

About Providence Presbytery's Mission Experiences...

Would you like to meet and talk with Jesus? This can happen when ever the hungry are being fed; the sick are cared for, and the hurting are comforted in Christ's name.

In 2012 Providence Presbytery is offering a variety of ways for Presbyterians to experience mission from a different perspective; to journey beyond the borders of our own everyday lives to develop and use new skills and understanding, and explore what God intends for each of us.



These life changing opportunities are:

- **Youth Mission Retreat 2012 at Bethelwoods**

March 16-17, 2012

Join the Middle Schoolers and High Schoolers of our presbytery as they gather for worship and learning as well as to serve others and learn ways to alleviate hunger in our area.

- **Dental and Optical Mission to Honduras 2012**

May 25 thru June 2, 2012

Health workers and non-technical volunteers will be spending a week working in the mountains near La Esperanza operating dental and medical clinics.

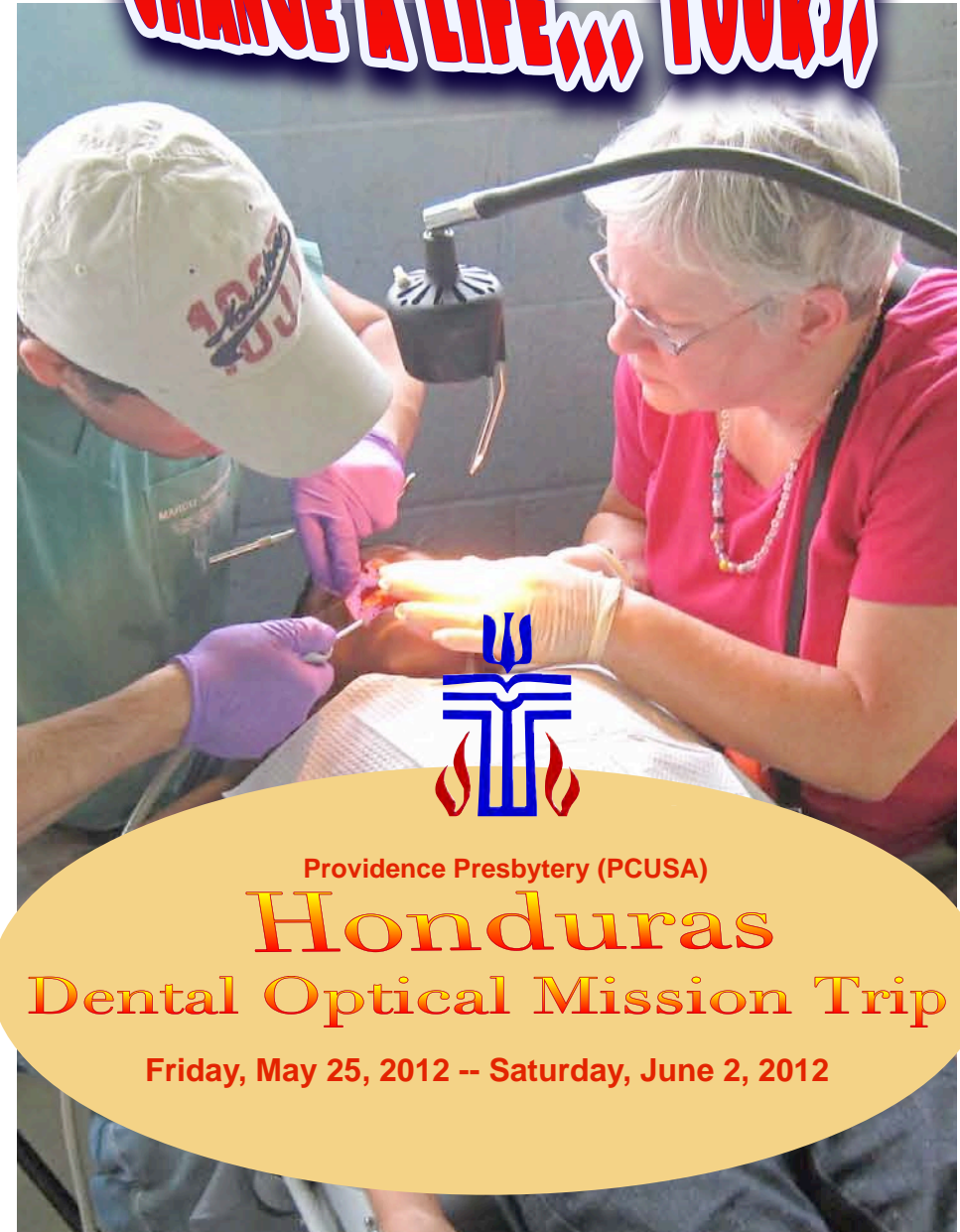
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Providence Presbytery (PCUSA)

Honduras Dental Optical Mission Trip

Friday, May 25, 2012 -- Saturday, June 2, 2012

Providence Presbytery's Central American Travelers--
medical personnel, assisted by non-medical volunteers, give medical,
dental, optical care and medicines to up to 1000 people each year!



“Truly I tell you, what you do
for the least of these who are
members of my family, you
do it for me...”

Each year since 1985, Providence Presbytery has sent small groups of travelers to Central America to visit the people and projects that we help through our annual **Dimes for Hunger** campaign. We have sent more than 200 different travelers--and over \$500,000 in aid, to agencies which work with the poorest of the poor in Honduras and Guatemala.

Since 1991, our Central American Travelers have participated in medical clinics in both Honduras and Guatemala. Our doctors and nurses screen patients, treat for parasites and infections, prescribe vitamins and antacids, and when necessary, refer people to the hospital in the closest city for treatment. Most of the clients who visit the clinics -- often held in a church or community building (without the modern conveniences of our clinics here in SC) -- have not seen a doctor for years--if ever. Most walk for miles to see our medical staff. On some trips since 1996, we have also begun to provide simple medical training for local health promoters in rural communities who are otherwise without medical assistance.

This year, we anticipate traveling to the mountains surrounding the city of La Esperanza to offer dental and optical assistance, as well as general medical help.



BE A CENTRAL AMERICAN TRAVELER!

...BE THE EYES, EARS AND HANDS

OF PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERY

What are the details?

Trip dates: May 25 to June 2, 2012

Skills needed: Medical background (dental or optical, general medical or pharmaceutical), is *desired*--BUT there are a number of spaces for non-technical volunteers as well. Spanish language skills are helpful. Ability to work well in a group, strong Christian faith, compassion and flexibility are a must.

Cost: The traveler is responsible for 1/3 of the cost of the trip (\$650). The remainder is covered by your home church and by presbytery.

Health: The trip requires that you be in reasonable physical health. Conditions in Honduras are third world; hot and humid; lack of adequate plumbing; water issues, poverty and lack of electricity.

What are my responsibilities?

- A passport valid through August of 2012
- An up-to-date shot record (some of the required medications will be provided)
- Attendance at 4 training meetings (Monday Evenings)
- Individual and shared duties while on the trip (Treasurer, Photographer, Journal Keeper, daily devotional, etc.)
- Adapt to Central American culture and customs with a smile and an open mind
- Work with, learn from and pray with your colleagues in ministry, as well as our local Honduran hosts
- Share your experiences with churches in connection with the

How are Travelers selected?

- Fill out the application form and return by January 7, 2012
- A personal interview will be scheduled with a panel composed of previous Central American Travelers