

## Haiti Update

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On Monday, Jan. 18, Jim Bramlett, a Certified Nurse Anesthetist, and I left Charlotte on a flight to Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. Here we joined the rest of the medical team and staff of ISOH/Impact formerly known as International Services of Hope and Impact with God Crusades, a total of 24 people with medical specialties. From the airport we traveled to La Romana Dominican Republic where we had something to eat and waited for a group from the Baptist Haiti Mission. They arrived at about 11 p.m. All total we had about 100 people on two tour busses with two trucks of supplies.



We traveled through the night and arrived at the border town of Jimani at day break. Narrow roads and damaged roads made it hard to find our way in the city. Our destination was the site where the Baptist Haiti Mission would setup a medical clinic. After transferring supplies we headed to Double Harvest, arriving in the late afternoon. Double Harvest, INC. is a 200 acre mission project consisting of a farm and other resulting ministries: a school, a sponsor a child program, a medical/surgical clinic and a housing project.

During the next four days the medical team performed over 100 surgeries. Primary treatment was amputation. There were lots of fractures, which by this time, the week after the quake, infections and open wounds were a real problem.

Another medical team set up a mobile clinic in the school cafeteria to handle triaging and post op. During the four days they attended to over 1,600 patients. On the final day we welcomed a new life when a healthy baby boy was born.

The first day I joined a team that went to the main and only operating hospital in Port-au-Prince to help repair equipment to get an additional operating room functioning. The remaining days I helped at the mobile clinic by helping with crowd control, running errands for the medical team, handing out vitamins and intercessory prayer for patients and staff. Three members of our team spent most of their time and energies getting supplies and equipment out of the storage center at the Port-au-Prince airport. This is a complicated task working with and through many and varied international organizations.

