We eventually learned the heart-breaking story of her sexual abuse. Both daughter and mom received initial counseling and were referred for continued counseling and support, coordinating efforts with one of the national pastors in their neighborhood.

We had an exciting first on this trip! Team members Levi Springfield and Kaelyn Dunham of Missouri got engaged at the end of our white water rafting adventure on Friday, making this the ultimate fun day!

**June 2021**

**Host: David and Katie Gardner, Kason and Bethany Bloom  
Omega Baptist Church**

<b>Team Members:</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>Services Offered:</b>	<b>medical optical</b>
<b>Patients Seen:</b>	<b>1034</b>
<b>Decisions for Christ:</b>	<b>118</b>



## TRIP REPORT

# Morogoro Tanzania

We encountered our third trip change when it became apparent that we would not be able to get into Kenya this year. Thankfully, long-time host Jerry Wyatt agreed to host a second team this year (he was already scheduled for August). The June team was very strong on the optical side (3 doctors of optometry), one of whom was able to diagnose several cases of glaucoma, directing patients in proper treatment to delay the terrible effects of this disease.

Tanzania's recognition of COVID-19 (or lack thereof!) was a first for us. The other countries we had visited up until this point had stricter guidelines than most of the US, but Tanzania was much more lax. We stuck to our protocols in order to keep our team and patients safe, but it was a situation that required careful thought and cultural intelligence.

### June 2021

**Host: Jerry and Rachel Wyatt, Montana  
and Kelly Marrow  
Faith Baptist Church**

<b>Team Members:</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Services Offered:</b>	<b>medical optical physical therapy</b>
<b>Patients Seen:</b>	<b>1744</b>
<b>Decisions for Christ:</b>	<b>693</b>



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*He showed me how vital each part of the body is in accomplishing His work. Every one of our vision team members owned their roles which allowed us to be more efficient than ever and see a lot of patients in three and a half days.*

Loni, Optometrist

**June Tanzania Team**

TRIP REPORT

# Bucaramanga Colombia

Trip change number 4 was from Chile (who remained very closed to visitors all summer) to a first-time MMO trip to Colombia and new host Aaron Vance. This small team saw enormous demand for optical care, and the church's careful attention to sharing the gospel by taking time with each patient was exceptional. Two first-time team members had taken optical classes at a career school in order to be able to serve more effectively.

**June 2021**

**Host: Aaron and Aubrey Vance  
Agape Baptist Church**

<b>Team Members:</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Services Offered:</b>	<b>optical</b>
<b>Patients Seen:</b>	<b>927</b>
<b>Decisions for Christ:</b>	<b>310</b>



TRIP REPORT

# El Progreso Honduras (includes RSC Team 2)

Our largest team of the summer visited long-time ministry partners Team Honduras, where MMO has served since 2006. Each team's ability to meet various needs is strengthened significantly by the presence of the RSC. Not only were surgical procedures performed, but also physical therapy patients were given wheelchairs, canes, and walkers from containers that had been shipped there. The missionaries planned a special 4th of July celebration for this team, including fireworks on Sunday evening. It was a wonderful way to thank God for His faithfulness to us and remind us how much we have been given in order to bless others.

**July 2021**

**Host: Matt and Dallita Goins, Jason and Sarah Frazer**

**Iglesia Bautista El Faro**

<b>Team Members:</b>	<b>66</b>
<b>Services Offered:</b>	<b>medical, physical therapy, optical, surgical</b>
<b>Patients Seen:</b>	<b>2751</b>
<b>Surgical Procedures:</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Decisions for Christ:</b>	<b>195</b>



## TRIP REPORT

# Santa Cruz Bolivia

One of our most popular trips launched in June of 2020 was to Cusco, Peru; travel restrictions to this area resulted in the fifth trip change for the year. This unforeseen obstacle resulted in a blessing; first time country and hosts in Santa Cruz were exceptional to work with, and we now have plans to continue to serve in this area regularly.

### July 2021

**Host: Pastor Adalid and Cira Pardo;  
missionary Robert Murray  
Gethsemane Fundamental Missionary  
Baptist Church**

<b>Team Members:</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Services Offered:</b>	<b>medical</b>
<b>Patients Seen:</b>	<b>1071</b>
<b>Decisions for Christ:</b>	<b>507</b>



TRIP REPORT

# Matagalpa Nicaragua

We were honored to join the congregation of this church plant in their first service in a brand-new building. We were thankful for the roof over our heads all week, as heavy rains on a muddy mountain made clinic challenging. Our patients were incredibly grateful for the help. Most shared that they had not received medical care for 3-4 years. Nicaragua had experienced major civil unrest even before the pandemic began, and there were government curfews and restrictions that had begun to affect them long before the rest of the world experienced such. Some of our memorable patients this week included a baby with hydrocephalus and a missionary wife with previously undiagnosed chronic health concerns.

