

2015 SVOSH Honduras Mission Trip

NSUOCO Student Volunteers



Dear NSUOCO family and friends,

I hope this letter finds you well. I would first like to thank each and every one of you for your incredible support over the last year. Our SVOSH team is so eager to make a difference and improve people's lives, but we would never get that chance to do so without the amazing support from all of you. Whether it was a donation or a prayer, we are so grateful for everything that has helped us make a difference in the lives of those who are less fortunate.

Over the summer we were able to send 17 optometry students and 3 doctors to Roatán, Honduras. Roatán is an island off of the coast of Honduras with a population of just under 100,000 people. The island is world renowned for its scuba diving due to the fact that it has the second largest living reef in the world. Many cruise ships that leave from Texas and Florida make their way down to the island because of its unique beauty. While this island is often visited by many people who have the luxury of the great health care that the United States has to offer, the people who call Roatán home are not as fortunate. Many of the island's population live their lives in extreme poverty with almost no access to quality health care. This gives our team an amazing opportunity to use our training to make a difference and bring a better quality of life to the people of Roatán. On our trip we spent four days in various towns across the island giving eye exams, handing out glasses and sunglasses to those who were in need, and also diagnosing and treating many potentially blinding diseases like glaucoma. We are very proud to say that we set a new NSUOCO SVOSH record by seeing over 1,300 patients in just four days! That is over 300 patients per day! We gave out well over 1,000 pairs of glasses and sunglasses and also gave candy to the children who did not need any glasses. Since the people of Roatán do not have access to health care we had the chance to see many disease processes that we might not have the chance to see in the US. While we made a difference in the lives of many people, we also became better doctors in the process. We got to practice many of our skills and become very proficient in some skills that we do not get to practice as much in a regular clinic. Our group also got to explore the beauty of the island. We got to snorkel among thousands of fish around the reef, zip-line through the jungle, and even play a game of soccer with the locals. It was a trip that none of us will ever forget, and I personally cannot wait until the 2016 SVOSH trip next summer!

Again we thank you all so much for your support over the last year and in the years to come. Please let us know if there is anything that we can pray for or help you with.

God Bless,

Cale Fulps

2015-2016 SVOSH President



Jacqueline Duong first year student making a new little friend

