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Greetings medical mission trip and school building fund donors!

It's been only a week since we returned from a very successful mission trip. A lot has happened since then and it was only by the grace of God that our trip was several weeks earlier this year. Otherwise, we likely would not have been able to serve the wonderful people of El Salvador this year.

God's grace was flowing freely during the trip as we were able to bring hope and the light of Christ to so many people in need. In most instances, our mission trip is the only opportunity for the people we serve to see a doctor and receive much needed medicine.

In total, we served 1171 patients over the 6 days. We filled 4888 prescriptions, including 462 pairs of reading glasses, 188 pairs of sunglasses and occupational therapy to 176. Most commonly, we are treating malnutrition, upper respiratory infections, urinary tract infections, pain, parasites, hypertension and diabetes.

We also brought the gift of clean water by providing 220 new in home water filters and 220 replacement water filters (replacing filters that were installed 2 years ago). I am pleased to report that the families using water filters reported significant improvements in their health after using the filter. Many users reported a drastic reduction in stomach issues and diarrhea and that they were drinking more water. One user reported being able to have previously denied surgery after her overall health improved by drinking lots of clean water!

I am also pleased to report that the new school building is moving along.....albeit slowly. Padre Mauricio assured us that he believes that most of the remaining funding is lined up and that the school likely will be done by next year's mission trip.

It was abundantly clear to me that every person we touched was very thankful for even the little things we did for them. We gave them hope by reducing their pain levels, settling their stomach, the gift of clean water and more classrooms for the school children.

Thank you so very much for your generosity. May God Bless you and your family abundantly.

Dr. Michael Kloess, Ken Pientka, Claudia Daniel and Maria Albers

Thank You From El Salvador



Tacochico waiting area prior to medical mission



New school building under construction



School children on donated playground



Home visit in San Julian, this woman lives alone



Water filter delivery in San Julian



Home visits on the outskirts of Ateos