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(Top) A visit with a USA volunteer dentist on the Medical Mission  
(Top Right) Carolyn administering medication. (Right) Avery & Sydney administering medication

## Medical Mission Trip Barahona, Dominican Republic

By: Carolyn Doerle, CEO

*This message is being sent to you from Carolyn Doerle*

As many of you know, I recently returned from another medical mission to Barahona, Dominican Republic July 11-17, 2009. I served with a medical mission team of 45 people, who are doctors, dentists, pharmacists, nurses, and support people. This year I brought along my two granddaughters, Avery 15, and Sydney 14. I believe they both had life changing experiences as a result of their involvement in providing medical and dental services to over 2,000 villagers.

Through the **Charitable Fridays Jean Day** program, Doerle's once again made another donation of \$1,000, in July 2009, earmarked for medical supplies and other expenses associated with the mission trip. In the past, the Charitable Jean Day fund donated \$1,000 for the July 2007 Mission trip. In May 2008, the fund donated another \$1,000 to purchase a water purification system for Haiti, needed as a result for the devastation caused by Tropical Storm Hannah and Hurricanes Gustave and Ike. Safe drinking water was in short supply and many Haitians had gone without safe food and water for days on end.

On this last mission trip, Avery, Sydney and I were responsible for treating the intestinal parasites that plagued nearly all of the 2,000 people that came through the clinic, a result of the contaminated water that they ingest and use for bathing.

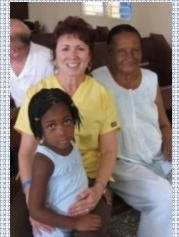
Our other responsibilities were to assist the pharmacy in re-packaging bulk medications into individual prescriptions. The pictures accompanying this letter clearly show many of our daily tasks and the appreciation of those we ministered to.

All day long, the volunteer dentists performed teeth extractions, using a flashlight to see inside the patients' mouths while they work. The majority of the patients are children and most of them are treated for upper respiratory problems, caused by ash from the burning sugar cane fields and the smoke from cooking meals inside their homes over open fires without sufficient ventilation.

Maya Angelou, poet, once wrote "I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands. You need to be able to throw something back". It is part of our corporate culture at Doerle's to put our heart and resources into throwing something back, whether it's responding to needs of people within our own company – or the world.

Sometimes we hold local fundraisers for Doerle employees in need, such as through our Bar-B-Q events and bakery sales. Or, we provide food baskets at Thanksgiving to food bank organizations. Sometimes we make cash donations to local organizations, such as Stuller Place, a non-profit organization that houses three programs: Children's Advocacy Center, Sexual Abuse Response Center, and Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners. And, we also make international contributions, such as to Haiti and Dominican Republic.

Again, I am always grateful for this opportunity to give back and be reminded of the many blessings and privileges in my life. I also thank all of you for participating in this effort and "throwing something back" through your generous contributions.



Washing clothes



Cooking

