



## El Rosario Clinic Trip Report

**Report Date:** Mar 24, 2025

**Trip Dates:** Friday, Feb 14, 2025 - Sunday, Feb 16, 2025

**Participants:**

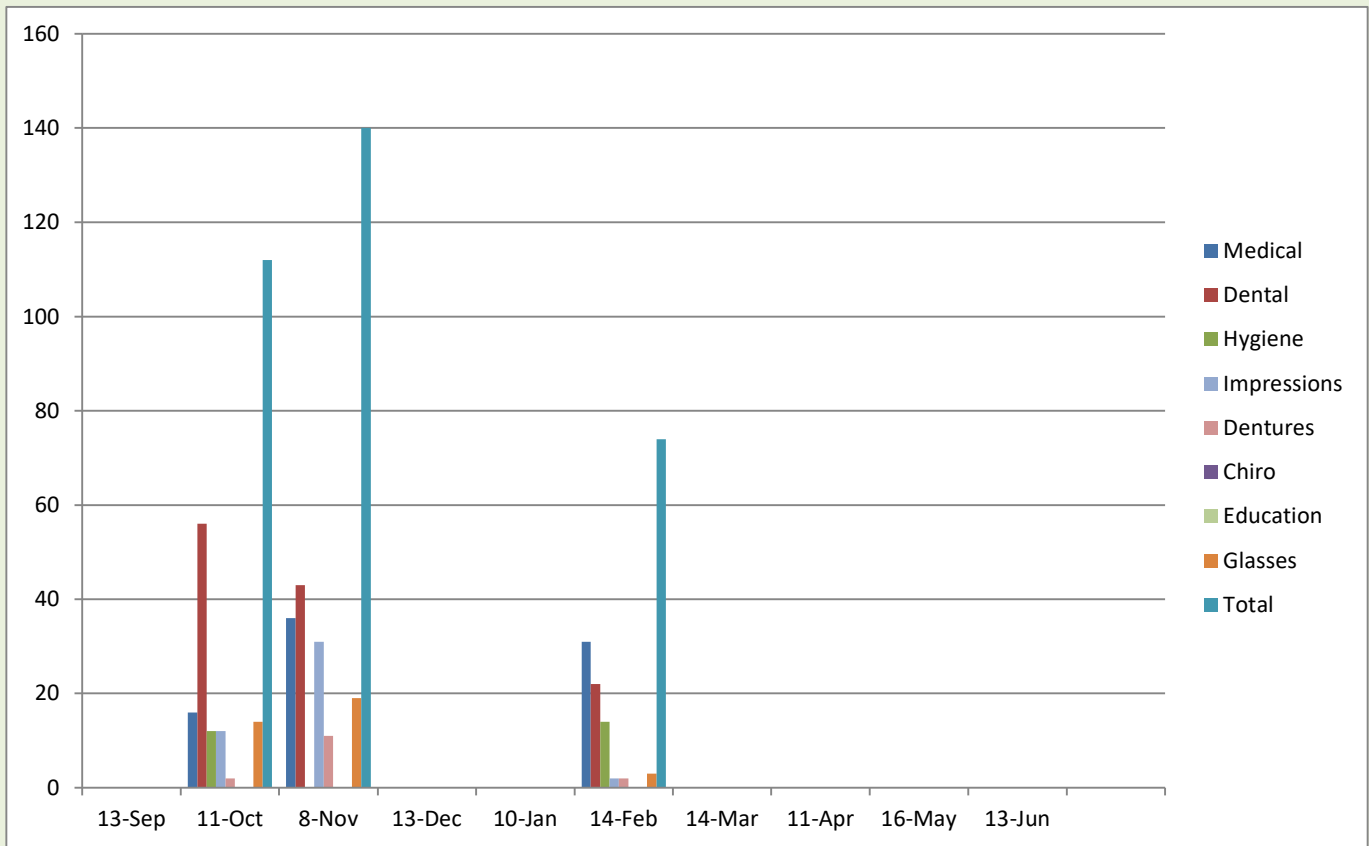


8 Providers

## Aircraft and Passengers:

ARRIVAL DATE: Friday, February 14, 2025

PILOT LAST FIRST		A/C No	A/C TYPE	US DEP	MX AOE	PASSENGERS LAST FIRST		SPECIALTY 1	SPECIALTY 2	SPANISH
Callison	Rod	N59FM	Mooney M20R	KTUS	MMSF			Pilot		None
						Callison	Linda	Support Staff	None	None
						Fogle	Lisa	Dentist	None	None
Schroll	Chuck	N346RN	Cessna TP206D	KRYN	MMSF			Pilot		Little
						Feliz	Christina	Dentist	Interpreter	Fluent
						Fellows	Kathleen	Nurse	None	None
						Hull	Gretchen	Pediatrician	None	Excellent
						Young	Danielle	Hygienist	None	None



	13-Sep			11-Oct			8-Nov			13-Dec			10-Jan			14-Feb			14-Mar			11-Apr			16-May			13-Jun					
	Fr	Sa	TL	Fr	Sa	TL	Fr	Sa	TL	Fr	Sa	TL	Fr	Sa	TL	Fr	Sa	TL	Fr	Sa	TL	Fr	Sa	TL	Fr	Sa	TL	Fr	Sa	TL			
Medical				7	9	16	8	28	36							12	19	31															
Dental				32	24	56	15	28	43							9	13	22															
Hygiene				5	7	12	0	0								4	10	14															
Impressions				8	4	12	8	23	31							2	0	2															
Dentures				1	1	2	6	5	11							2	0	2															
Chiropractor				0	0		0	0								0	0																
Education				0	0		0	0								0	0																
Glasses				6	8	14	5	14	19							0	3	3															
Total	0			112			140			0			0			74			0			0			0			0			0		
Cost/Patient				\$62.37			\$48.39									\$45.78																	

Patient History to Date for Fiscal Year: 2025

Service	Totals			Percentages		Averages*			Standard Deviations*		
	Fri	Sat	Total	Fri	Sat	Fri	Sat	Total	Fri	Sat	Total
Medical	27	56	83	32.5%	67.5%	9.0	18.7	13.8	2.2	7.8	3.3
