

Jan 25, 2011 San Juan del Sur, VOSH-CT

I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank everyone once again for participating in our mission and helping to make it the success that it was.

Here is the breakdown of patients again-

Monday-691

Tuesday-830

Wednesday-833

Thursday-905

Total: 3,259 Patients

In 2007 we saw 2,359 patients, 2008 we saw 2,428 patients, 2009 we saw 2,674, 2010 we saw 2,853 and now in 2011 we saw 3,259 patients.

In 5 years we have increased our patient load during the 4 day clinic by 1,000 patients.

Obviously the need continues to be as strong as ever, and the out-reach that we have done has allowed us to continue to serve as many patients as possible during our missions.

Joyce has done a fabulous job in helping to coordinate the buses in our out-reach program, and we are very grateful for all that she continues to do to help us with the mission logistics.

We are also very fortunate to have Jane agree to continue to transport our mission supplies, which worked well this year, and but for the left-over medications that went missing for a time and were rescued by Dr. Lynch for which we are also extremely grateful, we were able this time around to eliminate many of the supply issues that have plagued us in the past. We continue to be extremely grateful to Jane for assisting us with the supply transport, because without her help & generosity we would be unable to continue with the mission.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank Megan once again for the terrific job she did in coordinating the students and also thank again all of the students as well who were all great in every way!

It's a great pleasure & honor for Matt & I to continue to serve on our mission with all of you who continue to return every year. It means a great deal to us to have all of your continued support & we appreciate it very much.

I would also like to thank again Rep. Michelle Cook for obtaining our Legislative Certificates of Appreciation for Dr. Brian Lynch & Dr. Rosa Elena Bello. We were very happy to be able to present these to such deserving individuals & I thank her again for doing this for us.

I am very hopeful that we can continue with the mission next year going forward January 7-14, 2012, despite the looming political uncertainty facing the residents of Nicaragua. President Ortega has until February 21st I believe to decide whether to step down as he is required to do so by their Constitution, or continue in office indefinitely as he appears to want to do.

We'll be monitoring the situation over the next few months & hopefully things will remain stable enough to allow us to continue our service there.

Shortly I will be filing our full mission report, but in the meantime I wanted to again thank every one for your wonderful & dedicated service, and look forward to being in touch throughout the year.

I will also now forward a video my Nicole here made as well as some photos from the mission.

Thanks again to everyone & for sure those of us here in CT are wishing & hoping we could bring some of that nice 85 degree weather back home here from Nicaragua and melt some of the FEET of snow we're all buried under here!!

Regards,

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