

# The Chile Chico

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*Hiking during our day off in the mountains*

As Americans, we sometimes think, we have all the answers. Much of the world looks to the USA for leadership and answers to the world's problems. Just maybe, we should take some lessons from our Brothers in Southeast Asia. I've been asked not to mention the country's name, so I won't. Let me fill you in. In this country, the Reformed Presbyterian Church was formed roughly 20 years ago. A national pastor established a seminary with a goal of spreading the Gospel. In that short time, they have planted churches throughout the country. The church have grown to three presbyteries including two orphanages!!

Our mission was to come along-side and provide much needed medical services since much of the remote countryside does not have any such service. This was a great outreach ministry of the local church and they used it to share the love of Christ with their village neighbors.



*The Team: 4 docs, 1 nurse, and 3 non-med*



**Baby Blanket Ministry**



**Reading Glasses Ministry**

In all, we held 6 clinics, seeing over about 340 patients. This annual medical trip is the only time most of these people see a doctor. We also passed out roughly 100 pairs of reading glasses, 5 baby blankets, and untold number of toothbrushes, tooth paste, and vitamins!

A mission trip never happens in a vacuum! It takes help from others (financially) as well as prayer partners. This trip was no exception. Thanks go to Phil, who made 50 pairs of reading glasses, Sharon who made all those covers for reading glasses, the women of Gospel Fellowship Presbyterian church who made the baby quilts for the expectant mothers in-country and for all those young families who donated over-the-counter medicines, toothbrushes and vitamins!!! I thank you very much!!!!

Lord willing, I hope to returned next year. There are several villages in the mountains that can only be accessed by hiking on mountain trails. Sounds like a good job for me!!

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