Medical Missions OUTREACH

2023 IMPACT REPORT

BISHOFTU, ETHIOPIA

MISSION

Pointing others to the **Great Physician** through gospel and church-centric healthcare partnerships

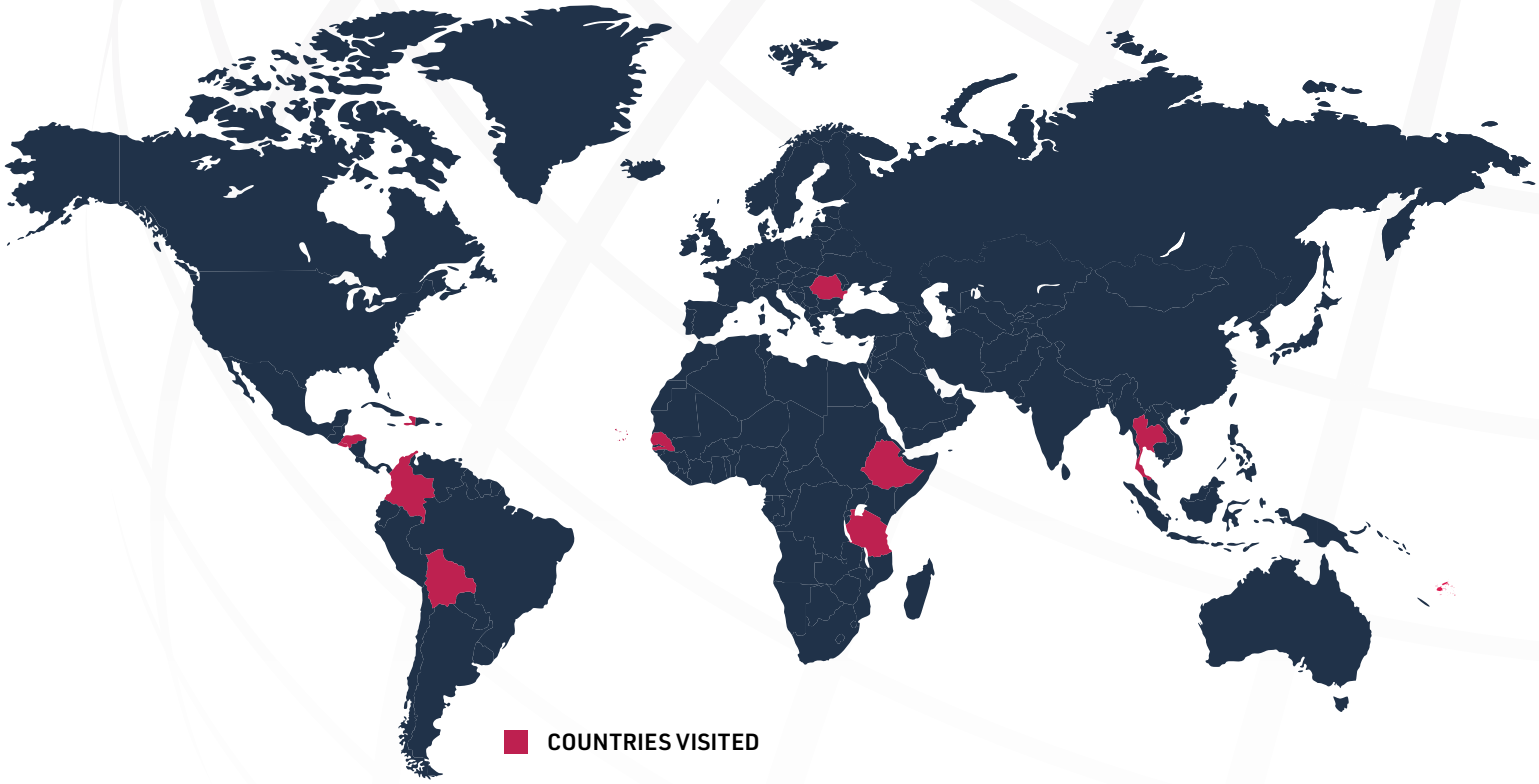
Travel Stats

12
COUNTRIES VISITED

21
TEAMS MOBILIZED

67
HOTELS BOOKED

845,859
MILES TRAVELLED BY STAFF



Mission Stats

2,922
DECISIONS FOR CHRIST

7
LOCAL MEDIA OPPORTUNITIES TO SHARE THE MISSION

21
LOCAL CHURCH PARTNERSHIPS

11
LANGUAGES WORSHIPPED IN

Clinic Stats

9,465
PAIRS OF GLASSES FITTED

765
INDIVIDUALIZED PATIENT EDUCATION SESSIONS GIVEN

89
SURGICAL PROCEDURES EXECUTED

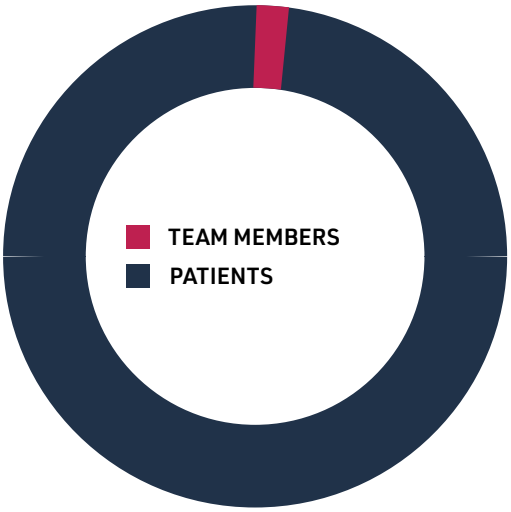
297
PATIENTS RECIEVED EAR IRRIGATION IN ONE OR BOTH EARS

394
TEETH EXTRACTED

145
WOUNDS DRESSED

646
TEAM MEMBERS

23,352
PATIENTS TREATED



185
TRUNKS OF SUPPLIES PACKED

Supplies Stats

297,720
DAYS WORTH OF MULTIVITAMINS GIVEN

54,000
MONTHS OF PARASITE TREATMENT ADMINISTERED

2,457
BANDAIDS PACKED

9,765
TUMS DISPENSED FOR STOMACH UPSET AND BONE HEALTH

23
GALLONS OF HAND SANITIZER USED

Medical
Optical
Dental
Physical Therapy
Soul Care
Surgical

TRIP REPORTS

"We saw hearts and souls open up to the gospel, and the impact made on lives - we still see today."

PASTOR JOSH MEADE, SENEGAL

TRIP REPORT

Praia, Cabo Verde

January 2023
Host: Luiz Nunes
Family Baptist Church
Services Offered: Medical, Optical, and Physical Therapy

Team Members: 20
Patients Seen: 1606
Decisions for Christ: 2

