

2009

April 2009

April was a busy month. It started with a surprise visit from an old friend Dave Mellinger who retired to Panama a few years prior. He came to assist Richard with several projects but due to Richard's VISA problem he was left to perform on his own. Richard had finished straightening out his VISA problem and arrived just shortly after Dave had left ... thank you, David.

Urologist Dr. Brad Johnson from Louisiana flew in with interpreter Jesus Quintana from Denver to spend a week at our clinic to take care of 21 little chaps who had various surgical needs. Their combined professional skills of medical and lingual expertise touched many hearts by their humility, compassion and patience. With this month came our annual dental program for school children.

Dental hygiene and teeth cleaning by our dentist for the local Christian school this year did not come without its problems of coordinating and keeping track of the children. A community de-parasiting program was also conducted.



First patient, using a Portoviejo hospital



Dr. Brad enjoying his patients.



2009 12-member Medical Team



Eliana and Gabriel Garcia

August 2009

Our annual medical mission was changed this year from September to August so that the team could attend the wedding of our administrative assistant and clinic accountant. The marriage ceremony of Eliana Garcia to Gabriel was performed the evening of the day the team arrived.

The medical team consisted of 12 members from the US and faithful Consuelo from Quito. The team held clinics at 5 different locations and saw over 750 patients. The construction team worked on many different projects at the clinic.



Heather Hughes Vacation Bible School class at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Femmington, NJ made hundreds of darling stuffed turtles that said "God cares" and mini school bags which were passed out to all of the villages school children.

September 2009

Richard returned to El Floron to finally launch the newest clinic project: clean water distribution to the El Floron community and surrounding area. Many thanks to Del Stricker who initiated the idea and assisted with it's installation along with Steve Willner who engineered and built the main system. Proceeds from the sale of "My Water" using the Del Hierro's water permit will help with the clinic's bottom line.



The exciting launch of the newest clinic project: clean water distribution for El Floron and surrounding areas!



Many thanks to Richard, Del Stricker and Steve Willner for their hard work to bring clean water to the community!



Reverse osmosis purification system is the process to clean water.

November 2009

Elizabeth returned to El Floron along with Candy McCune (Peacemakers) and Consuelo (Interpreter). Certain issues had come to our attention and we thought it would be a good idea to bring the Christian view on how to handle conflict among our staff, the pastors and the church in general. Candy also taught at two different churches.



Elizabeth and Candy



Candy with clinic staff and Consuelo