

## Living the Mission Experience

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# Chiapas 2014



Copainala in Chiapas, Mexico was the site of our sixth mission in 2014 and the fourth time the missionaries served in Copainala. It is always an honor to return and bring the gift of healing to the humble people of the area and the surrounding region.

#### Mission Stats Pediatric Patients Served: 150 Adult Patients Served: 377 Geriatric Patients Served: 114 Total Patients Served: 641

**Insights and Lessons Learned** - It is always inspiring to see the young adults and college age missionaries discover a new level of faith and generosity. There is something about the missions that many times cannot be discovered through our day-to-day lives in the states. It has to be lived out in challenging situations. One of

the great values of a mission is that many participants have a better understanding of what it means to serve, both on a mission and at home.

If it has been awhile since you have served



on a mission or know someone who is considering attending a mission please contact us for more information about upcoming missions. We hope these brief testimonials will inspire and encourage you to bring the Gospel of Life to the world through your everyday works and prayers. Thanks to all the missionaries who attended the mission in Chiapas.

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If you are interested in learning more about HHMM or would like to participate in an upcoming mission, please contact Gloria at mission@hhmm.org or (972) 253-1800.

## **Meet the Missionaries**



#### Fatima Perez

Home State: Texas Parish: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Mission: First

"Volunteering as a translator for the Chiapas medical mission was one of the most gratifying experiences I've ever had in my life. As a translator I was not sure how I would fit in with the rest of medical missionaries. In the beginning, I felt that my role within the group wasn't very important, since I was not part of the medical personnel. However, after the first day of consultations I realized how much I was needed, due to the fact that hardly any of the patients spoke English. They were very thankful for my ability to translate for the doctors. They [the poor we served] taught me that being Catholic isn't a thing to be on Sundays for one hour, it is a lifestyle. Being Catholic is something we must practice everyday by giving thanks to God for every single aspect of our life".



### Stefan Haller, MD

Home State: California Parish: St. Joseph Basilica Mission: Second

"Two missions I have now attended, one as a participant (Philippines) and one as director (Mexico). Both times were incredible experiences. For a medical professional and a catholic, both missions could not have been more fulfilling. That we experience a very high form of "fulfillment" through "giving" has been shown quite convincingly in the literature by now and is no longer just a matter of belief. Although in many ways, the medical care we provided during the missions may not have been sufficient, and while this mere fact in itself is somewhat disquieting, it is beyond question that we did make a huge difference for so many there. How? With direct medical care. It does fill a significant gap for many. But it went beyond that. The connection we shared with our patients through our faith time and again added another dimension to this care. It provided a type of "holistic" approach, which I have never experienced in my practice at home before. Add to this the spiritual component of the mission, the support of the priest, the community spirit and the prayer - both missions provided truly unparalleled experiences. They were not my last..."