

GUATEMALA DENTAL MISSION

And although the Mayan people seemed afraid of us in the beginning, hiding in their homes, by the end of our 10 day trip, we knew we had been accepted, welcomed into their homes even. There were tearful goodbyes as we exchanged hugs and kisses. **We hope you will help us make a difference with our upcoming Dental Mission Trip to Guatemala in June 2010.** This is the second year Dr. Kellogg and the staff of the Howell Dental Center have been to treat these beautiful Guatemalan children. Watch for your chance to become involved in changing these children's lives with us. **Before our next mission trip we will be asking for donations of Beanie Babies® as gifts for the Guatemalan children to ease the fear before treatment.** as this is all very new to them. Kellogg's oldest daughter, with some of the Guatemalan children she befriended →



Pictured above and to the right are some of our Mayan patients from our Guatemala Dental Mission trip, July of 2009. It was an exceptional experience. We met new friends, cried, and made our mark on the Mayan Indian people indigenous to the mountains of Guatemala. These people rarely left the village. They were very poor by our standards of living, yet they seemed very happy. They had stable families with divorce rarely heard of. But one of the sad truths was that these people die of tooth decay and its secondary health problems, including infections and diabetes. We educated them, and shared with them how sugar causes tooth decay and diabetes. Believe it or not, they didn't believe us, even laughed at us for suggesting the idea. Sugar cane was plentiful and the children were even sold suckers and candy at the school. They were seen all around the village with suckers hanging from their mouths. By the end of the trip we seemed to convince many of them that sugar was bad for their health.



Dr. Kellogg with his youngest daughter Hannah

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