Dental	56	65	121	46.3%	53.7%	18.7	21.7	20.2	9.7	6.3	3.7
Hygiene	9	17	26	34.6%	65.4%	4.5	8.5	6.5	.5	1.5	.8
Impressions	18	27	45	40.0%	60.0%	6.0	13.5	9.0	2.8	9.5	3.0
Dentures	9	6	15	60.0%	40.0%	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.2	2.0	.8
Chiropractic	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Education	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Glasses	11	25	36	30.6%	69.4%	5.5	8.3	7.2	.5	4.5	1.5
Total	130	196	326	39.9%	60.1%	8.1	13.1	10.5	7.1	8.9	8.4

\*Statistics do not include clinics where a particular service was not offered

Cumulative History of Patient Data Since Jun 1, 2013											
Service	Totals			Percentages		Averages*			Standard Deviations*		
	Fri	Sat	Total	Fri	Sat	Fri	Sat	Total	Fri	Sat	Total
Medical	886	1302	2188	40.5%	59.5%	12.7	16.1	14.5	6.6	6.5	3.1
Dental	912	1658	2570	35.5%	64.5%	12.5	20.2	16.6	6.7	8.1	3.9
Hygiene	247	419	666	37.1%	62.9%	6.5	10.5	8.5	2.9	3.5	1.2
Impressions	263	300	563	46.7%	53.3%	5.3	6.1	5.7	3.3	4.3	1.4
Dentures	231	230	461	50.1%	49.9%	5.1	5.1	5.1	3.3	2.7	1.0
Chiropractic	109	177	286	38.1%	61.9%	9.9	12.6	11.4	4.0	4.1	.8
Education	20	164	184	10.9%	89.1%	10.0	23.4	20.4	.0	22.1	2.2
Glasses	734	991	1725	42.6%	57.4%	12.7	14.0	13.4	9.2	10.7	4.2
Total	3402	5241	8643	39.4%	60.6%	9.8	13.5	11.7	7.0	9.3	8.5

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## Time Zones and Daylight Saving Time:

Baja California will be observing Pacific Daylight Time on our next clinic, scheduled for March 14. That makes them the same time as Arizona. So 10:00 on your watch is 10:00 in El Rosario or San Quintin. Remember, most cell phones are set to automatically show the local time.

