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School of Dental Hygiene gives children much to smile about, February was Nat onal Children's Dental Health Month, designed to raise awareness about the importance of oral health. Developing ef ect ve oral care behaviors at an early age and scheduling regular dental visits helps children get a good start on a

A team of nursing and physical therapy students deployed to Santo Domingo in March 2012 to deliver targeted training to the Physicians for Peace Resource Mothers. Melissa Uribe, nursing and Jennifer Butler, physical therapy students kept a blog of their daily events below are some excerpts:

We arrived in the Dominican Republic yesterday and were delighted by the warm sunshine and airport, we enjoyed the beaut ful view of palm trees blowing in the cool breeze against the blu	e ocean. At lunch we filled up on traditional Do-
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Today, the five physical therapy students present on this training mission embarked upon the mon Lopez, director of the Americas for Physicians for Peace, Steve Bell, director of ODU Study as two Resource Mothers: Patricia and Rosanna.	_
This experience helped us bet er understand the challenges that the Resource Mothers face we clients. These challenges include dif cult-to-navigate terrain and an evident lack of resources visited was the first barrio in the city to test positive for cholera during the most recent outbre ment of the Resource Mothers program, each of the Resource Mothers must live in the barrio live. Combined, Patricia and Rosanna currently have 10 clients in the barrio.	T parrio we a sa require-
From afar, one cannot truly appreciate the level of barrios nor how difficult and hazardous it can be to row passages and ascend the hills to reach the climbed through these passages, one finds it difficult for the company apprecially in her third tripher home without injury.	nb the nar- er Having cu p imagine
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ers may encounter with their clients.

year of life. As we instruct the Resource Mothers in lese skills, we will incorporate what we saw in

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On our final days of the mission, we spent time reviewing and practicing the different skills that were taught during the week. When each Resource Mother felt that she was ready, she was given a practical skills test by ODU students and faculty. The test covered taking vital signs: blood pressure, heart rate, respirations, and temperature. Double headed stethoscopes were used to ensure accuracy of their readings. This practical helped to single out those who needed further instruction.

Af er that, we administered writ en examinations that included both physical therapy and nursing topics covered this week. Then, we had time to cover the topics of newborn assessment and signs and symptoms of preeclampsia. This was followed by a quest on-and-answer session. Lastly, we viewed a slide show to celebrate International Women's Day, which brought much laughter among the Resource Mothers.

The final day, both the Resource Mothers and the ODU students got into small groups to give feedback about the training and interact on that occurred during this week.

The Resource Mothers provided us with topics that they would like to be covered in future: cardiopulmonary resuscitation, sexually transmit ed diseases, respiratory infections, preventing teenage pregnancy, physical therapy techniques for the infant, and typhoid fever.

Finally, we had a graduat on ceremony for the Resource Mothers. They were awarded cert f cates and t-shirts with the Madres Tutelares logo. The Resource Mothers then surprised us with a presentat on of their own, in which they spelt out the word "GRACIAS" as an acronym to represent what they have gained this week:

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The medical/dental mission trip to Grand Goave, Hait consisted of a four-person team including two nurses (RB and Linda), a dental assistant (Krist an) and an orthodont st (Brent). This was the first mission trip for two members of the