



Belize Mission Project

Announcing the Fall Trips
October 26 to November 3, 2012
November 3 to November 11, 2012

We are again entering another election process in this country. Candidates will stand up and promise the world will be a better place once you put them in office. After elected those promises seem to disappear. Participation in a mission trip allows one to REALLY be of help to less fortunate people. The statement one can make by going is not an empty promise. The impact you make is real and much appreciated. In 2012 we started another new program that will impact the dental health of kids. We started a fluoride program in many areas of the country and thanks to many people including Dr. Phil Bangle, they treated over 6000 kids.



Two years ago we were able to start making complete dentures thanks to Dr. John Kemper and with the addition of more lab people, we increased that effort in 2011. We would certainly love to have more dental lab people going with us to help with this effort.



On the medical side, we had two dermatologists with us. This was the second year for that effort. Like all of our new things, it takes time to mature but we did see more patients with skin problems in more clinic sites. Of course we would like to continue this effort. A first for last year was the addition of a medical lab person. She brought over 200 diabetes test kits which were used to both test new possible patients and also see how patients under treatment were doing. While we keep adding, there is on thing I want to re-add which is eye glasses. If anyone can help with that effort, it will be appreciated.

Also in the memory of Dr David Wertz, we started a scholarship for Belize high school students. If there are those who wish to donate to this effort please let me know and thanks to the committee taking care of that award. In 2011 the committee gave three awards to some great students and hope to continue for many years with your help. We also continued our food give away (beans and rice) program. We usually have time and resources to provide a meal for about 200 families per week or a total of 400 families. And we could always pass out more. In addition for the past few years , we continue to donate to Holy Cross School. They do a great job of providing a chance for kids that have little money to go to school.



The Dental Lab

The making of removable partial dentures was started several years ago and the need keeps expanding. Since 2010 we have been making full dentures . We can use more lab people in our efforts.



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.



“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



“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 26 to Nov 3, and Nov 3 to Nov. 11, 2012. 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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