Pilots need to remember the San Felipe Airport ALWAYS opens at 0800 Arizona time. San Felipe adjust their hours to make this happen.



Two aircraft with Eight (8) Flying Samaritan volunteers arrived at Los Pinos airstrip, inbound from Tucson after stopping at the San Felipe Airport Port of Entry. These eight volunteers were joined in El Rosario by Martín, a resident of the town, who volunteered to translate for those volunteers that wanted assistance.

February was a very good clinic. The Medical providers saw over 30 patients and team Dental hovered at 40 plus. We became a small clinic due to the unavailability of one aircraft, yet we accomplished a great deal in February!

Rod and Linda Callison plus Dr Lisa Fogle flew down a day early as Rod wanted to get a new water pump installed before the start of clinic on Friday. It was nice to arrive early for some needed organizing and cleaning as well. The weather was fabulous, as it is most months of the year. They finished with plenty of sunshine left and spent the afternoon on the beach in San Quintin before dinner.

On Friday, pilot Chuck Schroll brought the Medical team, consisting of Kathleen Fellows and Grethen Hull, as well as the remaining Dental team members, Dr Christina Feliz and Hygienist Danielle Young. Chuck's group cleared immigration and customs in San Felipe then flew into Los Pinos, where Rod was waiting at the airstrip. They were a tad late but then you never know what may arise. With a little bantering back and forth about the delay, the team was loaded into our vans for the trip to El Rosario.

It is noteworthy to mention, there is always a comedian in the group... This time Danielle jumped out of the plane and kissed the ground as she exited the plane. They were not that late getting in! But, if you want to enjoy a weekend Clinic with us, sign up when Danielle is volunteering. You will have a blast with this dental professional! She is light-hearted with a terrific sense of humor.

## **STATISTICS**

We wish we had been able to bring every volunteer who wanted to attend February. The stats would have been higher, which would have been closer to the number of visits and events we have seen at each clinic since COVID. In reviewing the workload vs the number of volunteers we had, we must say the Medical and Dental teams did a **fabulous job!**

Nine volunteers attended to 70 patients over the 2-day weekend. The numbers are impressive given the service rendered in February. This month it was Team Medical that took the prize for throughput. Gretchen and Kathleen attended to 31 patients in a short amount of time.

The dental team had 2 Dentists, 1 Hygienist and 2 part-time assistants. Saturday was the busiest with 23 patients split between hygiene and the dental operatory. Linda Callison was both the dental assistant and autoclave tech. Rod Callison, Chuck Shroll, Gretchen Hull and Martin furnished support when they could. All-in-all a very impressive effort for Team Dental.

We thank the volunteers for doing such a stellar job in February. The residents of El Rosario and the surrounding areas continually thank us for the work our selfless volunteers do for them. They always remind us of how grateful they are.

## MEDICAL CLINIC

The Medical Providers had quite a few patients waiting when they arrived. Gretchen Hull was our primary Medical provider along with Midwife Kathleen Fellows.

Gratefully, Gretchen stepped in and sorted the multiple Patient Lists we received on Friday morning. After sorting the lists, Gretchen helped Register/Triage – no easy task with interruptions from patients arriving and the providers asking to see their patients.



When there was a lull in the Medical Clinic, Gretchen became a Dental Assistant and doubled as a Pharmacist. If patients presented with a complaint, she quickly donned her Medical ‘hat’ and attended patients in the Medical Clinic. **Well done Gretchen Hull!**



Midwife Kathleen Fellows also wore two hats, as she tends to do most Clinic weekends. Between patients, she was our Triage/registration volunteer. She is also adept at dispensing reading glasses and the correct ointments or medications to patients.

