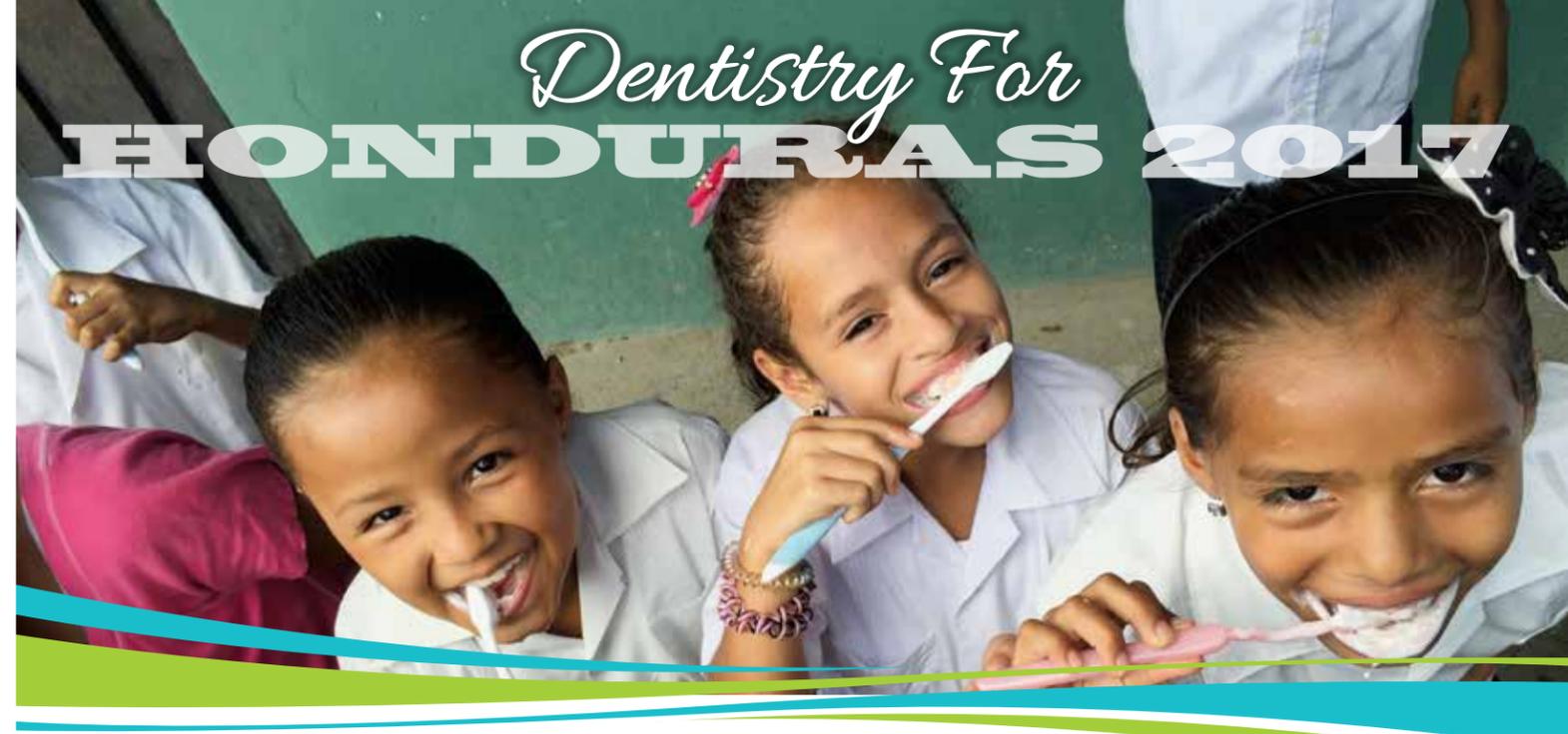


Thank you to all of the volunteer translators in Honduras including many people with Honduras Child Alliance and The Anne Fowler Bilingual School students. Thank you to Iris Carranza for taking Anne for groceries and taking the third hygiene team to La Union and La Ceiba and for sharing your delightful bilingual students and teachers to help us. Thank you to Enil who dropped what he was doing to help repair multiple electrical issues at the dental clinic. Thank you to Charlie Hoff for solving many of our plumbing issues and for driving us and our equipment where we needed to go. Thank you to Anne Fowler and Maura for keeping us fed with great food. Also thank you to our amazing driver, Alexis Velasquez who safely drove us to and from the airport each year (and this year for his delicious freshly roasted Honduran coffee.) Thank you to Dra. Candida; the Honduran dentist presently working at Centro de Salud, who worked alongside our dental teams. And thank you to the rest of El Porvenir for making us feel so welcome and appreciated. Thank you to Scott and Susan for all of your support and for allowing J.J. and Sal to sleep at your facility. Thank you Katlyn McConnell for all you do in El Porvenir. Thank you also to Carla Cortese for packing about 12-15 suitcases every year and to Lisa, Jen, Jess, and Cass for handling all the financial donations. Thanks to these people and many more previous team members. **Our 9 year totals are 5011 children seen, 955 extractions, 224 root canals, 1109 fillings, 14 partial dentures, 2 orthodontic appliances and countless friendships.**

