

## **Medical Practicum Report**

Boca Chica, Dominican Republic, January 1986

At 7:30 am, the long line outside the clinic door in Boca Chica indicated that we could not see all the patients and many would need to return another day. For two weeks, the students and doctors attended to the medical needs of people from the barrios in this community of the Dominican Republic. The \$6,000 worth of supplies we took ranged from aspirin, antibiotics, antifungal lotion, and medicine for treating intestinal parasite to equipment for minor surgery. For the first time in 6 years, we had an operating dental chair and were able to accomplish restorative work in addition to many extractions and cleanings. Over 1,000 toothbrushes were distributed at the clinic and their use demonstrated and encouraged. We have been invited to return to Boca Chica next year. Students are already inquiring about plans and doctors who have gone in previous years are expressing interest in serving again.

For the patients at the clinic in Boca Chica and the members of the medical practicum, I express appreciation for your interest in the project, concern for our travels, and financial support for supplies through the Christmas Card Fund.

Un millon de gracias

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