Martin, a resident of El Rosario, helped register patients but was more adept at translating the more common complaints in both the Medical and Dental clinics. Martin was and is a great addition to the team since he is fluent in both languages!

In addition to the double-duty, Gretchen and Kathleen also had a huge number of patients this month. They were formidable providers wearing multiple hats with aplomb and distinction.

Another much appreciated volunteer was Chuck Schroll who staffed the “Pharmacy” for both the Medical and Dental Clinics yet still had time to help Rod when a second pair of eyes/hands were needed. In the Dental Clinic,

And, Chuck is one of our most versatile volunteers. He has years of experience in the medical field and thousands of hours in the air. He is a certified instructor that helps other pilots attain their “wings”. It is always a pleasure to see Chuck on a Clinic weekend! **Thank you!**

## DENTAL CLINIC

As noted before, Dr Lisa Fogle and Linda Callison arrived early on Thursday to get a few things done before the Clinic opened on Friday. Before they attended to patients, they spent Thursday cleaning, sorting and taking stock of items needed in the Dental Clinic.



On Friday and Saturday Dentists Lisa Fogle and Christina Feliz were quite busy with a steady stream of patients.

Both dentists saw patients with cavities, missing teeth and broken partials/dentures.

Lisa also did double duty with denture deliveries, as well as taking impressions for new ones.

Luckily they had many hands to help them through the weekend.

Because we were unable to fly the Dental Assistant to our Clinic in February we had 2 medical volunteers pitching in to help the providers. Chuck stepped in to help Dr Fogle and Dr Feliz attend patients in the Dental Operatory. He's worked as a chair assistant on other occasions and was more than willing to lend a hand.

Gretchen Hull, who was attending patients in the Medical Clinic, also helped the Dentists when other volunteers were needed elsewhere.

Linda Callison rotated between chair assistant, and autoclave operator. Linda is so efficient that the Dentists do not skip a beat. For example, she sanitizes the chairs and prepares the dental trays between patients. She also rinses/aspirates when the dentists need an extra pair of hands. Rod and Linda were also asked to share X-ray duties when required

Dr. Christina Feliz received a Valentine from everybody's favorite "dinosaur boy". It was a heartwarming moment for both Dr Feliz, the patient, and the parent.

The first time he came to our Dental clinic in early 2024 he was afraid. Christina found a way to build trust by using the boy's Dinosaur to explain the procedure she would perform.

Now, when he comes for regularly scheduled cleanings, most times with the toy, we refer to him as **"Dinosaur Boy"**

There are other stories we could share about Dr Feliz and her relationship building style with patients. She is quite popular with the younger population and even some adults! Dr Feliz is becoming the rock star of El Rosario!



In Hygiene, Danielle Young focused on cleaning gums and teeth. More importantly, she assessed the patient's dental health as she worked. She conferred with the Dentists if she noted an issue/complaint that required their attention. Danielle saw 14 patients. This is a full patient load in a day and a half and does not include the time she invested in assessing and referring patients to the Dentists for further work.

Thank you, Danielle for your dedication and skillset!

Dr Fogle continued her work with the patient who works at the San Felipe Airfield Port of Entry. She saw the patient inbound to El Rosario and again on Sunday, returning to our home base. The patient, a resident of San Felipe, needs dentures. However, she needed to have teeth extracted before Dr Fogle can take impressions. After her gums heal, we shall be able to work on dentures to improve her quality of life. Thank you Dr Fogle for your willingness to help all that ask for your expertise.

## **OPERATIONS**

Rod reported that he did “miscellaneous stuff” this month. Perhaps we should elaborate.

One reason Rod scheduled the early trip to the Clinic was the challenges we faced with the water system in January.

He spent a few hours on Thursday installing the much-needed, new water pump. Thanks to his work the equipment worked flawlessly through the weekend.

After Rod installed the new water pump he checked other items at the Clinic to assure we were ready for the patients that would visit us the next 2 days.

He works diligently at every Clinic to assure things are ready for the providers and other volunteers that join us each month.

