



"Belize Mission Project 2005"

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**Belize Mission  
Project  
Newsletter  
Announcing  
the Fall Trip  
October 20<sup>th</sup> to  
October 28<sup>th</sup>,  
2006**

**2005 was the first year there were back to back trips. We decided to try this since we have so many people who want to go. I would have been happy with fifteen people but the response was great and we ended up with a waiting list for the second week also. I didn't know what would happen with a group of mostly new faces, but my apprehension quickly vanished as the second group functioned like a well-oiled machine. This also happened because there were a few first week repeaters who volunteered to come the second week.**



**With a second group we added more clinic sites and we saw around 3,600 patients. We were fortunate to have three dental technicians the first week and one the second week. Another first was the addition of an audiologist which was well appreciated. The island on which we stay has about 12,000 people with little medical help. But that is about to change thanks to our group. The town's Rotary Club has built a great new building and thanks to those who participate in the Belize Mission Project, we generated approximately \$500,000 dollars in medical supplies and equipment to get this clinic going. clinic going. These supplies are due to arrive in February, 2006. This was our grand finale to a year with many firsts.**

**In preparation towards Belize Mission Project 2006-**

**Frank Whipps**



**Please help us keep the trip going.**

We would always like to have the name of people who might be interested in our project. Please pass the information on about the trip and then give me a call so I can include their name on our mailing list.

**And Remember Our WebSite:**

**[www.belizemissionproject.com](http://www.belizemissionproject.com)**

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**Here are just a few comments from some of the Belize Mission Project volunteers...**

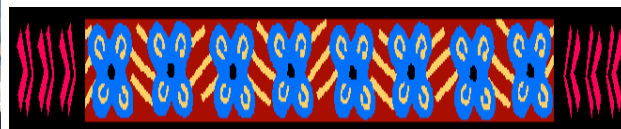
*“Our mission trips in 2002 and 2003 to Belize have been life changing experiences. Although the work can be strenuous at times the rewards are much greater! We could not have chosen a better group of people to work with or a better group to serve. The people of Belize are so friendly and grateful. We have learned from these trips that “Flexibility is the key” and we look forward to more mission trips in the future!”*

Dr Keith and Becky Johnson DH

*“ Experiencing Belize as a volunteer with this group has been a life changing event. Providing these needed dental services in this mission setting is something I plan to do each year as long as I can”.*

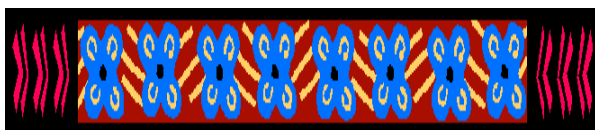
Dr. Linda Oster

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**The dental clinics concentrate on restorative (fillings) and preventive dentistry. Dental technicians make removable appliances, which has been a big success. There is a great need for dental technicians, hygienists, and assistants.**

**Medical clinics are always busy with patients with various needs. The medications distributed are so valuable and difficult to obtain in Belize. For physicians and their assistants, we focus on family practice type clinics. Where possible, we try to utilize specialists in their treatment areas.**



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**This trip is very comfortable and non-threatening. The citizens of Belize are very welcoming. We are now announcing our next Belize Mission Project, which will be October 21<sup>st</sup> to October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2005. This mission will be both medical and dental. Anyone is welcome... Dentists, Physicians, P.A.'s, N.P.'s, hygienists, dental assistants, non-medical help, and everyone in between. If you would like more information concerning this experience or if you want to sign up, contact the following;**

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**Unfortunately, we have to limit the number of participants and there are a lot of people that enjoy going each year so...DON'T WAIT!**



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