For our first trip of the year, we traveled to Cabo Verde in West Africa. Unfortunately, we had hiccups with our flights and luggage, but we were blessed to have a team with a great attitude. We even had several first time travelers who had to learn to be 'fluid' right away. One team member said, "The Lord taught me so many things on this trip… how each seed can be planted in the hearts of people; not only the patients, but the translators, and the drivers. There are so many people involved and I didn't think about that at first." We're thankful the patients received a copy of John and Romans, and that two made salvation decisions. The host pastor also shared that they had several first time visitors at their church after our team departed.

TRIP REPORT

St. Louis, Senegal

March 2023
Host: Josh Mead and Pastor Malik
Living Hope Baptist Church
Services Offered: Medical, Optical, Dental, and Physical Therapy

Team Members: 37
Patients Seen: 1307
Decisions for Christ: unknown

Our team had a wonderful spirit despite experiencing heat in the 100's during the week. Even though we had a challenging clinic location, we praise the Lord that several team members had the opportunity to share the Gospel with Islamic interpreters. One lady, in particular, felt the love of Christ during her visit and asked to know more. We were able to connect her with Pastor Malik who shared the gospel and prayed with her. We had a great partnership with the church which allowed the gospel to advance in such a dark and difficult area of the world. One team member shared that he was encouraged by the team showing the love of Christ to those who came through the clinic. This ultimately opened the doors for the gospel to be shared through our service.