In addition to operations, Rod helped with X-ray duties under the direction of the Dentist, and dispensed glasses for the Medical Team.



When he was not needed in either Clinics, Rod and Chuck Schroll made sure the Clinic Vehicles were checked and fueled.

Since both Rod and Chuck frequently fly at home as well as for Flying Sams, they could be called “**Supermen**”. They become medical and dental assistants, vehicle caretakers and facilities managers. Hard to come up with just the right title to show them how important they are to the volunteers that travel to Mexico each month.

Hope you will accept a heartfelt “**Thank You**” from the Flying Samaritan members you supported this month!

## **THE WRAP AT END OF CLINIC**

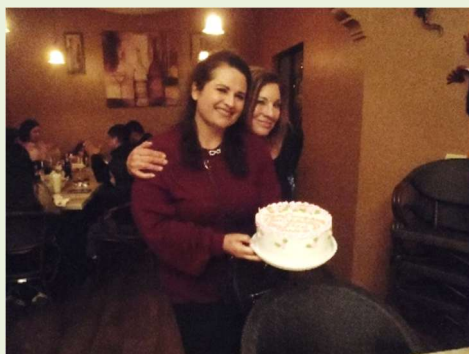
After closing the clinic on Friday the teams return to San Quintin. The volunteers normally take time to de-compress, walk on the beach, and refresh before going for Street Tacos or staying at the hotel for a quick dinner. It is an early night for us so we are ready for Saturday.

Saturday mornings we have a breakfast at the hotel or drive to El Rosario to have breakfast at “**Mama Espinosa’s**” – a long-standing tradition since the matriarch of the family is one reason Los Samaritanos Volantes started serving the residents of the area. After breakfast we opened the Clinic.

Saturday afternoon, we closed the Clinic at 3 pm. Then the volunteers cleaned and stored items so it would be ready for the next month.

We returned to San Quintin with time for a stroll on the beach. What a nice evening to unwind after a long day and a half. The weather was wonderful for a leisurely walk along the Pacific.

Saturday night we gathered for our celebratory dinner at Jardines. Also a long-standing tradition for Flying Sams volunteers. All of the volunteers were in attendance.



The evening was especially festive because we celebrated two birthdays! Both Dr Liza Fogle and Danielle Young had birthdays in February.

We enjoyed a wonderful Tres Leche cake made by Antonio’s wife – he is the barkeep at Mision Santa Maria and she is a Baker in San Quintin.

The birthday pair received cards and small gifts, a memento of the weekend and celebration.

### ***It was a perfect way to end the weekend!***

Returning home on Sunday was uneventful. Although there was a marine layer that completely obscured the beach at 06:00, it was clear after breakfast.

We headed to the Los Pinos airstrip where we boarded our planes, stopped at San Felipe for out exit processing then had a very nice trip back to Tucson.

Another successful trip with special people that make a difference and impact the lives of so many! **THANK YOU FLYING SAMs...**

### **El Rosario Vehicle Status:**

FEBRUARY VEHICLE STATUS SUMMARY											
Vehicle	Service Date	Location	Mileage	Miles Driven	Fuel	Fuel Added		Miles/ Gal	Cost/ Gal	Status	Discrepancies
						Gal	Cost				
Chrysler	11/10/24	Los Pinos Airstrip	127,855		Full					Operational	
Dodge	2/15/25	Los Pinos Airstrip	100,366	821	Full	6.6	\$34.97	123.9	\$5.27	Operational	
Chrysler LX	11/9/24	Los Pinos Airstrip	127,640		Full					Operational	
Toyota	2/15/25	Los Pinos Airstrip	170,736	499		8.7	\$44.29	57.0	\$5.11	Operational	
						15.3	\$79.26				

**Next El Rosario Clinic:**

Friday, Mar 14, 2025 - Sunday, Mar 16, 2025

**Next Board Meeting:**

Monday, March 31, at 6:00 PM, at Natural Grocers Meeting Room

5600 E River Road

Zoom: Meeting ID: 674 846 7190

**Board Members:**

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