



*Flying Samaritans*

# Mother Lode Chapter

Clinic Report - October, 2015

## Primary Care Clinic

The October clinic was very busy this month. We had Jacob Gregerson, a Pediatrician, and Joshua Jaramillo, a med student, seeing 67 patients and Aaron RN and Debbie RN doing many EKG's, checking blood sugars on the diabetic patients, urine tests, ultrasounds, and vital signs on all. We didn't get done until 6 pm. Most of what we saw were chest pains, which luckily, none turned out to be serious. The usual rechecks for high blood pressure, and diabetes. One of the medical providers made a comment about how many people he saw for 'spots on the body' which is pretty common. My hat off to the two medical providers for doing such a great job and to Aaron, RN who never stopped running. Excellent job, guys! After leaving the clinic at 6:05 PM and heading for the hotel, everyone was ready for dinner. So we headed off to Jardines for a wonderful dinner and time by all. By the way, Jardines is now offering the Jumbo Lobster for \$60 (pictured herein), which 3 of our members enjoyed. For that price they better have! Sunday morning was breakfast at the hotel, then off to the airport for a nice flight home. – **Debbie Marino, Clinic Coordinator**



**Some of our younger patients, waiting to be seen by the medical staff.**

## Del Presidente...



As everything was running smoothly at the clinic on Saturday morning, Sr. Bilito and I headed into town in search of a female patient who is in need of a foot amputation. Heading north on Highway 1 between Los Pinos and San Quintin, the left front tire of Turtle (a.k.a. "the green van") decided it was time for a siesta. Out it went. After practicing some of my 'lesser than appropriate' Spanish words, and realizing that San Quintin is probably a little beyond AAA's range, I decided that it would be up to me to change the tire. Fortunately, assisted by the extra leverage of Friday night's street taco binge, the lug nuts came loose without a fight. Now Turtle is sporting a new left front tire.

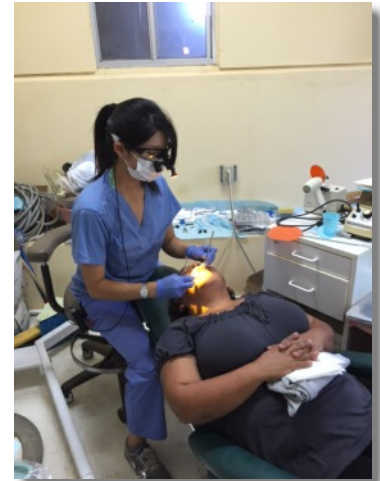
Ever wonder where your \$50 donation goes? We are proud to say that, besides the cost of our liability insurance premium, nearly every donated dollar goes directly to our cause, and every penny is needed. The three ground vehicles we keep in San Quintin are essential to our mission. However, the cost to maintain, repair, and operate the vehicles is a significant portion of our operating budget. The bumpy, dirt roads in San Quintin are torture to the windshields, causing us to replace them frequently.

Should you be pondering the thought of making a donation, please know in advance that your donation will be put to very good use!. – **Doug Wirzberger, Chapter President**

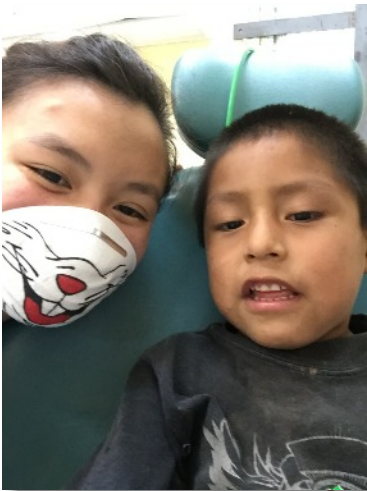
# Dental Clinic

We were very fortunate to have a fully staffed dental clinic in October. With the newly installed dental units, we were able to treat all the patients that signed up for treatment on Saturday. Our local helper Cecilia had the list of patients ready for us when we got to the clinic.

Dr. Brian Krey, assisted by his son Ben handled most of the oral surgery cases. Ben was a great help to the clinic as he managed his chairside duties as well as performing sterilization. Brian taught Ashley and me a couple techniques during the day. There is always something new to learn. We welcomed two new dentists to Flying Sams. Dr. Isabel Wong and Dr. Kohei Morita were our first dentists to treat patients using our two new dental units. I believe this group saved more teeth with restorations than any previous group as Isabel and Kohei saw every patient on the list for fillings. They worked tirelessly from the beginning of the day until the last patient. The only thing we really missed was Master DJ Todd and his mix of music. It was awfully quiet in the clinic and it took awhile to discover what was missing.



**Welcome, Dr. Isabel Wong!**



**Ashley is a huge hit with the kids.**

Our bundle of energy was Ashley Lau. Once again she was a huge help in calming the fears of our pediatric patients with her smiling face and videos of her "gato". For the two Japanese guys whose Spanish is "muy poquito", Ashley was a big help in translation.

