

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.”