

Letter of Gratitude

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Hello dear friends and brothers and sisters in Christ:

We are happy to greet you through this letter. We want to express our profound gratitude for your generous collaboration for the Community Dental Clinic. Your offerings have allowed us to buy some equipment and materials to attend to our patients. The Community Dental Clinic serves 90 children for free from a project of our local church. In addition, free care is given to pastors and their families and missionaries and their families. The Clinic offers its services to the general public at much lower prices. We also serve rural communities through short-term medical brigades. We visit schools and churches where we serve children and adults for free. We can tell you much more about the Clinic, but we want to leave you with 3 stories, which we call: "Stories of blessing".

How to talk about GRACE with a Dental X-ray?



I am always thinking about how I can talk to my patients about Christ and how to show them the Gospel in a way that is clear and easy to understand. Some days ago a patient arrived to do a prosthetic treatment. At first glance, I could see that she was a person with very few economic resources. When she asked about the price of the treatment I indicated that I needed an x-ray before starting any other procedure. I began to attend to her, at that precise moment, God put in my heart that I should take the x-ray even if she did not have the money to pay for it. When she saw that I was taking the X-ray she told me: "Doctor, I do not have the money to pay for the X-ray. At that time I said: "Do you know what the word GRACE means?" She looked at me surprised and said: "No". I knew that this was the right moment to tell him about the grace of God. I explained to her that God has given us salvation in Christ. We do not have to pay God, because Christ paid everything for us. The satisfaction of talking about the grace of God, using a simple radiography, is indescribable. This reminds me how small acts of service can be great instruments in the hands of God for effective communication of the Gospel of Grace.

Service relationships that last over time



Pastor Marcos and his family

Marcos is a pastor in one of the many rural communities of Honduras. We visited his home to share some time with his family. We are united by a particular story. Marcos was Abner's student at the seminary about 10 years ago. Abner shared in a class about the need to exercise good stewardship in all areas of our lives, including our family and the number of children we could have. Without knowing it, God was working in Marcos' life. He had 3 children with his wife, had two of his wife's brothers under his care and his wife had just lost her fourth baby due to severe anemia. They lived in a situation of real misery. Sometimes they had no more to eat than a few green bananas. At the end of the class Marcos approached Abner to talk, he was desperately looking for a family planning alternative. Abner took Marcos to the doctor. The doctor recommended the best treatment and Marcos decided to follow the doctor's advice. We recently visited him. Both Marcos and his wife are very grateful for the advice and the timely treatment they received. We also noticed that the whole family needed free dental care, we did not hesitate to invite them to visit our clinic. Marcos and his family attended the clinic and received the necessary treatments. The clinic is a means to serve pastors and their families who cannot afford their treatment. Just like Marcos, other pastors and their families are benefited by the Community Dental Clinic.

A pain stronger than a toothache...



One of the services provided by the Community Dental Clinic is the care of 90 children of PRODIM Betel. This is a project of our local church that cares for the children of single mothers. These children come from very poor homes. While their mothers wash clothes for other people or clean their homes the children receive tutoring and a healthy meal. Among the many children seen in the clinic, let me share with you Enos' case. This little boy was taken to the clinic for evaluation. Enos had countless cavities and many teeth that could no longer be saved. When I saw him enter the clinic I was able to perceive not only his physical pain but also his emotional pain. After asking some questions, I learned that his mother made tortillas for a living. Enos, with his mother and siblings, live in a small and dirty apartment where they have only one bed for everyone. When I started that treatment Enos did not complain at all. At all times he was very stoic. Seeing his attitude I understood that his toothache was not the worst pain that this little boy had endured in life. He had faced the pain of his father's abandonment and had come face to face with misery. That pain had made Enos a child capable of enduring many things in life. I feel so happy to be able to make even a small contribution in the life of those who need it most. I'm sure they cannot pay for their treatments but God is the one who pays for them.



Dental Scaler



Dental X Ray



Dental Washer Machine

Reasons for Gratitude

- We give thanks to God because He has allowed us to acquire equipment for the care of our patients, among them: an X-ray, an ultrasonic cleaner and an ultrasonic scrubber for the instruments.
- We give thanks to God because he has blessed us with medicines to bless those who cannot buy their treatments.
- We thank God for the opportunities to share the Gospel of Grace through dental services.
- We thank God for the people who make the generous investments that make this ministry possible.

Reasons for prayer

- Pray that God will continue to provide resources for the Community Dental Clinic for the purchase of more equipment and materials.
- Pray that God will help us be good stewards of the resources that God has placed in our hands so that we may use them in such a way that many more lives are blessed.
- Pray for health for us, that God will keep us healthy and always willing to serve Him.
- Pray that more people will believe in this ministry and join with us in prayer and financial support.

In Christ;

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“God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them”.

Hebrews 6:10 (NIV)