

Minutes of Meeting
Honduras Medical Mission
February 9, 2008

Important dates for your calendar:

April 12: Pack medicine at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Bay City 9am. Bring boxes and buckets to pack medicines.

May 10: Last team meeting before the mission. Palmer Episcopal Church on South Main, across from Rice University. Please make every effort to be there for important information.

May 15: Clothing deadline at St. Timothy's

June 11-18 Mission to Honduras

The meeting was opened in prayer by Fr. Jim Nelson. Reid Westmoreland, mission director for 2008, thanked everyone for coming. Harriet Cutshall from St. Timothy's was introduced. She is in charge of the clothing packaging for Honduras. Introductions were made. Robbie Sharp (Michael Huffmaster's wife) prepared a brochure for Honduras Medical Mission to be used at the St. Martin's in Houston. Reid and Kathy Westmoreland, Jim Humphries, Catey Carter, and Michael Huffmaster will be representing the mission trip at St. Martin's on February 10 at their outreach fair.

Father Oscar and Filomena, the priest and his wife in Corinto, have been moved to Zihuatepeque. Reid has talked to Eleana in the diocesan office about arrangements in the village when the team is there. We have many concerns about details that need to be taken care of through the bishop's office. Reid has asked for a phone call appointment during the week of February 18th to talk to the Bishop about our concerns. Communications will be passed on to the team as decisions are made.

Action Updates:

Medicine Distribution — Marti Miller presented a plan using bins and shelving in the hall of the dorm to allow the doctor stations to distribute the over the counter medicines.

Clothing—clothing is being bagged by gender and size to be given out. The group of women at St. Timothy's are using the larger items of clothing to be remade into small children's shorts and diapers as well as the skirts being made for the ladies of Corinto.

Storage unit—Bay Industries will store, pallet, and shrink wrap all stuff that is stored there. Bay Industries is located on Hwy.3 and they are ready to take supplies now.

Plumbing in dormitory—status is still unknown

Generator and water issues—Michael Huffmaster reported that the 9000 watt generator has the ability to support the needs of the team as long as electrical usage is minimized during the day in the dorm.

- Jim Nelson emphasized the need of an additional power source to be used to support registration.

Medicine: Medicine order needs to be sent. Spanish labels are available.

Eyeglasses: Sandra Lawson will be in charge of getting glasses, etc.

Food: Volunteers needed to be scheduled to cook at night.

Travel: June 8 two people will go down and get the container, get dorm ready

June 9 more people will go to buy food, stuff for clinic

June 11 the main group arrives

June 18 the group returns to Houston Travel

Any extended stay in Honduras for vacation after the mission will need to be taken care of by individual.

Container: Lead is Bill McGonagle

Actions

- Chris - will get in touch with Gail Lovely for backup battery system to support the registration computers.
- Taffy - grant request to the Episcopal Diocese of Texas

Items of consideration:

- Structure to house the generator
- Redevelopment of water well
- Traffic Flow
- Trash dump
- Clothing distribution

Donations mentioned during meeting:

- St. James of Conroe \$1100
- Palmer \$3000
- Dr. Sager \$5000
- Bay City Lions Club \$1000
- EMMF \$2600

Staffing at time of meeting (22 applications receive)

1 PA
2 dentists
2 EMT
3 nurses
14 support staff

Needs and Comments

- Veterinarians, doctors, and dentist– ask around
- Rice, Spam, Beans, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, buckets, etc.
- The Nook (Thrift Shop) at the Good Shepherd announced not to continue funding school clothing for 2009. If another church family is interested in picking up this ministry let me know.

Thanks to Susan Lorms and St. Timothy's for hosting the team meeting and providing a great lunch.

Clothing Contact

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Lake Jackson, TX

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Warehouse Storage is **Bay Industries**, contact Christine Turner 281 482 5195 for directions and contact information.

Web site with application

www.hmmsite.org

Remember that all money has to be turned in before May 1.

Please feel free to contact Reid Westmoreland with any comments, questions, and/or concerns.

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