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countries visited during this trip were Bolivia, Brazil, Morocco and Bequia.

In Morocco the students cared for more than 2,000 people who had never heard of chiropractic. "First we had to explain to them what we were going to do and that we didn't have drugs," said Florida student Cleya Williams. "Because they are accustomed to natural health care, they were okay with us," she added.



Palmer Florida student Josh Handt adjusts one of the many residents in Morocco who come to see them.

The primary complaint the students heard was chronic headaches. "I adjusted a 35-year-old woman who had suffered severe headaches every day for 13 years," Williams recalled. "From her history, I first suspected that she had migraines, but when I examined her I found she had a C2 subluxation. After her first adjustment her headache disappeared immediately."

"It was an amazing experience said student Josh Handt, also from Florida.

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exclusively to the states the regulation of the professions and the trades. On a federal level, protections exist to defend both the public and individual actors in private business from coercive, predatory and other illegal practices through the US Department of Justice and Federal Trade Commission, among other agencies.

Enough is enough. The bullying has to stop. We can most effectively act to use the law to defend our rights and those of our patients by drawing into these issues the civil powers which are also being infringed upon in highly questionable ways. We can never raise enough legal action money to solve these abuses. But we all pay taxes and maybe the time has come to put our tax dollars to work in our and our patients defense.

ICA is seeking to launch a profession-wide dialogue to determine if the time has come to seek these protections. This is serious business and as such requires serious, responsible dialogue. What do you think? ICA wants to know. Contact us via e-mail at chiropractic@chiropractic.org.

"We were situated in a small hospital in a mountainside village. We took over the hospital to care for people who were prescreened by the medical doctors who helped make this trip possible. I saw more than my required number of patients which was 50 in four days."

In Cochambamba, Bolivia, the 28-member team also saw as many as 2,000 people. In this country their experience included traveling to different orphanages. Student Andrew Merrill said that he got very emotional during these visits, smiling while he was with the children and in tears when they left. The group also raised money to help one of the orphanages.

In Manaus, Brazil, some residents waited six hours to see them, and some traveled by river for three days just to receive one adjustment. "This was one of the best experiences of my life," said student Hollie Whiteacre. The people were so friendly and welcoming. We saw people whose blood pressure was lowered post-adjustments and others who had been in pain for years finding relief for the first time ever."



Student Andrew Merrill (Palmer Florida) enjoyed his time with some of the children at one of the orphanages they visited in Bolivia.

Dr. Michael Shreve who went with the students to Brazil said it was a "heart-touching experience. "I have renewed passion and enthusiasm for sharing chiropractic with our students and the world beyond," he said. "I believe every student who has this experience will be a better chiropractor and should take the opportunity. It is worth the time and money."

Palmer's Clinic Abroad Program is an optional clinical education program for qualified senior-level students. The team includes an on-site coordinator, faculty and staff. For more information about upcoming trips contact coordinator Kenice Morehouse, D.C. at Kenice.Morehouse@apalmer.edu.

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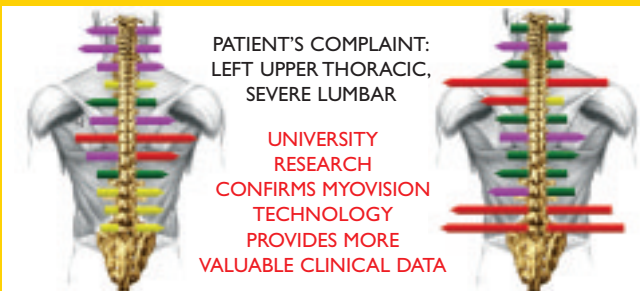
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