

## Oklahoma Christian University Team

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### Team Members

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Our trip began with me meeting the rest of the team as they worked their way out of customs at the airport on the 14th. Because of the late hour, we spent our first night at Hotel Barcelo and met up with our transportation to Chichi the next morning.

Our travel to Chichi on Sunday was very quick and we met up at Kimmel and Lisa's house before leaving for Xepocol where we met up with 30+ young people and worshiped and shared communion together. From there we drove back to Chichi and checked into Hotel Tomas for a little shopping at market and then dinner.

Monday was a special time of worship at Paxot II. There was an estimated 1,300 people gathered for a full day of worship and preaching. Participants came from over 20 other churches in the area. Most of the OC group participated while a small group went to Clinica Caris of the day. It was a wonderful experience.





Tuesday through Thursday we got in a routine of heading off to different communities for dental and health evaluations and treatments. In some situations we split the group but for the most part we stayed together as one team alongside our TSI employees. We had clinics in Saquilla, Las Trampas, Chuchipaca, and Clinica Caris. Between all of our clinics we serviced 136 ABC students with medical issues, 70 non-ABC patients with medical issues, 143 ABC students with dental check-ups, fillings and or extractions, and 40 non ABC with dental issues.

On Thursday we had a real Thanksgiving treat. Eric Phelps had a dream of bringing a small smoker to Guatemala in checked luggage for the purpose of smoking a turkey for the TSI staff to say thank you for all they do for TSI and HTI. It was quite the feat, but he did it. So on Thursday evening, our team alongside all of the TSI team met together for a smoked turkey and dressing, mashed potato, macaroni salad, and tortilla Thanksgiving dinner. It was quite the feast and celebration.



Friday morning Genesis, Neil and I made our way to Antigua while the remainder of the team set off for adventures they had planned for the rest of their trip. Neil and I had dinner that evening with Cary and Rita Sills, then Saturday morning made our way to the airport for our journey home. The remainder of the OC team made their way home on Tuesday after experiencing a boat ride on Lake



Atitlan, a Mayan ruins tour, shopping, and other fun Guatemalan experiences.

The OC trip was a very productive and fruitful week. The OC students were very excited for the experience and many Guatemalan people were aided by their service.

Thank you to all who lifted us up in prayer while on our trip. Your thoughts and prayers were felt and greatly appreciated.

*Bode Teague*