A huge thank you to all the dental suppliers that donated equipment and supplies which made this brigade more affordable. (Julie Merritt with Sinclair Dental, Ray Ralph REM Equipment, Brentwood Labs, Kumar from Larr Sales, Glenn from Germiphene, Peter Garan from Sinclair Dental, Linda from Ancin for all the gloves, Hansamed for the local anaesthetic, Delta who provided complementary luggage allowances for us to transport our dental supplies, Treena from Sunstar, Billie Jo Mueller and Sandra Sargent of the Toronto Fire Fighters' Toy Drive for donated toys and a special thank you to Janis Parker who helped us fundraise by donating Leafs and Raptors tickets. Thank you to Dr. Amir Azarpazhoo and the University of Toronto Faculty of Dentistry for sponsoring such excellent dental students for our Dentistry for Honduras 2017 team.

Each year our teams leave El Porvenir contemplating how we can continue to improve the dental program and treatment we provide knowing there is an infinite amount of work to be done and a very small window of time to do it. We appreciate the support of people like you who continue to value the dental needs of these beautiful children with your financial support and prayers. For us, the smiles and hugs from the grateful children are our thanks. For you we can only try and share some of our memories here and our sincere gratitude.

Sincerely,
 Dr. Bill Kerr, Dr. Michael Cusato, Dr. Michael Proctor and their teams



Thank you for supporting Health Outreach, Dentistry for Honduras. It is our pleasure to report on how your contributions have made an impact on the children of El Porvenir, Honduras and the volunteers who have been involved in this year's project.

This was Dr. Bill Kerr's 9th year and in his opinion, "It has been one of our most successful brigades." Our official 3 week totals are: Hygiene teams saw 774 children seen for cleaning, fluoride, a new toothbrush (with a lesson on how best to use it) and an examination. This includes students from four local schools and one orphanage. Our teams of Dentists at the clinic completed 107 extractions, 25 root canals, 245 fillings and 1 orthodontic appliance). What the statistics don't show is that many more of the children than in previous years are no longer fearful of having their teeth cleaned or seeing the dentist. We are also reporting greater numbers of children who were not requiring immediate emergency treatment which means to us that what we are doing with your support is really having an impact on the oral health of this community.





Team One

J.J. Kerr, Christine Marsh,
Lisa Kerr, Sal Alcaire, Dr. Bill Kerr,
Sandra Slauenwhite-Box,
Alexandra Montain

Front Row: Carly Sellers, Lindsay Van Dyk,
Anne Fowler, Sarah McNally



Dr. Michael Proctor with Lindsay Van Dyk

This year we were also pleased to welcome Dr. Michael Proctor to the team. Dr. Proctor, led Team two and worked with Dra. Candida Cruz, Steve Kerr and Carly Sellers along with a number of Honduras Child Alliance volunteers as translators in the clinic at Centro de Salud. Team two was able to complete 52 extractions, 77 fillings and 6 root canals. Lindsay Van Dyk saw 82 children during week two for dental cleanings, fluoride and oral hygiene instruction.



University of Toronto Dental Students: Alexandra Montain, J.J. Kerr and Sal Alcaire

A new partnership has been forged with the University of Toronto Faculty of Dentistry. This year two dental students in their final years of dental school came on Team #1 and were able to care for the children by providing fillings, root canals and extractions. Together Team One completed 27 extractions, 101 fillings and 8 root canals.



Team Two

Dr. Michael Proctor, Carly Sellers,
Lindsay Van Dyk, Anne Fowler,
Dylan, Steve Kerr



Hygiene Team #1: Sandra Slauenwhite-Box, Sarah McNally, Christine Marsh and Lindsay Van Dyk saw 387 children for cleaning, fluoride & oral hygiene instruction.



Alexandra Montain, Sal Alcaire, Dr. Bill Kerr, J.J. Kerr and Dr. Candida Cruz



Team Three

Cathleen Johnston,
Colleen Nefjees, Lisa Kerr, Anne Fowler,
Holly Brayannis

Front Row: Steve Kerr, Carly Sellers,
Dr. Michael Cusato



Dr. Michael Cusato and Lisa Kerr



*The Hygienists of Team #3:
Holly Brayannis,
Cathleen Johnston and
Colleen Nefjees*

This year, Dr. Michael Cusato's team had all been on previous dental brigades and was able to hit the ground running. Team three completed 28 extractions, 67 fillings and 11 root canals. The Hygiene team saw 305 children.