



POEM BY KENNETH E. REMY, MD FAAP, FACP

*From across a continent they came
To a land poor in resources.
Bringing their unique talents abroad
With locals they joined forces.*

*In great skill they prepared
To locate those children in need.
Like a fire from Dante their souls' yearned
For a life to truly succeed.*

*As the surgeon's skilled hand met
The intricacies of complexity within the chest,
Art with science facing altruism
Each discipline providing its best.*

*So as these beautiful children gained
A life with a bright-eyed start.
These guests from the North gained as well,
With their care from the heart.*

*To see these smiles permeate
Away those lips turn red from blue.
To feel the hugs from moms and dads
Providing futures to their families anew.*

*Only one important question looms
Who gained the most from this travel?
The talented visitors changing young lives;
Or the children touching these missionaries hearts?*

*I posit that two separate worlds
were changed together
sharing care international of both heart's forever.*

It was a pleasure to work with all of you. The fantastic group of people from surgeons, perfusionists, nurses, RT, anesthesia, cardiology, Fr. Don, administrative, scrub nurse, and of course ICU (Cesar!!!) was truly awe inspiring and the passion within each of you was contagious. I look forward to joining you all again on another trip sometime soon. Thank you very much for the opportunity. It was truly awesome!!!

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