

# Raina Patel, '99

*San Antonio, Belize*



We helped out in the San Antonio health clinic which was run by Nurse Boi (Below right) and an assistant, Alejandra (Above). Due to the lack of equipment, health care was very hands-on and patient-centered. Therefore, we interacted with the people of Belize in a close manner which gave us insight into the culture. It also helped us to make friends in the village.





Every Tuesday we traveled to neighboring villages with a mobile clinic. We had meager supplies of medicine to administer to the numerous people of the villages. The people were so grateful to accept even to tiny amount of medicine that we could give them. It always put a smile on my face to see the newborn babies that came in for immunizations.

Our nights in San Antonio consisted mostly of playing with the neighborhood children. They were always so excited to just play silly games with us for hours. They were the best friends that we made there. Just seeing one of their beautiful faces with a smirk on it was enough to get me through a rough day.

