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 *What a time, what a time, what a time!*

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Here are some first-hand reports from the 15th annual medical mission to the Philippines. Eighty-two people came from the United States, Canada and Japan, people from all walks of life with one goal in mind...to serve the poor of the Philippines! ARMS (Asian Relief Medical Services) is the new name for this Christians in Action ministry which also includes a medical/evangelistic mission to Cambodia, with other countries being considered for future ministry.



Wow, it has been a busy, busy week! The Asian Relief Medical Services team arrived Tuesday morning at zero dark thirty (that means really early) and hit the ground running. Three outreaches were conducted with four more on the schedule for next week. This picture of the team was taken on the way to the mission in the mountains of Don Salvador. Standing in the back, upper right: Todd Caplinger, Glenn Kennedy, and Pastor Ike.



Below the mountain behind the team photo are houses spread across the side of the mountain. People will walk down the mountain, cross a river, then climb up the mountain again just to go to the market or to a church service.

This year $\frac{3}{4}$ of the team were first time short-term missionaries. But every member worked as if they had been doing this all the time. After the first day, we no longer called them newcomers, but veterans.

Truly another awesome day! We had a line of over 200 people before the team even arrived at the site. We had some of the local police, who keep the team secure, come around and tour the outreach.



Everyone's endurance was stretched because we saw more than 900 people! Each area was working non-stop with the result that 60 percent of the people seen today gave their lives to the Lord. Some of the Christian families in this area provided soup with rice so that the people would not faint from hunger while waiting in line to be treated. We took turns going to lunch in order to get every person through the line.



We were pleased to have Gordon Donoho, the President of Christians in Action, join our team. He was a very big hit with the team and this evangelism class. Pictured l-r: a local volunteer, Gordon, Pastor Butch, Sister Thess interpreting.



The people with their hands raised were in one of our evangelism classes. They raised their hands because they had just accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

Here are some numbers to consider:

- Total # of sites: **7**
- Total registered: **4,449**
- Total medical patients: **3,423**
- Total dental patients: **1,097**
- Total decisions for Christ: **3,141**

We saw an older Filipina woman, who lost sight in one eye as a child due to an accident, have her eyesight restored! Another woman had her hearing restored! We had older people that were physically tired and broken have joy, strength, and life poured back into them. What a time, what a time, what a time!!!

