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Greetings,

The following is a summary of the tremendous work we were able to accomplish in 2014. We thank you all for your continued prayers and support.

COMM International Medical Mission Report – 2014

COMM International has just completed its 4th medical mission and Christian outreach in Esquipulas, Guatemala. At the invitation of the Kitchen of Love (“KOL”) ministries, we returned to provide free ambulatory care to a very poor community. The services made available free of charge include primary care, pediatrics, general surgery, ophthalmology, health education, nutritional, and spiritual counseling. It was a 4-day outreach, beginning November 2 through November 5, during which 917 patients were seen and cared for.

There were 19 members of COMM International, from the USA, who paid for all their own expenses to participate in this mission. The 4 physicians in the group were Alicia Chilito, MD, a family practice physician; Scheuster Christie, MD, a general surgeon; Assumpta Madu, MD, an ophthalmologist; and Fausty Onyirimba, MD, a pulmonologist and the team leader. The nursing team comprised of 7 Registered Nurses: Dominique Clemons, Melissa Donor, Virginia Jones, Sue Kirch, Mary Latham, Evangel Lee, and Kathleen Polhemus. Sandra Daniell-Medina was the team's pharmacist and Rachel Tanner was the Lab Technician. There were 6 non-medical volunteers: Kristine Bekeris, Stephen Best, Norma Christie, Olga Jacques, Jeffrey Polhemus and Sal Rivera, who also played vital roles in this mission. We were joined by a team of local volunteers; including Dr. Ingrid Castaneda, Dr. Lenin Pena, and a large team of English speaking Spanish interpreters and Christian counselors.

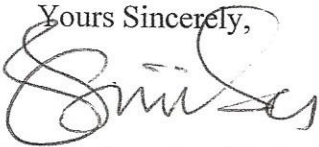
The preparation for the mission spanned over 6 months, and involved monthly meetings for fellowship, planning and prayers. By August, 49 boxes of medications, supplies and gifts, were packaged and shipped to Guatemala for the free clinic. We had enough medications for 86,000 treatment days, or 6,000 curative treatment doses. Many patients received 2 to 3 months supply of medications for their chronic illness. Minor surgical procedures were performed, and many patients received complete eye examinations and free glasses. In addition, 400 food bags, each enough to feed a family for a week, were distributed to the very needy. Many received gifts of clothing, footwear and other items. The local volunteers and KOL host ministry, under the leadership of Pastor Jose Alvarez, worked tirelessly to make this trip a success.

Seemingly we had a shortfall in the number of providers as Linda Taylor, MD, an Obstetrician/Gynecologist, and Doug Clough, a Pharmacist, who had fully paid to go on this mission trip, withdrew because of sudden unexpected health challenges. We were still able to provide compassionate care to 917 patients in 4 days. It was gratifying to see returning patients,

and to hear their testimony of how they have benefited from our previous missions. The local church is growing, and there are now 80 families who worship God regularly on Sundays with the KOL ministry. We are in preliminary discussions, with a local physician, in an effort to establish a continuity clinic in the area.

In the last 4 years, we have helped more than 4,000 patients. Many of these people have made commitments to become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ. We have focused on spiritual counseling, knowing that, "everyone born of God overcomes the world" (1 John 5:4). It has been a very rewarding journey and we owe a huge debt of gratitude to all who have supported us with prayers, and donations of cash or materials.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Faustinus Onyirimba".

Faustinus Onyirimba, MD
Mission Coordinator and Team Leader