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MEMORIAL BIBLE CHURCH MEDICAL TEAM

We can only thank God for the tremendous blessing the medical team from Memorial Bible Church was to the families of Playa Laguna and Villa Paraiso. The team was comprised of two dentists, a dental hygienist, an optometrist, a Physician's assistant, RN's and workers. In a less than a week the team ministered to over 700 men, women and children. Dr. Jon Mesarch, the optometrist, did exams for about 500 by himself. And if that is not enough they had a great kids program on the day after their arrival. There are many stories, many relationships built, opportunities to pray, lives changed.



Tallie McClary, RN and a reluctant patient



Dr. Steve Brazeau DDS, MBC team leader



Thela McCurdy RN and kids

One story needs to be told. MBC team member, Michelle Stubbs, a labor and delivery RN, was in Paraiso when a mother came, having given birth only 24 hours earlier. She had been sent home, via public transportation just after delivery. When she arrived at the clinic, she and the baby were in distress. Because the Lord had sent Michelle, both the baby and the mother are doing well. We see the family Sundays in church giving thanks to God for their lives and His incredible love demonstrated by sending Michelle all the way from the US to help.



Grandmother and baby, Samuel

SURF COMPETITION

The first weekend in February brought out about 70 surfers to Playa Encuentro to participate in the first surf competition/outreach put on by Island Light Ministries partner ministry Surfistas Cristianos Rep. Dom. The event kicked off on Friday night with registration and dinner. Saturday came with good surf conditions and competition. Saturday night we showed the movie about the life of Bethany Hamilton, Soul Surfer. This gave us the opportunity to share the love of Christ to kids that were in the competition and at the beach. Competition began again Sunday morning after a service on the beach that was attended by many. The winners were crowned Sunday afternoon after a great two days of competition. But more importantly, at the prayer table set up at the beach Island Light Ministry volunteers had the chance to pray with many people that won't normally come to a church.



Sunday morning service before the competition

IGLESIA VILLA PARAISO

“And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.”



Debra teaching the Paraiso kids
prayer. We are blessed and excited to see God working.

God has been adding to His church in Paraiso. In the Children's Services Debra finished a series on what it is to be saved and a child of God. When she asked who understood and who wanted to receive Jesus ten kids came forward. The next week five more prayed to receive Jesus.

In the adult service God has raised up 4 men from our village to assist in the work of the church. These men have been faithful to help with greeting, serving others and



From L. to R. Augustine, Fausto, Christian & Ermis

Mark 16:15 “Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation”



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