

February 2009 Newsletter

February has been incredible. Our Dental Clinic turned out to be something totally different, and what a treat. Our plan had been to have dentists provide free services to the children of the community. However, no dentists showed up. By earthly standards, it was a total flop. But what happened was anything but a flop.

Our brother in Christ, Lee, from Pflugerville Texas, came with his team and made this one happening event for Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

The Missionary Team



Eliseo Garcia, left, and his brother, Elias "Lee" Garcia



Baltazar Gaona, center and Mariolin Nogueira, right

First day having breakfast with the landlords.



First day of the event was Friday at the Red Cross. So many children showed up that the building could not begin to hold them all, so the Red Cross blocked off the street, arranged for chairs to be rented and we had a street event.

As you can see, children of all ages came to see what was happening. They were fascinated by the balloon animals the team made for them.

Mariolin, an accomplished ventriloquist, brought his special friends to tell about Jesus Christ, and how much Jesus Christ loves the children.

Luis from the Red Cross in the back.



Members of the International Baptist Church of Santa Domingo showed up to help translate and were soon turning out balloon animals as well.



During a much needed quick afternoon break, Young Kwan, using a hand pump, inflates balloons as Victoria Diaz shows off her skill of making bees and butterflies.

It is estimated that some 200 children showed up for Friday event. The event was moved to a nearby basketball court for Saturday and Monday to accommodate the number of children arriving. Good thing, there were a whole lot more children on Saturday and on Monday. It is estimated close to 300 children were there for Saturday and again on Monday.

A local church allowed the Missionary Team to present their program for the Sunday morning Childrens' Service. Over 100 children accepted Jesus Christ into their hearts during that service. We may never know just how many children were reached for Jesus Christ during that four days in February 2009, but that even one accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, it was worth everything.

The following are pictures from the Friday and Saturday event. Due to technical problems we do not have pictures from the other days at this time. But if those that took pictures will share them with us, we will share them with you.



The patio of the Red Cross, early on Friday morning.

Victoria with some of the children in front of the Red Cross.

This event could never have happened without the support of Community Leaders.

Decision makers not pictured are the rest of Lee's missionary team, Luis with the Red Cross, and Victor Urbaez a local attorney.

Here one of the leaders meets with the team to discuss canceling the event or not since no dentist showed.

We are so grateful it was decided to go ahead with what we had.





in front of the Red Cross



the children came





Lee's skill in making balloon animals was no match for the number of children he drew near him while sharing the Good News.



In street in front of Red Cross.



Bibles were handed out. One young man showing off his new Bible.



Entrance to the basketball court.



Lee, Mariolin, Baltizar and Luis getting ready for Saturday.



As the day passed, more children showed up.



A brother and sister take time to get their picture taken and now are attending Wednesday Bible study with several others at the Red Cross with David.



Breakfast with the landlords.

Left to right is Elias “Lee” Garcia, Mariolin Nogueira, Ruth and David Damewood, the landlords Margarita and Roberto Reynoso, and Eliseo Garica.
Picture was taken by Baltazar Gaona.

Thank You goes out to so many that sacrificed to make this event happen. Community leaders that helped guide our way, business owners that gave us special prices on supplies, prayers of the Prayer Warriors from our home church, First Baptist Church, Pflugerville, Texas and Prayer Warriors of our local church, International Baptist Church, Santa Domingo, Dominican Republic. The Missionary Team from Texas and Mexico, the staff of the Red Cross and other volunteers, including our landlords Roberto and Margarita Reynoso, made this the success that it was. Our sincerest apologies to any we have omitted. It could not have been done without you.

This was truly a God Size Task and so many said ‘Yes’ when God called.

Thank You from all of the children that will spend eternity in heaven with God because you cared enough.

Members FBC-Pflugerville Texas USA on
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David and Ruth

