January 2010 Medical Practicum Student Feedback Excerpts

“The trip is a life changing adventure.”
“…definitely an experience I’ll never forget.”
“I wouldn’t trade these 3 weeks for anything.”
“…adventure, a new world view, friends, (both from the US and outside), self
“…confidence, maturity, perseverance, and mental/emotional/physical strength.”
“I can not imagine a more exciting, adventurous and refreshing experience.”
“I would like to make this trip when I become a professional.”
“…it is a lot more than a medical practicum. It is 24/7 work. In the end, I feel so proud of
myself for struggling through it…The experience overall is one I wouldn’t change for
anything.”
“This is a life changing experience that will cause me to see people from other countries in
a whole new light.”
“This trip offers students the chance of a lifetime to immerse in another culture and make a
difference in somebody’s life. It allows students a chance to see extreme poverty and what
it takes to actually survive. While the trip is physically demanding, the rewards far outweigh
the energy and effort required to complete 2 weeks of extreme camping.”
“…one of the hardest things I have ever done…being able to sit in clinic and help the
people makes it all worth it.”
“It truly was a once in a lifetime experience.”
“I shocked myself when I stayed calm under the pressure of the surrounding chaos.”
“I would describe my experience as life changing. It was challenging but extremely
rewarding. I would do it again in a heartbeat.”
“Another thing I got from this trip is the desire to travel extensively and experience many
different cultures in ways different from the average tourist.”
“I feel like I should get rid of all my unnecessary possessions and concentrate more on the
lives of those who need help.”
“I learned that everyone I met is not really too different than me.”
“Although the people of the villages think we help them, at the same time they are
helping/teaching us just as much if not more.”
“[Regarding future students,…if their [sic] looking for a relaxing vacation with doctors,
then this trip isn’t for them. But if they want to go on an adventure, to a place few people
(including Nicaraguans) ever will go, see beautiful country, help people who truly need it,
and have an experience they never will forget and get college credit for a small fee, then
this trip is for them.”