

GUATEMALA 2015

Grand Valley State University students traveled to Zacapa, Guatemala with two donated dynamometers given to them provide by the International Federation of Societies for Hand Therapy (IFSHT) in July of 2015.

This trip was arranged with the direction of occupational therapist, Denise P. Meier, a GVSU faculty member, and physical therapist, Nancy Winiecki, (right in photo) a Hearts In Motion staff member. Hearts In Motion is a non-profit organization founded by Karen Scheeringa-Parra because she discovered how many people in Guatemala needed medical attention or other basic needs. This organization has grown to also serve people in many ways including programs such as a nutrition center, orphanage, and medical mission trips. They are also expanding to include a senior center. The students presented the dynamometers to Nancy which will each be housed in different locations. One will be travelling with Nancy as she sees patients in different towns in Guatemala and the other will be housed at their physiotherapy clinic in Tecu, Guatemala.

In this photo one of the Dynamometers is being presented to Sylvia (left in the photo) a Physical Therapist in one of Hearts in Motion Clinics that is located in Zacapa, Guatemala. The students provided education on proper use and were immediately used in a treatment session.

Thank you to IFSHT for this wonderful donation!