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Kate and I
worked at
La Posada 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 Neyda were two long
term patients who stayed their
with us during the summer.



Rafael was a burn victim, who
had no use of his arms, His
brother Gabriel had to do
everything for him including
bathing him and clothing him.
Neyda came to the capital to
have a tumor removed from
her jaw. The operation was
performed but the doctors
Failed to give her antibiotics
so she developed a life
threatening infection.

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Part of our job was to drive the patients that came from the campos 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 medication and we would serve as the "go-between" in the case that the patient doesn't understand Spanish but needs to communicate with the doctor. 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.