The new equipment appeared to work well for the day. For all the fluids that the new vacuum unit suctioned, I could not figure out why the waste bucket was empty at the end of the day. Where did all this liquid waste go? To my surprise, when the vacuum unit is turned off, the fluids then drain into the waste bucket. Hmm... maybe if I read the instruction manual. Phil was on top of things with sterilization. He was so efficient that we were not able to keep up with him. Mason Krey was our chairside assistant and "go to" guy. He was so helpful whenever his two hands were needed. We do need to get him a chair to sit as he had to hunch down to assist us shorter dentists. Mason helped me with a root canal to save a lady's RPD abutment. We tag teamed with Kohei as he restored that tooth to function. This day was productive and ran very smoothly without incident. There is a little more work to do on the older dental units but I'm sure Todd will get them running well next month. Thank you to our group of dental providers and helpers. It was a true team effort.

**- Charlie Arita, DDS**



**Ben Krey and his new amigo.**



**Dr. Bryan Krey and son, Ben, working side-by-side.**

## Dental Clinic (continued)



Mason Krey, son of Aaron Krey, RN, assists Dr. Kohei Morita.



Dr. Kohei Morita and Dr. Isabel Wong grab a quick fish taco lunch. On their first clinic, they were a blast to have along. We hope to see them again soon!



Time for a quick nap on the way back home.



Dr. Morita tries his skill as co-pilot.

## **Backpacks for Baja**

During the October clinic Chris, Imelda and Cecilia gave out approximately 75 children's backpacks and about the same number of women's handbags. This brings the total number of backpacks/handbags distributed over the past year to well over 1,200!!! The back packs and hand bags were hand made by Linda Nelson with the help from members of the Lions Club as well as other volunteers. Included in each were hygiene and health related items such as tooth paste/toothbrushes, shampoo etc as well as school supplies and fun items for the children and cosmetic items for the women. Each also received a pair of sunglasses. We also distributed 12 sleeping pads for infants which the mothers greatly appreciated. The big hit this month were tennis balls. We gave out over 100 tennis balls and what a sight as they were immediately put into action!!! – **Chris Nelson**



**The local kids L O V E the backpacks!**



**Books bring BIG smiles to many faces.**



**Optical Clinic** In the absence of the usual optical team Chris Nelson filled in with the assistance of Judy and Cecilia. There were 34 pairs of prescription glasses distributed as a result of prior months exams as well as 14 pairs of reading glasses and 160 pairs of sunglasses. It is always fulfilling to see the looks on the faces of recipients of new prescription glasses, who in many cases would not have had the benefit of clear vision otherwise. There were a few new exams done but no glasses ordered do to a processing issue that stopped us for the day. The patients scheduled for exams/new glasses were understanding and will be back next month. – **Chris Nelson**



## Random 'Sam' Shots



**Bob Marcott's JUMBO!**



**Street tacos, the gem of Mexico!**



**Ben Krey was a great helper, installing a much-needed filter on the supply line to the bano.**



# Focus on Scholarship

By Frank Marquez, Scholarship Program Chairperson

Scholarship applications consist of two letters of recommendation, an essay describing why they are in need of assistance along with the past two years of grades. The scholarship team reads each individual essay and grades each

application based on the content. What do we find in the essays you may ask? You'll find every thing from single parents to no parents. Children left with their grandparents because mom and dad were unable to provide. Fathers that have been injured or disabled and are unable to provide even the basic elements. Amongst all that misfortune, we also see kids determined to better themselves and their families. We see their humbleness by stating if there's kids in greater need, then give it to them as I'll understand. They show their appreciation from past scholarships granted to them or their siblings. Most of all, they thank us for giving them the opportunity to share their story and everything else we provide to the community. Although you may not read in Spanish, we have attached this application from a student for the 2014 - 2015 scholastic year. In his essay he describes how his father has been unable to work most of the year due to an advanced tumor. He also states that he needs to work to assist his mother as much as possible with the medical bills. Since the essay was written, we received the sad news that his father passed away this past August. His spirits were up despite the challenges. One of the many reasons why do what we do as The Flying Samaritans...

En 200 palabras o más, escriba sobre usted, sus metas y sus motivos por solicitar una beca. Por qué usted merece esta beca más que otros estudiantes, y sus cualidades especiales. Por favor escriba su autobiografía a mano, usando letras claras y gramática correcta. Si no podemos leer su ensayo, no va a recibir la beca.