TRIP REPORT

Rearick Surgical Center El Progreso, Honduras

March 2023
Host: Team Honduras
Iglesia Bautista El Faro
Services Offered: General Surgery

Team Members: 13
Patients Seen: 30
Surgical Procedures: 14
Decisions for Christ: 1

We had the privilege of partnering with Team Honduras once again at the Rearick Surgical Center. This team became more like family and a few team members signed up for a future trip before they even got home. This team had an incredible work ethic; they not only addressed the patients' surgical needs, but they also shared the Gospel with each patient and their families. Dr. Huntington said this was the best trip he'd ever been on.

"This was a good reminder to me of how we are in His hands, and He directs us and keeps us."

-Team Member

TRIP REPORT

Surin, Thailand

March 2023
Host: Shane Salmon
Surin Baptist Church
Services Offered: Medical, Optical, Dental, and Physical Therapy

Team Members: 56
Patients Seen: 1473
Decisions for Christ: 6

It was a blessing to have several different missionaries from the greater Bangkok area (some up to 8 hours away) serving alongside our team for the week. We had the privilege of bringing students from a local Christian school, and these high schoolers were able to experience so much culture in a short period of time. One of the team members said this trip demonstrated that love and compassion are a universal language. Showing the love of Christ opened the doors to minister to people with an open heart. Our team had a wonderful time serving the beautiful people of Thailand.

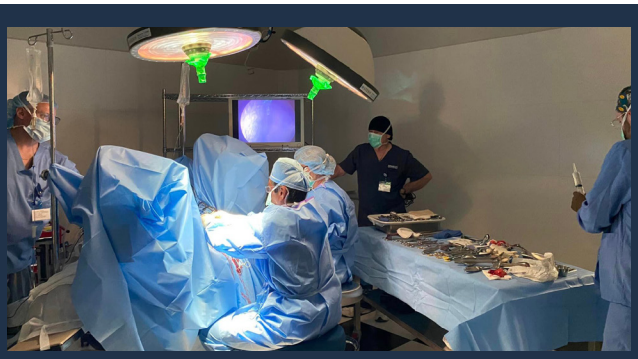
TRIP REPORT

Rearick Surgical Center El Progreso, Honduras

April 2023
Host: Team Honduras
Iglesia Bautista El Faro
Services Offered: Gynecological Surgery

Team Members: 12
Patients Seen: 37
Surgical Procedures: 12
Decisions for Christ: 1

This historical trip was our first opportunity to offer gynecological surgery, and the women we served throughout the week were truly thankful. One 70 year-old patient in PACU exclaimed, "You have made me feel like a princess!" to our delight, and we were grateful for the chance to serve these women who are a marginalized group within an underserved community. Our bilingual surgeon invested in a local gynecologist who volunteered to serve as a first assist during the week, passing along knowledge and techniques that will better equip him as he works at the local public hospital. It was also a blessing to serve with our summer intern from 2014 who is now an anesthesiologist.



TRIP REPORT

Morogoro, Tanzania

April 2023
Host: Jerry Wyatt
Faith Baptist Church
Services Offered: Optical

Team Members: 10
Patients Seen: 1308
Decisions for Christ: 656

We took a small, but mighty, optical-only team to work with the Wyatt family and Faith Baptist Church. We were blown away by how receptive the patients were to hearing the Gospel, and we're praising the Lord that so many made salvation decisions. This trip was the first of two to Tanzania this year which allowed us the unique opportunity to bring enough supplies for both trips. It was a joy and privilege to partner with this church family once again.

