



Missionary Air Group

Help and Hope by Air

MARCH 2022 RUS RUS MEDICAL BRIGADE

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In March, Rus Rus welcomed a diverse team of medical professionals, pastors, and lay people made up of Miskitos, Austrians, North Americans, Mestizo Hondurans, and Germans; all selected by the hand of God to strategically serve His people together for a week of medical missions.



Families arrived under an overcast sky threatening of rain, but by the time triage had begun and physicians were seeing patients the sun had broken through. Many families were local to the village of Rus Rus. One small group huddled together under the shadow of a palm tree, resting after a three hour walk from their community called Wiwinaq, on the Coco River.

An elderly lady complained of pain in her stomach and she was at the clinic to find out if surgery was her best option. Maybe she would get an answer from the doctor today. A young teenage boy said he was there to have painful molars pulled.



Women who otherwise would have no access to gynecological tests and checkups were able to receive the care they needed. Expectant moms were able to hear their baby's heartbeat for the first time. Patients who had lived with aches and pains for years were finally able to receive answers.

Roughly 400 individuals were seen during the brigade week. Volunteers finished out the five clinic days exhausted but with a sense of deep satisfaction.

"It really showed us missionaries how much need is around us, and we are planning how to help those in surrounding villages" shared full-time missionary and nurse, Candace, at the end of the week. "The brigade was just the beginning of all sorts of ministry opportunities in La Mosquitia."

We praise the Lord for a full and successful brigade week and for opening doors to future ministry in the area.

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Yessica's Story

Yessica arrived at the Rus Rus clinic after having traveled to the city hospital in Puerto Lempira.

In her desperation and with pain in her uterus, she had hoped to find a way to be accepted for surgery, but the hospital rejected her request. From the city she traveled on the back of a motorcycle, in excruciating pain, the several hours it took to arrive in Rus Rus. Her emotional and physical exhaustion was evident on her face as she sat in the clinic waiting room.

Once through the registration point she requested prayer from the pastoral team. The pastors listened to her story as she spoke softly and began to tear up. As the team prayed, they declared an increase of faith and a miraculous healing in her body.

She was given a word that strongholds were being broken over her life. With hands raised and tears streaming down her cheeks, she received that promise and thanked God and the pastoral team.

