Dr. Lisa Jaeger and Dr. Jason Lane participate each year in the Pediatric Dental Surgery Mission Trip to the Moore Pediatric Surgery Center in Guatemala City, Guatemala, coordinated by the Shalom Foundation in Franklin, Tennessee.

Several faculty members and CRNAs from our department are involved with this service trip, along with medical volunteers from other local organizations and community volunteers. Each team member pays his or her own travel expenses and contributes toward the $10,000 cost of using the Moore Pediatric Surgery Center.

As part of the dental surgery mission team, Dr. Jaeger and Dr. Lane provide general anesthesia for patients between the ages of 18 months and 18 years who are undergoing major dental surgery. Nashville-area pediatric dentists typically perform procedures on 100 children in four days, using three operating rooms.

Some of the patients travel two days by bus and even by foot to receive much needed surgery.