TRIP REPORT

Bishoftu, Ethiopia

May 2023
Host: Dwayne and Tammy Wright
Bethel Bible Church
Services Offered: Medical and Optical

Team Members: 24
Patients Seen: 1473
Decisions for Christ: 7

Our first opportunity to serve in Ethiopia was a memorable one. After plans to serve here were prevented twice due to unrest, being able to finally take a team to this area of great need was a wonderful answer to prayer. The host church leadership and entire community was especially kind to our team, working hard to ensure we worked well together. One patient sent this message after our departure: "Pastor, will you tell the doctors who came thank you for coming. I know Ethiopia is not the best place in the world. Many people would rather go to other countries....I went and they looked at my eyes and gave me glasses. I can now read my Bible again. It's been so long. I would just carry it but could never read it anymore. Now I can read His words again. Tell them thank you for coming here."

TRIP REPORT

El Progreso, Honduras

June 2023
Host: Team Honduras
Iglesia Bautista El Faro
Services Offered: Medical, Optical, Physical Therapy, and Soul Care

Team Members: 52
Patients Seen: 1842
Decisions for Christ: 60

The ability to provide soul care through licensed Biblical counselors was an answer to long-time prayer. These counselors were medically informed and passionate about addressing concerns regarding anxiety, grief, loss, and depression for our patients. This very well-rounded team saw a variety of cases and listened to many heart-breaking needs that our local church host was excited to meet. The local news station even came out to highlight the event and our team leader was able to share the "why" behind it all: the gospel was given clearly to all listeners. We are eager to bring more soul care teams next year, seeing the incredible impact they left on this church and community.

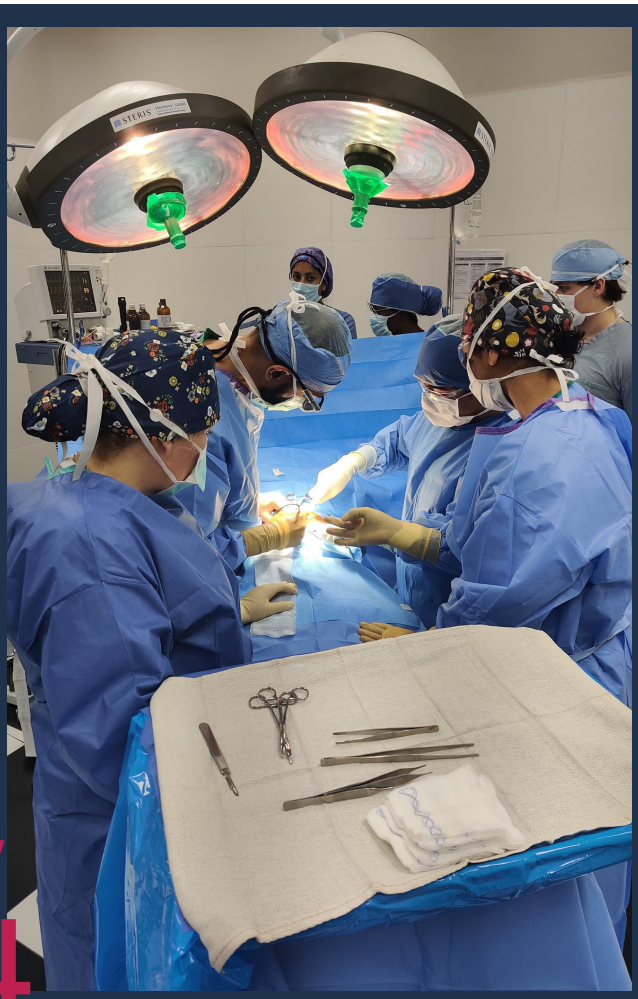
TRIP REPORT

Rearick Surgical Center El Progreso, Honduras

June 2023
Host: Team Honduras
Iglesia Bautista El Faro
Services Offered: General Surgery

Team Members: 19
Patients Seen: 25
Surgical Procedures: 17
Decisions for Christ: unknown

The presence of biotechs Rick Wood and Joe Leier, along with Andy Hogan, was an incredible blessing. These three men made repairs, organized the sterilization room, inventoried for future orders, and implemented processes that will help countless teams in the future. We are much further down the road after their work this week. The surgical team served well together, and two new physicians were a joy to meet.



