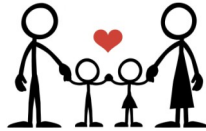




A Message from Mary Duke, Executive Director



I would like to thank all of you who partnered with us to send a team of missionaries to El Salvador. Every team member's heart was ready to serve each other as well as love and serve every Salvadorian regardless of age or need. We would all agree that we received far more than we could ever give.

We were asked to come to a poor country where the people are uneducated, have little to no medical care, drugs and gangs rule their country and the consequences from immorality have caused them to live with an epidemic of teen pregnancies, STD's and abortions. Your support made this trip possible.

El Salvador offers a beauty that only God could create. The sunsets and the flowers are so brilliant that they look lit from within. Mountains were all around us. The lake that was carved out by a volcano was miraculously filled with water by a second volcano that created an opening for the water to run from the ocean into the crater. I can not describe how blue the water looked.

My team and I fell in love with the Salvadorian people starting with our hosts, Freddie and Silvia. They opened their home to us with hospitality, love and delicious food. If you can imagine sixteen people living in one house with one bathroom, you know that nothing but love, kindness and total respect for each other kept us from chaos. The living conditions of the general population are deplorable by our American standards and yet they have a softness, sweetness, innocence and openness to receive Christ unconditionally.

Taking our program to them opened my eyes to a new level of what it means to give the full gospel of Jesus Christ. Each service that we afforded the people in God's love is the true gospel.

Aaliyah, fifteen years old and the President of the TST youth board started each day with praise and worship. She told me after the trip that she knew her calling was to the children and they gravitated around her as she ministered in song and soccer.

Cassandra followed in ministry with the word of God and ministered to their spiritual needs which allowed the medical team to refer them to Cassandra for prayer and counseling. Their ministry reminded the team that Christ love is the only thing we can leave with them after we depart.

On our arrival to El Salvador we were introduced to the mayor of the city who is also a medical doctor and would be assisting our team medically. This team headed by Dr. Doran Duke treated the sick from 9 to 5 and sometimes even later every day. Nurses Mary Shortreed and Jessica Robinson served with excellence and expertise helping Dr. Duke care for approximately 250 people.

Health care providers, David Duke and Ben Garner presented a power point with emphasis on physical exercise and diabetes education. They also provided testing for high levels of sugar and referred those in need to the doctors for additional care. Everyone who came for care was presented the TST program.

Have a Blessed Holiday Season

I presented God's everlasting love, Crystal Duke educated them in their personal worth as a gift from God, Ted Smith presented medical slides which showed the negative consequences of ungodly choices, Dr. Sherry Woods LSW, a certified counselor, attended to the spiritual needs of all and served by teaching each team member how to deal with our emotional feelings during the trip and Chanel Martin was the project manager. God Bless each and everyone who helped us with this project as we hope to return next year.

Clean Water

While in El Salvador we visited a small mountain village that had no water. NO WATER! Water had to be trucked in every day so supplies were limited. It is our desire to help this community get a filter that can treat runoff water to provide clean, safe drinking water. More details to come but in the meantime please pray for the people of El Salvador.

Urgently needed!!!!

Prayers and monies to reach our youth with God's truth.

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