

## Out of the Mouths of Our Dental Team



**Liane Shuttlesworth**, Dental Hygienist

*“Bill and I were called to start this dental mission several years ago. We went with energy and eager hearts! Once there, I fell completely in love with the people of the Dominican Republic. I left my heart there and knew I would be back.”*

**Dr. Noble Malik**



*“The dental set-up in the Dominican Republic was user-friendly, and the equipment more than adequate. Treating their tooth decay and infection so they could function without constant pain was extremely rewarding.”*



**Dr. Wayne Ley**

*“I’ve enjoyed helping with the South Texas Children’s Home project in the DR. It’s been a privilege to provide dental services for people, both in the church, and in the community who would not be able to have any kind of dental care.”*

**Gwen Kucera**, Dental Hygienist



*“I never thought I could enjoy working so hard and in the heat. But, no matter how much you put into it, you always receive so much more.”*



**Dr. Bill Shuttlesworth**

*“One thing I have learned is gratitude for what God has given me. Friends and other dental professionals who have served in this dental ministry have told me that it’s hard to put in words what they have experienced. So, I think you will have to come on a dental ministry trip to the DR to experience God’s love for yourself.”*

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*Everyone smiles  
in the same language.*

## KID-DDS ON MISSION

### Full Circle for Dr. Bill

WHEN PEDIATRIC DENTIST Dr. Bill Shuttlesworth was in the first grade, he lived on the South Texas Children’s Home Ministries (STCHM) Boothe Campus for four-and-a-half years. It was 1957 and his father was the first Assistant Administrator of the Home. The impact this had on his life, he says would not be apparent to him for many years.



*Dr. Bill Shuttlesworth*

“After many years of being associated with STCHM, my wife Liane and I began to pray for an avenue to open where we could use our experience to the benefit of the Lord. Lo and behold, an opportunity presented itself in the form of a STCHM sponsored mission trip to the Dominican Republic.”

“We had no doubt the trip was an answer to prayer,” Liane said. “It was such an honor to serve the people of the DR. My heart was broken many times as I screened the children and saw many rotten and broken-off teeth.”

“We helped almost 300 children on that first trip, and it was emotional and tiring,” said Dr. Bill. “To perform dentistry in the house of God as we did...overwhelming!”

That first trip planted the seeds of hope to recruit more dentists and provide better equipment and facilities for future dental ministries.

# PROVIDING HOPE...

## Dreaming the Possible

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# CREATING OPPORTUNITIES

SOUTH TEXAS CHILDREN'S Home Ministries have conducted over 6 weeks of dental mission trips through its international ministries since 2008. Highlights include:

- Furnished dental office with a/c
- Over 50 professional and volunteer participants
- More than 909 children and adults treated
- Priority for Samuel's Fund and orphanage children
- PLUS, dental brushing clinics, hygiene instruction, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and dental floss have been provided for many hundreds of children and their caregivers

We are grateful for generous donations that have furnished the existing dental space with equipment and tools needed for dental work with children and adults. Below is a partial list of equipment; donations for more needed items are welcome!

- 2 portable Adec units
- Amalgamator
- Portable x-ray machine
- Amalgam setup (spoon, carver, plugger, etc.)
- Hand developer
- Scalers
- Vast selection of surgical instruments
- Ultrasonic cleaner
- Cavitron



IT'S CONTAGIOUS...THE love and joy from American dental professionals and volunteers to Dominican children and their mothers...then from grateful Dominicans back to the Americans. Smiles, high-fives, and hugs tell the story. From the pain and shame of beautiful girls who avoid smiling to shy smiles of gratitude. The young man who had been told by a previous dentist that he needed to have an extraction. Children who come back eagerly now for the second year and are told, "No cavities!"

Yet there is still an ache deep in our hearts for those we cannot help. The number of people needing help vastly outnumbers our resources.

*We pray for more dentists and professionals to volunteer.*

A tiny office crowded with two dentists, two assistants, two translators, two patients, and other helpers necessitate screening and hygienist personnel remain outside in the open air.

We pray for a new **Children's Ministry Center** that will house more adequate dental facilities, a medical clinic, classroom space, and a Samuel's Fund office.

*Will you join us in this prayer? Will you also dream the possible with us?*

