



## Belize Mission Project Newsletter Announcing the Fall Trips

September 26<sup>th</sup> to October 4<sup>th</sup>,
2008
AND
October 17<sup>th</sup> to
October 25<sup>th</sup>,
2008
AND
November 7<sup>th</sup> to
November 15<sup>th</sup>,
2008

Three years ago the project went to two weeks. The demand to donate to others continues to grow and now the two weeks is too full. Therefore, we have added a third week which is the September week. 2007 was another great year with us again seeing over 3000 patients. We keep seeing people in more diverse places that complicates the project. 2008 will be more involved. At a local request, I am trying to add a dermatologist and I have made inquiries to re-add an optometrist.

WE ALSO NEED MORE LAB TECHS TO HELP MAKE PARTIAL DASADENTURES HHELPDENTURES DENTURES- PLEASE PASS THE WORD.

More time will be spent in the southern part of Belize at some very remote locations. While we spent little time involved with the poly clinic in 2007, it will need attention in 2008. They will need more supplies and an x-ray machine is still a need. They also need to be able to treat cardiac problems. I have been in contact with Project Cure ( the group that provided the initial supplies) about these issues and we are developing a needs list. The present cost to ship a container is around 18,000 dollars and our part would be around 8,000. So if people, groups, or etc want to ear mark funds for this effort please let me know. At present we have about 3000 dollars toward this project.





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

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

"I think about our time in Belize often. It was a wonderful experience. I would love to be part of your mission again. I feel blessed to have met so many wonderful people and been able to help in some small way."

Patty Sweny

"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





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.





This trip is very comfortable and non-threatening. The citizens of Belize are very welcoming. 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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