



Mission trip to Guatemala a challenge for Dr. Young



As if her family and medical practice don't keep her busy enough, Dr. Donella Young spent nearly two weeks (June 1-10, 2002) in Guatemala on a Christian mission with Christian Heritage School.

All three of Dr. Young's children attended CHS, located in Edwall, and her oldest, Sarah, was a sophomore in the Spanish program. The Spanish class, including teacher Sue Letellier, worked for 10 days in one of the most destitute areas of Guatemala, doing construction on a school and providing Christian outreach and Bible school to children in the area.

"The school was one of the poorest in the nation. They had no books. They had nothing," sighs Dr. Young. The CHS kids raised money and took school supplies with them. Dr. Young checked out the local medical clinic to see what its needs were, and offered to help while she was there.

"We were hoping to build a relationship and possibly send a mission team annually. It will be good to find out their medical needs for future trips," says our faithful doc.

This isn't the first or last mission trip for Dr. Young, who volunteered for this duty. "I spent a summer as a missionary in Columbia when I was in college. I loved it and wanted to go again. When this came up I just said, 'I'll go!'" she laughs.

One need she was able to fill was to restock the Guatemalan school's supply of pens, notepads and sticky-notes. "I talked to drug reps and most gave me boxes of them," she says, noting that teachers are in dire need of pens and paper and the drug reps were very supportive.

After the ten day mission, she returned tired but happy, as she knows that missionary work is hard. "I know I've seen so much more that needs done down there and I'll have to trust God that I'll be able to do more next time."