Kate and I worked at La Resada del Buen Samaritano with Sister Babs Barry in the capital of the Dominican Republic.

Most of the patients that stayed with Sister Babs were short-term patients. However, Rafael and Henry were two long-term patients who stayed with us during the summer.

Rafael was a burn victim who had no use of his arms. His brother (Ignacio) had to do everything, for him, including bathing him and clothing him. Apple juice is one fruit to have a banana removed from his face. The operation was performed, but the doctors failed to give him antibiotics. So, she stepped in and the infection continued.
Part of our job was to drive the patients that came from the campes to the hospital for treatment. If they had to stay in the hospital, we would make daily trips to bring them food and clothing and we would spend time with them. We would also go to the pharmacy to pick up their medication and we would deliver or the "go-between" in the case that the patient didn't understand Spanish or needed to communicate with the doctors. One part of the job that I loved was spending time with the patients in the house. We would play games, play cards, read, or simply just talk. However, as you can see here, my favorite activity was dancing.