



Belize Mission Project

Announcing the Fall Trips
October 14 to October 22, 2011
November 4 to November 12, 2011

2010 was another good year in Belize. People had more confidence in the economy and we had almost 90 people participate in the projects. We were successful in adding a dermatologist along with a histotech and we had a dentist who does a lot of complete dentures get that program up and running. We will be expanding both of these areas this year in addition to looking for more lab techs. We were able to have more dental hygienists which allowed us to provide a much needed service. I hope to continue the trend with more hygienists this year. We saw almost 4000 patients in 2010 which is a record.

This year I will also be trying to expand the medical part of the trip. I for sure would like an optometrist. In addition, I am going to Belize in the spring to investigate the medical needs with the government.



Extra Projects of the Belize Mission Project

Over the years we have been involved in a variety of projects other than attending to medical and dental needs. Some attendees see these needs and act on them. Take Susan Turnbull and Nancy Hammel's with their interest in a school for children with little money-Holy Cross. This is a free school in a town with no public education. Consequently, less than six percent of children graduate from high school. The school, started just a few years ago by Vernon and Francis Wilson, was built in a salt water swamp area given to them by the government. All expenses are covered by private donations including building.



In 2010 there were about 527 students. Without this school, not only would these kids not get an education but they would also not get breakfast, lunch, a snack, and purified water. In October, the group choose to donate money to this school to help with the one dollar per day per student for this food. That is 2500 dollars needed to be donated per week just for food for the entire school.

Another project is our food giveaway project in which Micaela Monroy has a special interest. We call this Beans and Rice which is our name for this food give away. Several years ago someone came with a sum of money to do with as we saw fit. More money was collected and beans, rice and other staples were bought, packaged, and given away to needy families. This caught on and we have been doing it ever since. Only now people collect money at home and we end up spending over 2000 dollars each year.

Micaela expresses it this way. "I live to participate in it each year. Each year it seems to grow bigger. When it first began we gave a couple pounds of Rice and Beans. We were able to deliver it all in a few golf carts. Over the years it has grown and now we give a grocery sack filled with a variety of foods. Foods such as coconuts, potatoes, oranges, bananas, and of course, rice and beans. In 2010, we needed a pickup truck to haul the groceries

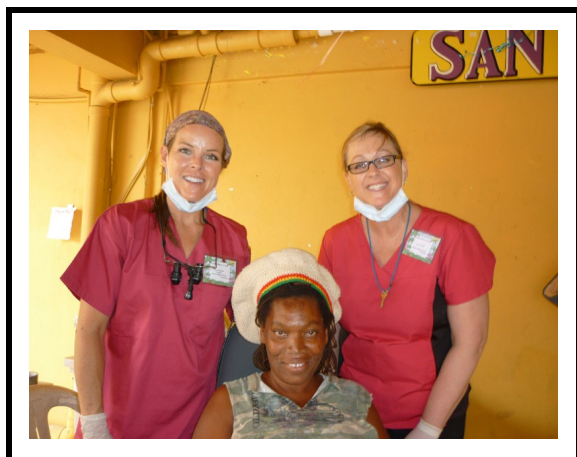


The Dental Lab

The making of removable partial dentures was started several years ago and the need keeps expanding. In 2011 we want to expand both the partial and complete denture areas. But we will need more lab technicians.



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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 that web site

www.belizemissionproject.com

Purposes For 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.



BEANS AND RICE:

across the toll bridge to San Mateo (a needy area on the island of Ambergris Caye, Belize). Awesome! San Mateo has a special place in my heart because a few years ago, I met a boy named Lionel. I met him as he was returning home from school while I was trying to navigate his community. He offered to guide me and help me with delivering the sacks. He borrowed a wheel barrow from a neighbor and we were able to reach some families that probably wouldn't have been without his help. Presently, he continues to help BMP".

Since meeting Lionel , Micaela continues her personal relationship with him and supports him in many different ways. These are a couple of examples of the feelings people develop from involvement with these sorts of projects.

"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

DEVOTIONS

Devotion time for me has become , over the years, a part of the BELIZE MISSION TRIP I look forward to the most. My mind and heart are pleasingly full of many wonderful thoughts of so many people from all over the country, that have shared feelings and thoughts and how they have been blest by GOD in their lives. All have come from different back grounds and express their beliefs in many varied ways. ALL have really blest me with these thoughts, words, concerns, struggles, beliefs, expressions, tears, laughter, humor, sensitivity, love, honesty, knowledge, and wisdom. I have been taught to ASAP, get out of my box, and reach out to EVERYONE in love. Other than with my family, I can think of no where I would rather be than out on the pier at Caribbean Villa's early in the morning with my many wonderful friends of the BELIZE MISSION PROJECT joining together in praise and worship to GOD! Bonnie Whipps



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. We will be looking for family practice physicians for 2011

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.



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 14 to Oct 22, and Nov 4 to Nov. 12, 2011. 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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