

In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:16

Wisconsin Based Team Conducts Mission in Escuapa and La Jagua, March 3-7, 2008

Leaving Milwaukee at 2:30am on Saturday, 3-1-08, twelve missionaries flew Chicago-Houston-Tegucigalpa arriving by mid-afternoon and joining two doctors who had flown from Miami earlier in the day. Following worship with the San Jose de la Vega congregation on Sunday morning, the team departed for Danli. That evening was spent by the team counting out vitamins and medications in preparation for the trip to Escuapa the following morning.

The team from Our Lord's in New Berlin, WI (and other churches) conducted a medical clinic, children's Bible school, sewing training and optometric clinic on Monday, 3-3 through 3-5 in Escuapa. The medical team set up in the government medical clinic across the road from the Church building. The optometric team set up in the adjacent Sunday school rooms and the Sewing team shared the sanctuary with the Bible school team. Leaving the sewing team in Escuapa, the medical teams and Bible school team moved to La Jagua on Thursday and Friday.

In all, the medical team saw about 380 patients and the optometric team saw about 180, dispensing about 150 pairs of glasses. The sewing team worked with about twelve women from Escuapa, nearly completing simple skirts and reviewing basic machine maintenance. The Bible school team worked with dozens of children, coloring bible study drawings, hearing Bible stories, and learning body prayers. The team also conducted oral hygiene sessions with the children.



Team nurse conducts intake interview in La Jagua.



In Escuapa, the sewing team demonstrates operation of new sewing machines donated by the team following the 2006 trip.



Bible school team teaches The Lord's Prayer to children in the Escuapa church.



Team nurse conducts a visual acuity test.



Optometrist examines patient to fit her for glasses.

Team members included Donald Fell, Chuck and Pat Garrigues, Brent Gausman, Karen Haubert, Dr. Geoff Hemmick, Leslie Mac Intyre, Dr. George and Rachel Mathai, Jay and Lynda McDowell, Erin and Tyler Rhea, and Salud Rodeman.

Congregations represented include: Our Lord's UMC in New Berlin, WI, Elm Grove Community UMC in Elm Grove, WI, Federated Church in Morris, MN, Ligonier UMC in Ligonier, IN, and Grand Avenue UMC in Port Washington, WI.



Physicians consult on medication for a patient as interpreter assists with translation.

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