Me llamo Rudy Perez Gomez, tengo 17 hermanos he solicitado esta beca por que la ocupo más que nunca, lo digo por la condición económica muy baja y esto me ha llevado, hasta incluso poder "trabajar" para apoyar a mi madre en los gastos económicos en mi familia, más tarde vine una noticia que mi padre estaba muy malo de su salud, pues le diagnosticaron los médicos un tumor avanzado, pero ahora hay que pagar por la operación y es muchísimo y yo tengo que ayudar, pero gracias a Dios mi padre esta un poco mejor en su salud. Claro que tengo mi lado positivo, quiero decir que soy muy hábil en la escuela ya que en todos mis logros he sacado diplomas en primer lugar en la escuela, también tengo muy buenas calificaciones, pero no cuento con los recursos ya que yo mismo me compro mis útiles con el sudor en mi frente trabajando diariamente en el campo ya que mi madre no cuenta con los recursos para apoyarme, además mi conducta es excelente, por que nunca me han dado reportes y no me han llamado la atención y cumplo con las tareas, nunca falté a la escuela, me llegó una noticia interesante y me llamó la atención, esa noticia fue que mi mamá solicito una beca con los queridos "Samaritanos Voladores", gracias a esto empecé a hacerle más y más ganas a mis estudios para ganar la beca y si llegó a ganar la beca será un hecho muy bonito e importante en mi vida, esperó que no me halla equivocado al solicitar la beca, por que tengo mucha fé y esperanza de ganar y muchas tienen el mismo sueño y sentirse orgulloso, tank's your flying Samaritans.

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## Paraphrased Highlights From An Essay By Flying Samaritans Scholarship Recipient Rudy Perez Gomez:

"...I am requesting this scholarship because I need it now more than ever..."

"...we were given the news that my father had been diagnosed with an advanced tumor..."

"...I also have my positive side. I am positive about school. When I put my mind to it, I have achieved multiple first place diplomas in multiple areas and I have good grades..."

"...But when I don't have the necessary resources to buy school supplies, I am unable to reach the goals..."


"...Since I heard about the Flying Samaritans Scholarship Program, I have been motivated to do even better in

"...I have faith and hope to achieve this scholarship just like other kids and to be proud of it. Thanks you, Flying Samaritans."


# Focus on Scholarship (continued)

Despite the challenges he faces at home, the results of Rudy's dedication to school are reflected in his report card.

  
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Rudy's hard work in school and demonstrated financial need qualified him as the recipient of a Flying Samaritans Scholarship in the amount of \$150.



# Focus on Scholarship (continued)



## BBQ for Verland Benning

A BBQ was held on October 25 in honor of Verland Benning. Debbie Marino did a great job in keeping the BBQ as a surprise for Verland. About 30 members made the trek by car or plane to Columbia airport to share in the festivities. Al Rabe cooked up some delicious burgers, hot dogs and chicken to complement various side dishes provided by the attendees. Verland is one of the founding members of the Mother Lode chapter of the Flying Samaritans. In 1977, Verland began flying to various locations in Baja in search of a location to begin a clinic. In the early days, Verland recalls working closely with Mama Espinoza in El Rosario. Eventually, contact was made with the Rodriguez family, owners of Los Pinos ranch in San Quintin and the Los Pinos (Alma Luminosa) clinic was opened soon after. Verland is the father of a legacy that we hope to carry on for years and decades to come!



Verland is greeted by Sr. Bilito (left) and Steve Shaffer (right).



Debbie Marino shares kind words about Verland and memories from many driving journeys to and from clinic with him.



The BBQ was a great time for newer members to get acquainted with some of the long standing members. *Mike Gaisford* - the offer for a weekend of margaritas and Mexican food is still valid! Hope to see you in San Quintin soon!



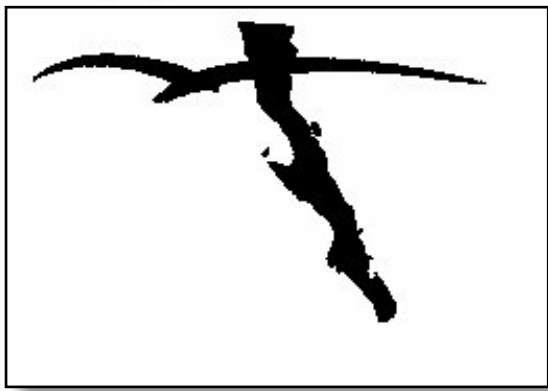
Al Rabe is BBQ mast-ah!!!!

# Pilot Recruiting

The California Pilots Association hosted a gathering for Sacramento area pilots on October 24. Noteworthy aviation personalities such as Dann Shively and Rod Machado were speakers at the event, which attracted more than 200 local pilots. The Flying Samaritans were invited to have an information booth and speak at the event. Flying Samaritans Public Relations Coordinator Chris Nelson shared the story of the Flying Samaritans with the audience. As we are striving to grow our membership base and increase clinic attendance, this has created a need for a larger roster of volunteer pilots. For the past few months, we have had an average of 15-20 volunteers attend clinic. More planes and pilots are needed! From events such as this, we hope to reach out to more pilot recruits and ensure that we have airplane seats for all volunteers wanting to travel to clinic.



Sr. Bilito, Joel Prosser and Chris Nelson answer questions from a pilot who is interested in joining the Flying Sams.



Chris Nelson shares the story of the Flying Samaritans with the group of 200 pilots.



Sr. Bilito , Phil Lancaster, Joel Prosser and Chris Nelson listen to Rod Machado's presentation.