

H.O.P.E. Foundation International MISSION REPORT 2011

The Annual Medical Mission commenced on Jan. 17, 2011 and ended on Jan. 21, 2011. With the team was our liaison in the Philippines, Margie Espiritu and 4 helpers, the ADA and Focus headed by Aloma Tima and the cooks. Mrs. Tima had gone months before the team arrived and secured the villages in which we were to work.

Daily we left the hotel and traveled to the site some as far away as 3 hours. The village of Ibad required us to travel across the lahar field and transfer to a 3 wheeled vehicle called the Kuliglig. Then another hour drive to the foothills of Mt. Pinatubo.

Those patients who were considered an emergency were transported immediately to the nearest hospital, e.g. there was a pregnant Mom who was bleeding. Unfortunately the hospital did no do ultrasounds on that day so she was transported to another hospital.

Referrals are those patients who require further medical and/or surgical intervention. After the team leaves our liaison there will make sure that those patients are followed up. H.O.P.E. Foundation will provide the funds for further care.

During the mission, each and every family that was seen received a bag of rice and a few cans of sardines. All the children received either a toy or a book.

Following the mission 2 members of the Foundation stayed behind in Zambales to pack boxes of medical supplies to be distributed among the local hospitals who take care of our patients. We had received a large quantity of hospital supplies donated by Massachusetts General Hospital prior to the mission and it was sent to the PI, 13 Balikbayan boxes. Those supplies were divided among 4 hospital as a way of paying them for caring for the patients. Supplies were also given to Val Smith RN from Australia who will see that the hare/lip cleft palate children have their surgery. She also takes care of Aetas who have serious wound care problems.

In 2010 we afforded and woman surgery for a uterine growth and in appreciation she supplied up with a beautiful lunch for the medical team on Thursday. The gesture was surely appreciated.

The mission went very smooth and our goal of treating those who are unable to receive medical care because of their condition of life was achieved.

Marie Halo RN
Executive Director

Participants:

Dr and Dra Linsao
Dr and Dra Magbahos
Mr and Mrs Trinidad
Mr and Mrs Magwili
Marie Halo
Dra Joan
Manila Dental Chapter.

Tom Unsworth
Dr Jose Herrera
John Caprio
Steve Roberts
Greg Tittleson
Don Hayden

Sites Visited:

Alaw, San Juan Botolan

Patients seen: Adult 203
Children 298
Referrals 16

Cabaruan, San Filipe

Patients seen: Adults 98
Children 83
Dental 35

Referrals 18 (child with broken arm sent to hospital)

Ibad, Aglar

Patients seen: Adult 111
Children 139
Dental 5

Referrals 21 Child with hare/lip cleft palate

Laog, San Marcellino

Patients seen: Adults 247
Children 228
Dental 105 (159 extractions)
Eye 173

Referrals 21 Child with meningocoele

Kanaynayan

Patients seen: Adults 184
Children 162
Dental 8 (12 extractions)

Referrals 6 Two children with Hare/lip cleft palate

TOTAL PATIENTS SEEN 2136

Referrals: Surgery 7
OBGYN 4
Urology 4
Eye 16 surgeries 121 pair of glasses
Ear 1
Medical 26
Hare/lip cleft palate 3
Meningocele 1
Orthopedic 2
For prosthetic Child without arms