

Jamaica Outreach Program

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MISSION REPORT, JULY 26-27-28, 2016

As usual, this small group of dental professionals did a bang up job at the Van Domelen Dental Clinic at St. Pius in Kingston. This represents the 20 th formal dental mission for J. O. P. As July is the only mission when the DuPont and Peter Claver Schools are closed for the summer, this mission gets to concentrate 100 % of their attention to clinic patients. Fortunately, six of the eight members of this team, are repeat missionaries....and the familiarity and love that flows between them is apparent in the comment section that follows.



The members of this team were: Dr. Eric Hall, Macon, GA (3) , Dr. Maria Linden, Naples, FL, (3) Dr. Clair Flinn, Naples, FL & NJ, Juanita Tejada, Asst., Naples, FL, (3) Essy Mabry, RDH, Toronto, CA, (2) Zachary Villiers, RDH, Miami, FL,(2) Laura Lee Estabrook, RDH, Hudson, NH, Mariana Onofrietti, Ft. Lauderdale, FL (2) (numbers indicate how many missions the individuals have done)

This small group “delivered the services” & as the following numbers will indicate they were very busy!

	Cleanings	Extractions	Fillings	Total Patients Seen
Thursday	21	46	37	65
Friday	30	45	20	63
Saturday	26	15	36	53
Totals	77	106	93	181

Additionally many of the patients they took care of were referred to the September mission for additional treatments.

Per Dr. Eric’s report, the mission went on without incident and the dedication and organization of the missionaries was apparent throughout the three days....each day a success surpassing the previous day. “We worked until all the patients were seen....It was so fulfilling to see the appreciation that most of the people showed for our services. Some gave hugs while others were very grateful and expressed it. I found that overall, Jamaicans have such a sweet temperament and attitude....I wish my patients in Georgia were as kind as those in Kingston. It’s inspiring and uplifting to know that we did such a service for those kind people of Kingston.”

Comments from the other missionaries: “One lady made me tear up when she emotionally told me how important our clinic visits were to her and her family.” “I had a blast and I love my team...” “I feel so blessed to have a part of something that is bigger than me.” “The patients were some of the nicest people I have ever met....I wanted to bring them all home with me.” “Hope to come back next year if God permits, thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to be part of this group.”



Our three doctors worked tirelessly at correcting these types of situations, many of which require repeated visits, mission after mission.

Report on status of future missions:

September mission is presently staffed with 10 dental volunteers and could use **one more doc and one more dental assistant**. This mission will involve a large outreach team to the DuPont School. (hoping to see 450 students) November is pretty well staffed with 9 confirmed members and 7 very strong possibilities... (outreach to St. Peter Claver School) That mission **could use one more doctor**. January is forming nicely and already has seven committed members (including 3 returnees) and several other past missionaries who have expressed a desire to return.

Our first Medical/Dental mission to Sacred Heart, Seaford Town, Montego Bay area is coming along well. (Oct. 20-22) We are purchasing equipment and are receiving lots of donated items. We are always looking for more good will offerings of supplies and equipment from the dental community. So far, we have a full dental team of four persons and a medical complement of 2 M.D.s + 1 RN and 1 nursing assistant which to complete that team. Our February missionary is in place and we are working on that one also. (Doc & assistant will be doing 3 days per week for the entire month).

In spite of the love and supplies JOP brings, the poverty in the community around St. Pius prevails.

