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Honduras Short-term Mission Team:

Some Thoughts From Honduras

A D.C. Student's STM Experience

This past summer, I went on a short-term mission trip to Honduras with a team of chiropractors, nurses, a dentist and members of several churches around the country. The trip was an amazing experience for those who went, and it was especially fulfilling for me on several levels. It was definitely thrilling as a chiropractic student, to have the opportunity to adjust and help many people in just four days of work. Yet it was even more satisfying to know that the work we were doing and the service we were providing was being done prayerfully for the people of Honduras, as a small way of showing them the love of Christ in an effort to win them for Himself.

This was the first short-term mission trip I had gone on where I had the opportunity and privilege to provide a service as a specialist. Having been on a short-term mission trip a couple of years earlier, this wasn't my first experience in a third-world country, but it was a different country and a different experience altogether. On my first trip, I was seeking to serve as a soccer camp counselor for young boys in Ethiopia. On this trip, however, I was able to provide a physical service to people as a chiropractic student through checking and adjusting people. As a chiropractic student, I had wanted to go on a mission trip to provide chiropractic to people who would not otherwise have access to care. I also wanted the trip that I went on to be about more than just providing chiropractic care to people. I wanted it to have a Christ-centered focus. While in school I had heard of several mission trip opportunities that were just chiropractic-focused but lacked the most important purpose behind their efforts, which is doing work for the Lord.

I found out about the trip through the CCA, and, as I investigated the details, I knew this would be worthwhile. This mission trip partners with a phenomenal ministry in Honduras called World Gospel Outreach, whose goal is to reach the people of Honduras for Christ. One of the ways they seek to do this is through brigade teams, which are made up of health care professionals such as chiropractors, dentists, and nurses, as well as church members looking to serve the Lord. Overall, the time we were there was a great opportunity to pull away



Our 32-member medical brigade preparing for our day in WGO's meeting hall.

from life in the States and enter into what the Lord is doing in a different country, as well as listen to Him in a refreshing way free from so many distractions that occupy our time here. I was especially challenged by the faith and contentedness of the Christians we met in Honduras. These individuals were so gracious to us as strangers, and yet so satisfied in the Lord without many of the comforts we easily take for granted as Americans. Their love and trust in the Lord to get them through whatever troubles they were dealing with and belief in the Lord alone to

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deliver salvation to their friends and family was very encouraging. I look forward to when I can again go on another mission trip. I must thank the chiropractors who went with us that were willing to share with me from their professional experience in order to help me grow in my skills and encourage me in my faith. Thank you to Dr. Eric Lindsell, Dr. John Grummish and Dr. Woo Kim.

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