TRIP REPORT

Bucaramanga, Colombia

June 2023
Host: Aaron Vance
Agape Baptist Church
Services Offered: Optical

Team Members: 26
Patients Seen: 1503
Decisions for Christ: 290

The week got off to a tough start when our eyeglasses were wrongfully confiscated by Customs, even though we had all required documents in place to be able to bring them in. Bradley flew in Sunday with a second set so that clinic would not be affected. It was wonderful to see the growth of the host church since our last visit, and they participated with much joy and excitement. There is talk of splitting our team next time because the space and local volunteers would allow us to maximize our impact in this city.

TRIP REPORT

Jacmel, Haiti

June 2023
Host: Pastor Cherubim and My Sea Hope Hosanna Baptist Church
Services Offered: Medical

Team Members: 9
Patients Seen: 815
Decisions for Christ: 70

This was a tough one. The needs we faced were especially difficult, as we found the host church battling a cholera epidemic which claimed the lives of several of their members. Our small but dedicated team overcame multiple challenges: our Clinical Lead injured her ankle, the sea was especially choppy for the journey, and the heat was daunting. But the incredible opportunity to minister to just resilient people who are facing unthinkable heartbreak made the challenges pale in comparison. The trip reaffirmed our belief that we need to continue to minister in Haiti, even in the face of extreme challenges. Our brothers and sisters in Haiti are worth it.

TRIP REPORT

Santa Cruz, Bolivia

July 2023
Host: Robert Murray
Eternal Life Baptist Church
Services Offered: Medical and Optical

Team Members: 55
Patients Seen: 1764
Decisions for Christ: 219

This particular team was loaded with future healthcare providers and medical interpreters from a university, and our staff and volunteers made sure they had a wonderful learning experience. Ministering in Santa Cruz, with an excellent church doing their best to share the gospel creatively and intentionally, was exciting. We were able to help a starving baby get care, attend to a patient having a heart attack upon arrival, and minister to many Quechua families from high in the mountains where access to care is extremely limited. There were cases ranging from Chagas disease to uncontrolled diabetes. Over and over, the gospel was presented, heard, and considered. We are thankful for the eternal good that was done here this week.

TRIP REPORT

Cojutepeque, El Salvador

July 2023
Host: Adam Fridenstine
Emanuel Baptist Church
Services Offered: Medical and Optical

Team members: 30
Patients seen: 1621
Decisions for Christ: 202

Emanuel Baptist always does an excellent job with involvement and intentionally sharing the gospel. We had many first-time travelers on our team, and we were also thankful for two long-time nurses who served in a leadership capacity alongside our staff in order to fill this need in our medical clinic. This small town is challenging for our teams, as accommodations are very limited. We were able to house everyone creatively in three separate locations. Throughout the week, the patients were extremely grateful for what they received, and church people were thrilled when family members they had been praying for trusted Christ as their Savior.

TRIP REPORT

San Miguel, El Salvador

July 2023
Host: Robert Nieto
Eternal Life Baptist Church
Services Offered: Medical, Optical, and Physical Therapy

Team members: 43
Patients seen: 1228
Decisions for Christ: 162

Flight delays and flat tires did little to dampen the spirit of this wonderful team. Pastor Nieto and his church people worked busily alongside us as we served both in the city proper and also in church plants outside San Miguel. Although this is a trip we have taken many times now, we always walk away with a renewed appreciation for the local church and the ways we are unified with the body of Christ across cultural and linguistic barriers.

TRIP REPORT

Morogoro, Tanzania

August 2023
Host: Pastor Jerry Wyatt III
Faith Baptist Church
Services Offered: Medical, Optical, and Physical Therapy

Team Members: 41
Patients Seen: 2370
Decisions for Christ: 766

Our second chance to serve in this community, in the same calendar year, was with a team of veteran team members and a few first-timers as well. One team member's story had begun with an emergency room visit the summer before. She had met one of our staff members there, who provided her with excellent care and asked about the scrubs she was wearing. She headed to the website and decided she wanted to serve in Tanzania, only to discover a closed trip. A month later, she learned in church that her pastor was taking a group and they had reserved spots on this very team. To see the Lord bring people our way time and time again, then watch them serve their patients with love, is a sacred gift.