**July 2021**

**Host: Pastor Wilfredo Alvarado and Richard Ramos of Project 14 Promised Land Baptist Church**

<b>Team Members:</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Services Offered:</b>	<b>medical optical</b>
<b>Patients Seen:</b>	<b>1216</b>
<b>Decisions for Christ:</b>	<b>135</b>



TRIP REPORT

# Puerto Ayora, Gálapagos Islands, Ecuador

Our first trip to the Galápagos Islands was met with perhaps the warmest reception from community leaders in our recent history. The pandemic had wreaked havoc on an economy that revolves around tourism; with so many unable to afford even basic healthcare, many providers had moved to the mainland to practice, leaving the island underserved and undersupplied. The mayor and his wife, police department, and fire department all found ways to contribute to lessening costs and providing staffing to make our clinic better. This very small church did not have enough volunteers to provide one-on-one evangelism for patients (which is always preferable), but they did share the gospel with the patients in groups, ensuring that each heard the message.

**July 2021**

**Host: Pastor Franco Loyola**

**Faith Baptist Church**

<b>Team Members:</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>Services Offered:</b>	<b>medical optical dental</b>
<b>Patients Seen:</b>	<b>2194</b>
<b>Decisions for Christ:</b>	<b>unknown</b>



“Overall how would you rate your trip?”



**Cathy, Triage**  
**Galapagos Islands, Ecuador 2021**



TRIP REPORT

# Morogoro Tanzania

Our second trip to Morogoro this summer was also full of blessings—several patients who were saved during the June clinic served alongside our team members on this trip! We do not always get to witness the fruit of evangelism on our trips so quickly, and we were thankful for the front-row seat to all God had done through that first team. Board member David Hurst led the providers on this team, and he was able to identify a baby with a heart condition who was in the perfect time window to receive surgery. A team member anonymously funded this surgery, which took place months after our departure. A severely malnourished baby of an HIV-positive mother was identified and taken to a feeding center. The church continues to be involved in her care.

**August 2021**

**Host: Jerry and Rachel Wyatt  
Faith Baptist Church**

<b>Team Members:</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>Services Offered:</b>	<b>medical optical</b>
<b>Patients Seen:</b>	<b>1818</b>
<b>Decisions for Christ:</b>	<b>573</b>



TRIP REPORT

# Sighetu Marmatiei Romania

This trip presented one of the most unexpected hurdles of the year; four days before departure, the Romanian government raised the alert for travelers from the US, requiring anyone who was unvaccinated to quarantine for two weeks upon arrival. This meant that half of our team would be unable to go. Thankfully, we still had enough medical staff to carry out the work. Although patient volume was much lower here than in other areas where we work, we saw incredible results. One village that had been previously closed to the gospel or any type of interaction with the church or missionary asked the pastor to preach to them immediately and begin Bible studies in their area. Having experienced the care and concern of the team, they were ready to hear what the Bible said about their souls.

**August 2021**

**Host: Brent and Sarah George  
Mediesu Aurit Baptist Church**

<b>Team Members:</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Services Offered:</b>	<b>medical physical therapy</b>
<b>Patients Seen:</b>	<b>154</b>
<b>Decisions for Christ:</b>	<b>4</b>



TRIP REPORT

# RSC Team 3 Honduras

Dr. Frazer had several referrals who did not meet qualifications for surgery, mostly for their issues being too complicated, or we did not have specialized equipment to remove their hardware. This resulted in fewer patients being seen than anticipated. Several steps are being taken to improve the process, organize referrals, and provide surgeons and anesthesia providers with more detailed information prior to the trip. They will become more involved in the process from the start. There were great improvement made from the previous trip.

**October 2021**

**Host: Jason and Sarah Frazer**

**Iglesia Bautista El Faro**

<b>Team Members:</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Services Offered:</b>	<b>surgical</b> orthopedic and general
<b>Patients Seen:</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Procedures:</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Decisions for Christ:</b>	<b>unknown</b>



## TRIP REPORT

# Muma Zambia

Travel to Zambia proved incredibly challenging, but well worth it. Customs officials would not release the team's supplies, but the Lord provided through another medical organization and we were able to distribute medicines to our patients. The illiteracy rate was high in this area, but the missionary had planned carefully for qualified translators, some with medical backgrounds to help safely dispense medicines in this more complex and time-consuming way. We were thankful to work with a missionary partner so in tune with the culture in which he serves.

**November 2021**

**Host: Todd and Kathy Beaman**

**Calvary Baptist Church**

**Team Members:** 32

**Services Offered:**  
medical, optical, physical therapy

**Patients Seen:** 769

**Decisions for Christ:** 5



