



Belize Mission

Announcing the Fall Trips
October 24 to November 1, 2014
November 1 to November 9, 2014



We had another great year with the project in 2013, even though we had a lot of rain. This was the 21st year for the project and we again saw over 10,000 patients. The biggest part came from the fluoride varnish program where we applied varnish to 7800 patients. The feeling is that we are starting to make a difference in the decay rate. The medical people were very busy as we had two dermatologist.



In 2014 we will be starting a transition of the project for others to run the organization. Bonnie and I will still be here as long as needed but it is time to get others really involved in the organization part of the project. One of the things that has happened with this effort is the development of a sense of ownership in the trip participants of the project. It was not designed to be that way but it happened. When I announced our slow down, it was suggested we have a mini convention to plan the future. To my surprise we have about twenty –five people coming to help chart the future. That is part of that ownership feeling I mentioned. This planning is important in that the project continues to get more popular and has serious financial implications. If you count all financial considerations, this trip involves between 400 and 500 thousand dollars with the actual trip consuming almost 200 thousand dollars of that. So people are willing to make a huge sacrifice to go help others and in the process getting a blessing in their own life. And the number of inquiries we have wanting information is ever increasing. What better way to glorify God than a willingness to give of their time and talent to go and help others.



WEB SITE INFORMATION

The BMP web site now has video information that will give people interested in our work an almost first hand view. On the initial page of go-to tabs there are two video tabs. One is a you tube tab that will show a lot of



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.



detail about the trip .



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.

www.belizemissionproject.com



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.



“ Spending time on trips with the Belize Mission Project is very gratifying professionally, because it allows me to practice medicine for the many reasons I became a physician in the first place. I can take the time with patients -allowing them to share their concerns without the barriers often caused by insurance forms and regulations, time– limited visitation slots, and paper work or electronic medical records. There are frustrations too, because of limitations as to what can be provided. Over the years we have seen significant improvements in the local resources to which patients can be referred. In Belize, much of what we see are common complaints because of a life of hard work, gastrointestinal, upper respiratory, skin rashes, and infections. On every trip we seem to find one or two cases with life-threatening conditions. Every day is a full day with hundreds of patients waiting to be seen. The opportunity of meeting these wonderful, friendly people and being able to do even a little bit is rewarding.”

Mark Johnson MD



“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

“On my first Belize Mission Project trip I did not know what to expect. I was thrust out of my comfort zone and into a challenging event. I went to help the team help the people of Belize and I was the one helped in many incomprehensible ways and I received immeasurable rewards. It was an “in your face” reality check for me as I realized just how great my life is in the U.S. I was determined to return the next year with my wife so she could share in the experience as I just could not adequately put it into words.

The team members each and every year have been the most amazing people we have ever encountered. Sharing this amazing adventure with not just the team, but also with my wife and seeing her readily take on anything asked of her is priceless. After participating as the “lab guy” on 7 teams over the last 6 years, I can only say that we’re already looking forward to the 2014 trip”. Dave Dorman —Lab Tech



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 24 to Nov 1, and Nov 1 to Nov. 9, 2014. 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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