



Dr. Jerry Conway (right) with his Guatemalan translator Jonathan

Hope Fulfilled

My STM Made Possible

I have always had a heart desire to use my profession while serving the Lord and have felt called for many years to go on a short-term mission trip, but I was not able to take time off from my practice until I retired. As I was reading the mission prayer calendar in the November CCA Bulletin, the caption “doctors needed” for Guatemala trip in March seemed to jump off the page at me! A trip my wife and I had scheduled to Israel a few months earlier for March had been cancelled due to political unrest, so it seemed that God had cleared the way for me to finally use my skills in short-term missions.

I immediately contacted Adam Reed, D.C. with Caring Partners International, and he indicated they still needed chiropractors, so I was able to become part of the medical team that God was assembling for the March trip to Guatemala.

It became apparent very quickly after landing in Guatemala that this group was extremely organized, prepared and professional to carry out God’s work. Our team of fifteen members consisted of medical, dental, chiropractic, and lay volunteers. Our clinic was located in San Lucas Toliman on the shores of beautiful Lake Atitlan—a few hours from Guatemala City. Our main focus was the salvation of souls through attending to the healthcare needs of the local Guatemalans. By God’s grace, 1333 patients were processed through our clinic with 45 making decisions for Jesus Christ!

There were so many meaningful experiences, but one that stands out was a gentleman who had been struck by lightning eight months earlier. He had suffered ever since with numbness over his entire body and great difficulty in walking. He walked in a bent posture and only with the assistance of a cane. The nurse who took his history and checked him into the clinic was unsure what type of treatment could help him but decided to send him for chiropractic care. I was even unsure how to treat him! I turned to my translator (Jonathan) and asked, “What should I do?” I guess Jonathan had more faith than me and said the obvious, “Give him an adjustment.” I said a quick prayer for God’s help with this particular case and adjusted him. We were all amazed (*especially the nurse*) when he walked upright with no assistance into the Clinic for the Soul. Once again, as so many times in the past, I felt that I had pushed the buttons for God to do the healing!

The entire trip was truly a blessing! I would encourage any who feel called to short-term missions to take advantage of the opportunity that allows us to spread the plan of salvation and the love of Jesus Christ through the use of our talents and skills as chiropractors.

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We were greeted by Guatemalans lined up waiting for us at the local church for treatment.