





School of Dental Hygiene gives children much to smile about, February was National Children's Dental Health Month, designed to raise awareness about the importance of oral health. Developing effective 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 80 degree weather. During our bus ride from the airport, we enjoyed the beautiful view of palm trees blowing in the cool breeze against the blue 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 first of three barrio visits. We were led by Dr. Ramon Lopez, director of the Americas for Physicians for Peace, Steve Bell, director of ODU Study Abroad, as well as two Resource Mothers: Patricia and Rosanna.

This experience helped us better understand the challenges that the Resource Mothers face when serving their clients. These challenges include difficult-to-navigate terrain and an evident lack of resources. The barrio we visited was the first barrio in the city to test positive for cholera during the most recent outbreak. As a requirement of the Resource Mothers program, each of the Resource Mothers must live in the barrio where her clients live. Combined, Patricia and Rosanna currently have 10 clients in the barrio.

From afar, one cannot truly appreciate the level of poverty in the barrios nor how difficult and hazardous it can be to climb the narrow passages and ascend the hills to reach the clients. Having climbed through these passages, one finds it difficult to imagine how a pregnant woman, especially in her third trimester, reaches her home without injury.

In the following days, the physical therapy students will be teaching the Resource Mothers about motor milestones, which are especially important in the assessment of the children during the first year of life. As we instruct the Resource Mothers in these skills, we will incorporate what we saw in the barrio into our lessons and make the information we relay relevant to what the Resource Mothers may encounter with their clients.





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







