



## **NYCPM INTERNATIONAL PODIATRY CLUB HOLDS THIRD ANNUAL MEDICAL MISSION TRIP TO MEXICO**



*Members of the NYCPM International Podiatry Club on their recent Medical Mission Trip to Mexico.*

The International Podiatry Club (IPC) at the New York College of Podiatric Medicine recently held its third annual medical mission trip to Mexico. In 2009, led by then-students Munjed Salem, DPM and Andrew Goodeill, DPM, the IPC established an annual podiatric mission to Mexico by joining forces with the "Welcome Home Outreach Ministries" organization, whose team from Centralia, WA, has been led by Pastor Elmer Goodeill, and has included an internist and an orthopedic surgeon. For the past three years, the mission teams, consisting of third- and fourth-year podiatric students and DPMs from NYCPM, including Sharon Barlizo, DPM, Assistant Professor of Podiatric Medicine, as well as other health professionals, have traveled to Vicente, Guerrero, Mexico and surrounding areas to provide services for hundreds of patients who ordinarily could not afford podiatric treatment. Students not only assisted with surgical procedures and treated cases ranging from common plantar fasciitis to syndactyly, but also volunteered at a local non-profit day care center. IPC President Oendrilla Kamal, Class of 2012, declared the experience "...amazing. We definitely worked hard, but in the end, I gained more than it would have been possible to give." Fellow mission team member Tanler Volkman, Class of 2012, added, "The IPC Mexico medical mission trip provides an opportunity to interact with a variety of clinical specialists, offering medical care to populations that have limited access and means. It is an unforgettable experience that allows personal and professional growth and reminds you why you chose the health care field."