

2010



Pepe's favorite place to rest—where he could watch the children and visit

February 2010

Pepe (our night guard) passed away on Feb 24th after first being diagnosed with cancerous tumors throughout his body over 1 1/2 years ago. The outpouring of love and respect for this dear man and his wife Myra proved to be too much for all of us. The ceremony/wake lasted all day and night with the funeral and it's 5 mile walk through town to the cemetery following the next day. He will be dearly missed by all. His youth group, who all wore shirts printed with Ecclesiastics 12:1 printed on them, lined the church aisle and led the funeral procession.



From the time that Pepe was no longer able to maintain his night guard duties due to his illness, his brother-in-law Arturo took over for him and has now been officially hired as his replacement.

Our Dental Team

April/May 2010

Jeff and Carol Deaner (electrician and dental hygienist respectively) offered their services for this year's Dental Mission Program. Richard had Jeff busy with multiple projects while Carol, assisted by Ecuadorian dentists cleaned and fluoridated over 200 sets of teeth. This was done for the local Christian school including teachers, spouses, children and Compassion International project workers.

Jeff and Carol Deaner, electrician and dental assistant, respectively



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Karen's cleaning

July/August 2010

Two major and wonderful events occurred during this trip. For years we have been fighting the 'standing water problem' on the clinic's roof during the rainy season. The original construction was not properly designed to adequately drain the water—a wonderful donor has blessed us with the necessary funds to finally take care of that problem—a New Metal Roof! We also went from helping to build the clinic to helping to equip and supply to helping to administer to full time administration to finally purchase the clinic due to a few wonderfully generous donors.



We were able to purchase the clinic due to our wonderfully generous donors! Thank you!



A new metal roof-our answer to the standing water problem

September 2010

Another busy month at the clinic. Our administrative assistant (Eliana) started a 3-month maternity leave in order to take care of her first baby (Garia Gabriel). She paid us a surprise visit a couple of weeks after her delivery.



Eliana with her new baby, Garia Gabriel

Two of our board members (Nancy and Tom McClanahan) visited the clinic while on a vacation to the Galapagos Islands and brought with them a couple of suitcases full of school supplies for the Christian school on the church compound (adjacent to the clinic).

These supplies were collected by several of their neighbors. The school was excited to receive such a large supply and immediately began to individually package the various items for distribution to the children.



There was no need to put a new metal roof over the clinic's 2nd addition (which houses the dental clinic, x-ray room and apartment) as one already existed but it was in need of repair. This next year's wet season will determine if a rain gutter is still needed to be added.

Repairing the roof over the second addition

After signing the clinic purchase contract, the Del Hierro's notified us that they will be needing to use their water sales permit in Monticristi and that we would only have use of it for another couple of months. This, of course, took us by surprise so we immediately went to the engineer and doctor who had processed the first permit and asked him if he could process the necessary paperwork for us to obtain our own permit—he agreed and needed four new bottles for testing.

The final event for September involved getting started on a new back wall and door. This back door provides us with access to the church compound and thus a shortcut for getting to church events. With the purchase of the clinic and the compound that surrounds it came additional partials of property. Years down the road when it will become necessary to transfer the property to another Christian organization to operate the clinic it was felt that new walls are needed to clearly define the clinic property boundaries. In preparation for the October medical mission, which also involves individuals working on the final phase of the wall construction, wall footings and concrete pillars had to be constructed before the team arrived.



October 2010

Richard and Elizabeth were already there a week early preparing for the mission team's arrival... and once at the Buen Samaritano Clinic in El Floron the electricity repeatedly went out and our generator went on strike. However, when civil war broke out the day prior to the team leaving the USA it felt like '... darkness was thicker than ever...' with 16 dead and a President held hostage. We were at a loss as to what to tell the US team that was getting ready to leave the next day? Incredibly the team came only minus one and the civil disharmony was halted by the military very quickly. The team set about working as never before ... not only with the daily medical clinics which saw hundreds of people each day but also there was a 'behind the scenes' expression of Christ's love being shared.



2010 Medical Mission Team arrived despite a civil war outbreak



Randi



Pharmacy Team-Consuelo, Randi, Meghan and Vicki



Dentist Alex



Transportation for the team

Quinceañera team



On an individual level the mission team played a very special role in one young girl, Delores or 'Loly' as her family affectionately calls her. Turning 15 is very special in the Hispanic culture: you are now a young lady. Delores' birthday was months before, but she did not have the 'coming out' or quinceañera party then as she wanted to wait for the mission teams arrival.

The construction team this year only consisted in three of us, Richard, Patricio and Dean. However, even with such a small team a lot can be accomplished in just 5 days! Yes there were several small jobs like taking the pharmacy a/c out and cleaning it ... and then there's the mounting of a much needed garden hose retainer ... putting up several clothes lines on the roof (we do have an old used Kenmore dryer for 'emergency purposes') which is used by the staff and team members that come down ... these along with electrical work, etc.



Cleaning the pharmacy's air conditioner



Dean's garden hose

Of course, the biggest jobs were the building of the back wall, sidewalk to the new back door and then there was the new guard shack built in front of the water distribution rooms.



I bet you may think that is a lot for 3 guys to get done in 5 days—and it is! That's why we did obtain some extra help from our day guard's brother (Ramon) and his team (3 others).

Guard's shack



Sidewalk preparation



Back door sidewalk



Back wall #1



Back wall #1 completed



Back wall #2



Back wall #2 completed

The extra room obtained by the new back wall is a welcomed addition with many possibilities!

November 2010

We have had several years with a rotating door so to speak in the dentist office and we found it was time to bring some stability to the hours and days a dentist is on staff. We now have a wonderful addition, Dra. Natalia, for half days M-F.



Dra. Nata