



Belize Mission Project

Announcing the Fall Trips
October 15 to October 23, 2010
November 5 to November 13, 2010

The United States saw a lot of uneasiness in 2009. But even with that we saw people willing to give of themselves for others. This made our 2009 a success. We expanded our efforts with new dental chairs which give patients and help providers more comfort. We continue to expand our area of coverage. For the first time we sent a medical team to Corozal, a major town in the north. Their coming was very much appreciated with the mayor sending us a letter of thanks.

The health needs will continue to grow in Belize due to an upcoming government loan repayment problem. So we will utilize all the dentists and physicians we can. In addition, we are looking to add a dermatologist, audiologists, occupational therapists, dental techs (and possibly dentures), eye people, and dental hygienists.



What Does One Receive From Doing A Mission Project

Over the years we have been blessed with people returning to work year after year on the project. Why do they return? What is the feeling they receive from giving themselves away? A lot of this newsletter is devoted to comments from people who have been on the project. Please read their comments and consider getting involved.

“ It doesn’t take much effort for me to donate money to help a cause and the return is about the same as the effort, minimal. I was led out of my “comfort zone” to take action and actually participate in the BMP (Belize Mission Project). I experienced the tremendous blessing

of being able to use the God given talents and skills to help others and I expected absolutely nothing in return. Being part of a team that did for others what they could not do for themselves is a spiritual experience I will always treasure. ... I am truly grateful for the opportunity and the privilege to serve with all the members of the BMP team.”

Dave Dorman Perfect Touch Lab

“ As a newbie, I didn’t know anyone– which was nerve-wracking and actually a little frightening. As I sat in the Houston airport , I questioned why I had even started on this venture. Then the crew started to gather for the flight to Belize and I was welcomed as though I had been a part of the group for the past 17 years. Before finding the BMP, I was introduced to the quote by Gandhi,” Be the change you wish to see in the world.” Being a part of the BMP, I was able to put these words into action. It was very rewarding to see over 60 patients and to get to know some of the world’s most incredible people. What was most fulfilling was not what I was able to give , but what I received. Witnessing the joy the Belizean people exude was amazing as well as those who were so grateful for us coming to use our God given gifts to help them. My life has been changed because of this experience and I can’t wait to “Belize It “ again!

Marc Orjansen DDS Periodontist

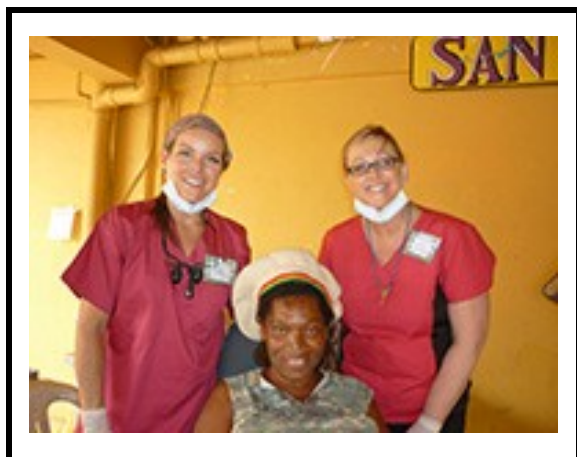


The Dental Lab

The making of removable partial dentures was started several years ago and the need keeps expanding. In 2010 we want to expand and maybe add dentures. But we will need more lab technicians.



Please help us keep the trip going.



We would always like to have the names 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. Remember our web site.

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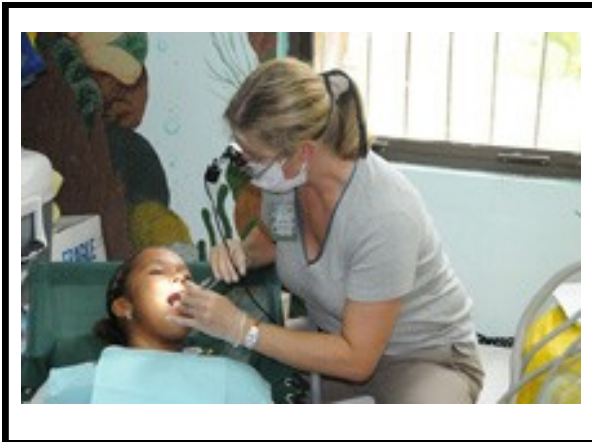
Purposes For The Project

Up to this I haven't said why we do the project. In general we are trying to honor God by helping those less fortunate. Many scriptures admonish us to help those in need and we strive to do just that. While we don't evangelize directly we share God's word as we can. We seek to be good Christian examples in our daily lives. The project probably ministers more to those who go on the trip in that they see the love expressed to them by all the people they come into contact with. Most people return home with a renewed sense of purpose and outlook on life.



“ Sue and I can still remember the feelings we had after returning from our first mission trip to Belize. We had anticipated the personal rewards that the giving of our time and talent would surely bring, however we had no idea how it would change the way we viewed our own lives here at home. Both of us reflected on how we should never complain about any thing in our lives after seeing and witnessing the things we had just experienced. Now, after 16 trips to Belize , we still look forward to our yearly “ reality check” to help keep us grounded and renew our appreciation for all that we have. The enclosed picture (LEFT) is one of my favorites. We treated this little girl on Caye Caulker (an island in Belize) and I was taken by this “photo moment”. Note the oversize sandals. She was a cutie”.

Steve Bender DDS and wife Sue



“It was a n awesome experience– one I will remember forever with a smile on my face and warmth in my heart.” Darleen Cooper - Dental Assistant

“Marilyn and I have been very blessed throughout the 40+ years as I have practiced dentistry. During this period, I experienced a desire to share the dental talents God has blessed me with by participating in a dental mission. Ten years ago I decided to sign up. We have attended every year since and have been accompanied by three of our four children, each on a different year. Observing younger family members work beside us and other team members is very heartwarming. Those who return annually, as well as first timers, become part of our extended family with the common desire of using our talents to help families less fortunate. An increased faith and spiritual growth are realized, each and every year, as God’s Plan is accomplished in Belize. Friendships are made for life as we all work together, share life experiences, and build on each other’s testimony.”

John Wright DDS and Wife Marilyn



Dental clinics concentrate on restorative dentistry (fillings) and preventative dentistry. Dental technicians make removable appliances. There is a great need for dental techs, 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.



This trip is very comfortable and non-threatening. The citizens of Belize are very welcoming. We are now announcing our next Belize Mission Projects, which will be Oct 15 to Oct 23, and Nov 5 to Nov. 13, 2010. This mission will be both medical and dental. Anyone is welcome.....Dentists, Physicians, P.A.’s, N.P.’s, hygienist, 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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