

Several members of the SVCC community spent their spring break in Honduras on a medical mission trip with the Friends of Barnabas Foundation. From SVCC, the team included current students Madison Moody and Bryce Little, faculty member Martha Reed, counselor Tonia Talbott, and RN program graduate Michael Gallagher. Other team members were from various areas and included nurses, a pharmacy technician and a physician's assistant, as well as a faculty member and a student from Longwood University.

The team visited five remote villages in the mountains of Honduras, setting up medical clinics in each. Services provided to the Honduran villagers included general medical care, dental care, and eye examinations. During the week in Honduras, the team saw 999 patients, provided vitamins to 994 patients, dewormed 813 individuals, gave fluoride treatments to 192 children, extracted 127 teeth, made 106 referrals for additional medical care, and gave out eyeglasses to 247 adults and children. The team also identified 16 children that needed to be a part of an Extended Care Program, another vital part of the Friends of Barnabas mission.

Of the trip, Reed says, "The week was an amazing opportunity to work with people in one of the poorest countries in the world. Honduras is a beautiful country, with beautiful people, but there is so much poverty. We look forward to returning to Honduras next year and taking more students to experience this wonderful opportunity to be in service to others."