

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 2010 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 2010 at Bethelwoods**

March 26-27, 2010

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 2010**

May 28 thru June 5, 2010

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

- **Presbytery Gulf Coast Mission Trip 2010**

June 18 thru July 25, 2010

We will partner with Government St Presbyterian Church in Mobile, AL to provide assistance to a number of urban needs in the area.

For more Information
and additional applications contact:

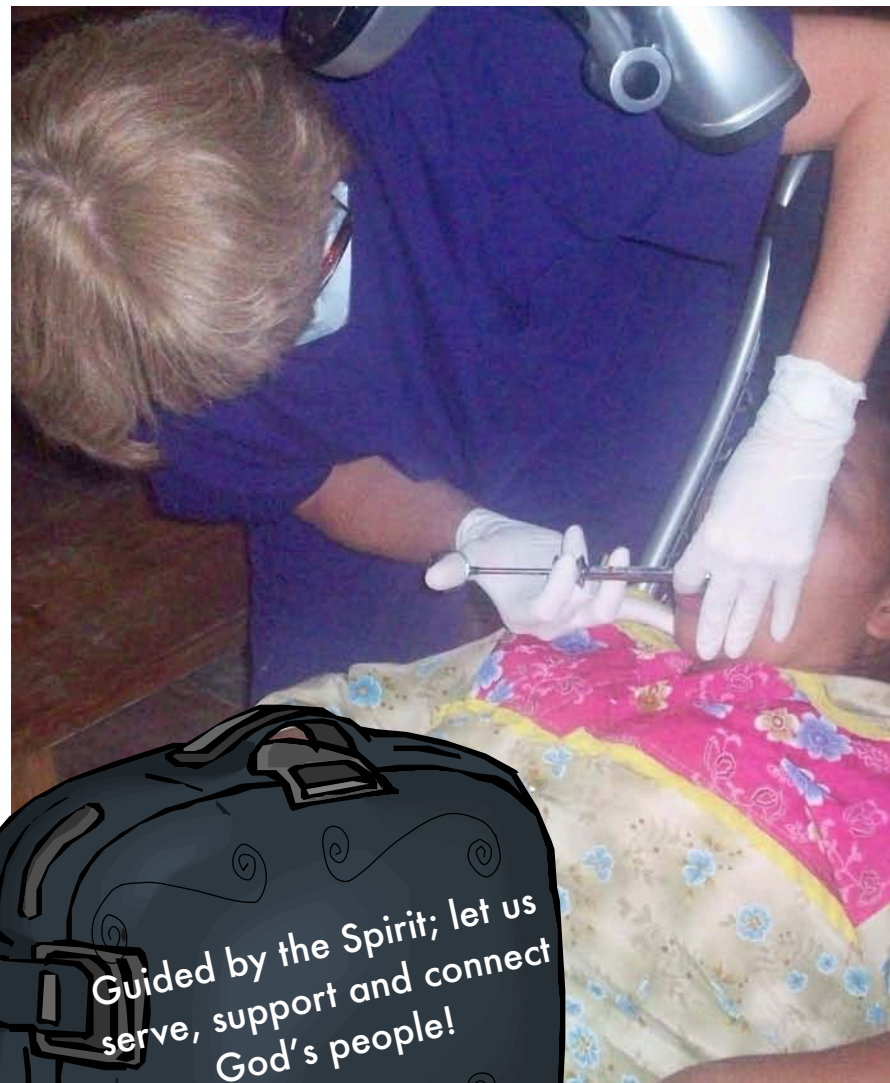
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Providence Presbytery (PCUSA)

Honduras Dental/Optical Mission Trip

Friday, May 28, 2010 -- Saturday, June 5, 2010



Guided by the Spirit; let us
serve, support and connect
God's people!

*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!*

Be a Central American Traveler!



...BE THE EYES, EARS AND HANDS

OF PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERY

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

Matthew 24.40



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.



What are the details?

Trip dates: May 28 to June 5, 2010

Skills needed: Medical background (dental or optical, general medical or pharmaceutical), is desired; but there are 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 (\$550). 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 2010
- 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 Dimes for Hunger campaign in the Fall

How are travelers selected?

- Fill out the application form and return by January 7, 2010
- A personal interview will be scheduled with a panel composed of previous Central American Travelers

Application form for 2010 ADULT MISSION PARTNERSHIP TO HONDURAS

Trip Dates: May 28-June 5, 2010
APPLICATION DEADLINE: January 15, 2010

Adults applying to participate in this mission trip should be active members of one of the churches in Providence Presbytery. They should be willing to participate in all preparation sessions and the followup activities.

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Name (as it appears on your passport) _____

Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Email _____

Sex ___ Date of Birth _____ Occupation _____ Daytime phone _____

Church _____ T-shirt size? _____ (for 2010 Traveler T-shirt!)

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Because we ask the local church to pay 1/3 of the cost of the trip (\$550), you will need to have your minister or clerk of session sign this application before you submit it to the presbytery office.

_____ Church recommends this applicant for the 2010 Adult Trip to HONDURAS and agrees to pay 1/3 of the cost of the trip (\$550).

Signed: _____
(minister or clerk of session)

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Travelers must agree to participate in the pre-trip training/preparation sessions on the following dates: Monday, Feb 22 (6:00 – 8:00); March meeting of Presbytery (commissioning), Monday, March 8 (6:00 – 8:00); Monday, April 26 (6:00 – 8:00); ; Sunday, May 23 (4:00 – 7:30) packing, covered dish supper and communion service for travelers & their families; the Dimes for Hunger dinner—date in Sept 2010 not yet set.

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Your answers to the following questions will be used in addition to a personal interview on Sunday, January 31st, 2010 to select the participants for the 2010 Trip to Honduras. If you need additional space, please attach an extra sheet of paper.

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1. Why would you like to participate in the 2010 Adult Mission Partnership to HONDURAS?