TRIP REPORT

Lautoka, Fiji

August 2023
Host: Pastor Josh Daku
Grace Bible Baptist Church and Solid Rock Baptist Church
Services Offered: Medical, Optical, and Physical Therapy

Team Members: 36
Patients Seen: 1863
Decisions for Christ: 387

God's providence was evident throughout the process of planning this trip. The team was originally scheduled to serve in Vanuatu, but cancellation of flights made getting there impossible. Within four weeks, MMO staff moved heaven and earth to provide a Plan B, and we are thankful for the great team that made this possible. The church participation here was exceptional, and our team that was made up of both long-time team members and first-timers connected well with the host church. Many decided to be an extra blessing by sponsoring children for an upcoming camp. A new couple in the church is deaf, and two of our team members were able to communicate with them because they knew sign language. Another deaf gentleman from the community attended both clinics and then returned once again the last day just for another chance to talk to our signing team members. We are so grateful for God assembling just the right team to serve in Fiji.

TRIP REPORT

Bucharest, Romania

August 2023
Host: Pastor Cristi Harlea
Ukraine Baptist Church
Services Offered: Medical, Optical, and Physical Therapy

Team Members: 27
Patients Seen: 814
Decisions for Christ: 1

The privilege of serving Ukrainian refugees was an answer to prayer and an honor for this team, made up primarily of Tribe members who are committed to year-long participation in medical missions. The original plan to only provide optical care on this trip was expanded to include medical and physical therapy care as well. We heard heart-breaking stories of loss from our patients and were so grateful to know that each of them heard the message of the gospel from our local hosts. The entire team was able to spend a few days in Israel at the end of this trip, walking in the steps of the Great Physician and reflecting on how He ministered to the broken during His earthly ministry.

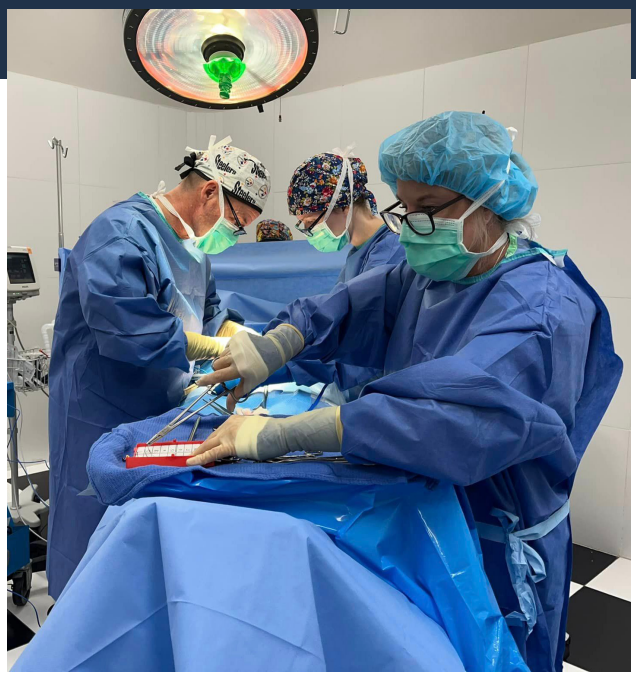
TRIP REPORT

Rearick Surgical Center El Progreso, Honduras

September 2023
Host: Pastor Matt Goins
Beacon Baptist Church
Services Offered: General Surgery

Team Members: 20
Surgical Procedures: 19
Decisions for Christ: unknown

The long waiting lists from the local public hospital have allowed us to once again serve patients who have been waiting for their procedures for a very long time. A few of these patients we saw in March but were unable to fit into the schedule during that week; it was our pleasure to prioritize them on this trip just months later. Although many of these team members had never traveled together before, they worked with incredible fluidity as if they had been working together for years.



