

Honduras Mission Trip

Thank you so much to those who contributed to the PT Alumni Mission Fund. July 17-27th, 2008. 21 students, 2 faculty, and 3 PTs traveled to Santa Barbara, Honduras for our first annual PT mission trip. Because of the financial and spiritual support of many, our trip was a success!! We had the opportunity to do home visits including traveling with ADRA into the mountain villages to see patients, work in the hospital, 2 outpatient clinics, and 1 pediatric clinic. We also presented several education sessions for the hospital nurses, did one-on-one training with the local PT and PT intern, as well as worked with the children at the REACH orphanage (hogar), school and preschool program.

The blessings on this trip were abundant for us and those we came in contact with. Many of the participants are looking forward to participating in future trips. When asked about the biggest or favorite blessing on the trip, this is what some had to say:

- “Realizing how much people need our help physically and spiritually, but I didn’t realize that they give a lot back to us as well by sharing their culture and kindness.”
- “Seeing how simply they live is a reminder of how busy and cluttered our lives are in the US and how we miss out on simple joys in life because we are so distracted. I think this is a humbling trip to remind us that just because we have material wealth, doesn’t mean our spiritual wealth is any greater (or lesser) than all the people we encountered. God loves and provides for all his children and it’s a blessing that we can use our skills to help provide for our brothers and sisters in Christ and/or bring the good news of Christ to those who do not believe.”
- “Finding my passion for PT at home and in the mission field.”
- “One patient who was diabetic and needed crutches for NWB. I saw him later and he told us how much our help meant.”
- “A lady with arthritis of the knee, who also had pneumonia, along with her family had a lot of questions and really seemed happy with our help.”



The Group – 2008



ADRA Trip



Peds Clinic



Students & Pediatric patient & mother



Outpatient Therapy Clinic



Students with SCI Patient



Students prep for NICU



Students working with child at his home



Treats for the children at the INFHA



Evening worship at the Hogar with the REACH children