



Michael, Elizabeth & Anita

Dohn Family

Annual Mission Report

SAMS Missionaries in Health Ministries

In the Dominican Republic



Annual Report covering 2008

By the numbers

Activity at Clínica Esperanza y Caridad during 2008:

- 25,153 total patient visits
 - 13,003 patient visits for physical medicine and rehabilitation
 - 12,150 patient visits for medical care
- 1,464 vaccines administered to children and pregnant women

One HIV/AIDS program:

- Performed 941 confidential HIV tests in 2008 (about one of every 20 people who came to us for an HIV test last year was positive)
- 2,125 medical consultations for people with HIV infection
- HIV home services program that served 808 people living with HIV+ people and their family members

One health promoter program:

- 185 promoters in the program who are working in eleven communities
- Health promoters are in contact with about 17,000 people

Our responsibilities at Clínica Esperanza y Caridad :

- One more year as Medical Director and Health Project Manager for Michael
- One more year as Health Project Coordinator for Anita
- Another year working in HIV/AIDS care for both of us

Looking ahead into 2009

- The health promoter program has funding for 2009
- The HIV/AIDS treatment center's future is uncertain. The Clinton Foundation abruptly discontinued funding for all centers it had supported. This is a problem nationally here; people are thinking and planning on a national (and international level) to figure-out what to do with the thousands of patients who get their care at these centers.
- The community health program is poised to begin tackling alcohol abuse and domestic violence / partner abuse during 2009.
- Our website opened: <http://dohnfamily.org>

After nearly nine years here, we continue to be amazed. Amazed at what faithful people here can accomplish with so few resources. Amazed at the power of the Holy Spirit to touch hearts and bring transformation to people's lives. Amazed that we are still here (we read that the *average* medical missionary's term of service is just over one year abroad).

As always, you have an open invitation to come visit and see for yourself (or at least visit the website).

Keep praying.

In Christ, Anita & Michael

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