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Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

This is the second year our trip to Guatemala included dental students from the University of San Carlos, Guatemala to assist us with our mission. We had two dentists, one dental hygienist, two dental assistants, one nurse, one translator and one lay assistant from the United States. Thirteen dental students worked tirelessly and enthusiastically to help our team treat 508 patients.



Front row - Wendy, Kayla, Chan, Sal

Middle row - Gabriella, Josseline, Emily, Katteryn, Briana, Alexandra, Dulce, Nefertiti, Lisa, Carla, Pat, Verallyly

Back row - Abraham, Rob, Marco, Brad, Christie

missing - Genesis

Each student was given free travel, food and housing for the week, which cost the mission \$300 per student.



We were fortunate to have 6 students who returned after helping us last year. Abraham, Gabriella, Genesis, Katterryn, Nefertiti, Verality and Wendy provided leadership and experience to help the clinic run smoothly. Other veterans of our program included Reverend Pat Henin, Christie Moraga, Lisa Harris and Kayla Dempsey.



Dr. Rob Henin supervised the 4 chair oral surgery department and Dr. Brad Heim supervised the 6 chair restorative dentistry department.



Our two newcomers: Dental Hygienist Alexandra Fearnley and Briana Swanbon who worked with the children.



Our mother and daughter team - Nurse Lisa and Dental Assistant Kayla.



Pat was our sterilization assistant and data collector. Christie translated, assisted with dental triage and oversaw patient flow.



Patterson Dental Supply donated a new curing light and Henry Schein Dental Supply contributed \$800.00 worth of dental supplies to our mission and they continue to be greatly appreciated. The University of San Carlos loaned us 4 portable dental units.



On Wednesday we provided care for the staff at the church and had an educational program for the students. We gave case presentations on dental materials and full mouth reconstruction. The students participated in the discussions and demonstrated exceptional knowledge in these areas. We planned to deliver 30 packages of food staples to families that live in the mountains near the church. However, due to heavy rains and hazardous off road travel conditions, they were delivered the following week.

Barbara Smith, Chickie Amberg and Roberta Melzmuf collected and donated school/art supplies and beanie babies which continue to be very popular. We appreciate the financial support we received from Chickie Amberg, The East Hartford Women's Club, Barbara Smith, Dr. William Liebman, Dr. Matt Rogers, Dr. Mark Hagopian, Dr. Joel Rosenlicht, Farmington School, Kirk Smallidge, Carol & Peter Delaney, Jocelyn Heim, Audrey Quinlan, and David Malcolm.

I can't thank you all enough for your contributions – (toys, clothing, financial, thoughts & prayers) to help this mission project be a success.

Sincerely,

Brad Heim DMD