TRIP REPORT

Santa Barbara, Honduras

October 2023
Host: Pastor Alex Reyes
Truth Baptist Church
Services Offered: Optical

Team Members: 18
Patients Seen: 529
Decisions for Christ: 13

This special team was assembled through Single Vision, an organization for young professionals that several of MMO's supporting churches participate in. It was a pleasure for us to plan a first missions trip for many of them and be a part of how God is working in their lives. Providing optical care in Santa Barbara was truly a team effort, as we worked alongside Pastor Alex, his wife Yadira, and their two young adult daughters Estefany and Alejandra. To see this young generation of the church, both Honduran and American, serve together to share the gospel and follow up with patients throughout the week was a beautiful picture of the future of the body of Christ.

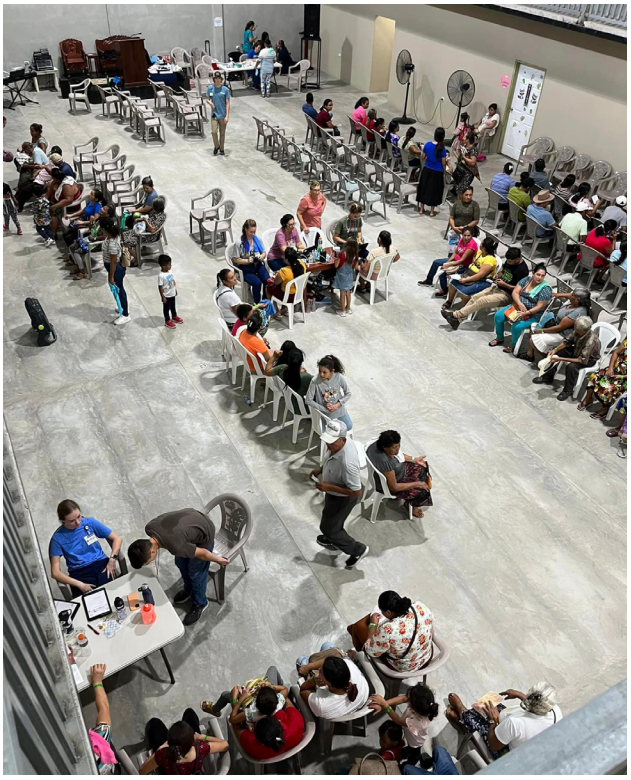
TRIP REPORT

Santa Rita, Honduras

October 2023
Host: Pastor LeRoy Rolston
Hope Baptist Church
Services Offered: Medical, Optical, and Dental

Team Members: 55
Patients Seen: 1752
Decisions for Christ: 48

We had a wonderful week serving with Pastor LeRoy and Amber and the members of Hope Baptist. Our team faced the challenge of delay in the release of our optical and dental supplies, but adapted well for the first two clinic days to maximize the impact and be prepared to work full force on the last two days. Two team members trusted Christ as Savior. We had two pastors on the team who were an exceptional blessing through their preaching and one-on-one ministry throughout the week. We are already anticipating our next visit to Santa Rita.



TRIP REPORT

Rearick Surgical Center El Progreso, Honduras

November 2023
Host: Pastor Matt Goins
Beacon Baptist Church
Services Offered: General and orthopedic surgery

Team Members: 20
Patients Seen: 37
Surgical Procedures: 27
Decisions for Christ: 2

Our final trip of the year was marked by numerous, specific answers to prayer. We were able to use equipment purchased at our first annual black-tie fundraising gala. One of our optical patients from 2022, now having trusted Christ and serving faithfully in church, had hardware removed from her shoulder, providing pain relief from a nearly fatal car crash that had been the cause of her seeking out the church and hearing the gospel. The last evening of the trip we gathered around a dining room table and praised the Lord together for His goodness. We saw Him work in our lives as individuals through trips and encounters over the years, and we prayed for Him to work through this team as we move forward.

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