



# May 2024 OCU Chichi Team May 9-16, 2024

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In May of 2024, our small team from OCU converged on Chichi for a week of clinics, devotionals, team meetings, games, and Thanksgiving. Our journey was marked by impactful clinics, meaningful encounters, and valuable experiences for all involved.

**Clinic Destinations:** During our trip, we visited various clinic destinations in Guatemala, including Clinica Caris, Rio Macztul, Mactzul II, Chuchipaca, Chichi, and Chiche. Each location presented unique challenges and opportunities to serve the local communities.



**Patient Outreach:** Throughout our time in Guatemala, we had the privilege of serving over 160 patients, the majority of whom were ABC children. Our services included health checks, dental cleanings, extractions, cavity repairs, and pharmacy assistance. The impact of our efforts was evident in the improved health and well-being of those we served.

**Future Surgical Candidates:** We identified several patients who were diagnosed as good candidates for future surgical trips. By providing early intervention and follow-up care, we aim to address their medical needs and improve their quality of life in the long term.

**Extraordinary Experiences:** Above all, our trip provided students with extraordinary experiences in remote health and dental care. By immersing themselves in hands-on service and cultural exchange, they gained invaluable insights and skills that will shape their future careers and personal growth.

**Thanksgiving Dinner:** One of the highlights of our trip was enjoying a real Thanksgiving Dinner together. Complete with smoked turkey, ribs, and customary Guatemalan sides, the meal was a delicious blend of cultures. It was heartwarming to see everyone come together in gratitude and celebration, and not a single dish was left over.



**In Conclusion:** Our trip was a tremendous success, thanks to the dedication, compassion, and teamwork of everyone involved. Most importantly, all our efforts were carried out in the name of Jesus, reflecting our commitment to serving others with love and compassion.

**Thank you!** Thank you to each and every one of you for your contributions to this meaningful endeavor. To our OCU Students, team leaders and professional staff, thank you. To our TSI staff at Clinica Caris, and Kemmel and Lisa, thank you. Together, we made a positive impact on the lives of those we served, and our journey will continue to inspire and empower us in the days ahead.



With gratitude, blessings, and a thankful heart,

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