

Report from La Romana Wednesday, January 20, 2010

I arrived at the hospital this morning to find out what I would be needed to do today. I helped Odalis and Elizabeth get some gifts together as they were going to the Batey today for Altagracia Day. I walked down the stairs and Denny was standing talking to Dr Bido, my first thought was Oh no, what's wrong, why is he back from Haiti already? BUT, he was back because he and JC had brought 2 patients to the Good Sam.



This 16 year old boy has a broken femur. His sister came with him from Haiti.

The man pictured below is 37 and has a dislocated pelvis. His brother came with him.



I asked Denny about what it's like where the team is located in Port-au-Prince. He told me that they are in a very safe place and that things are very well organized. He told me that Kristy is supervising 2 clinics that are set up very similar to the way teams set up Batey clinics. He told me that the biggest difference is that they are treating people with wounds and other types of trauma. Getting set up yesterday was a bit chaotic, but it's all well organized now. He estimated they saw around 300 patients on Tuesday. He said that the need for antibiotics is great because there they want to be sure stop the spread of disease. He told me that the food that was brought is being distributed by a team led by Pastor Coulangue and Moises, and that is also going well. There will be a great need for more medicines, especially pain medications, antibiotics, stomach meds and high blood pressure meds. Denny also told me that at this time there is very little communication in Port-au-Prince, he was not even sure SAT phones were working, but they may be.

Denny was getting money to buy more fuel for the return trip, getting more supplies which were taken from the hospital storage room, because all the money that has been donated has been spent. They took some more supplies, baggies, medicine spoons and antiseptic wipes from the Almacen Social and left for Haiti around 10:30 this morning, with hopes of arriving by 6 pm.



Loading boxes of medication for the trip back to Haiti.



Denny checking what is being loaded



Denny and Crystal



The stickers on the truck that will get them across the border and escorted to Port-au-Prince.



Discussing details with Dr Bido



Via con Dios

Denny told me that he was taking special paperwork back with him in case they bring more patients on the return trip. This will help them get through the 10 roadblocks that are set up in the Dominican Republic after they cross the border in Jimani, DR. On this trip to bring these patients to Good Sam, they had to return to Jimani to obtain paperwork from the local hospital and this took them over an hour and a half, so they would like to prevent that in the future.

This afternoon I spent some time in the Almacen social checking for expired meds, which will be burned. Then a team from Wellsboro, PA that is working in Las Colinas, a barrio of San Pedro de Macoris came for a tour of the hospital. I was giving the tour when KRISTY CALLED ME. She is doing well, and sounded very good on the phone. Unfortunately, they are going to have to come home Friday as they are running out of medications. I sent out a quick note to a few people that I had heard from Kristy, but then it was necessary to leave the hospital and bring the team from Wellsboro to see the Church. They were interested to see it because some of them helped build the foundation in 1985, 87 and 89.

So, it's been quite a day for me and I Praise God for the blessing of being here in La Romana at time like this. BUT, the need for money is GREAT and I pray that many will respond by donating to laromana.org because that money will come directly to us here in La Romana. Please if you can help spread the word of our need it will help save lives.

In His Service,

Cyndi McNamara