

"The Servant's Heart"

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"The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 6:22b-23

MEDICAL MISSION TRIP TO CHIAPAS 2018

Elders Dr. Pamela Pyle, M.D. and the Director of Missions will lead a mission team from Eastern Virginia Medical School to Chiapas March 10-17 to provide primary medical care to the Tzeltal people at Manos de Cristo, the health clinic in Ocosingo that members of our church helped construct in 2007-2008. Also making the trip is member Karen Ireland, R.N. This will be the second EVMS trip during which medical students have opportunity to learn hands-on skills under expert supervision. FPC will cover the cost of medications dispensed free of charge to patients and provide a small stipend to the students from off-budget funds available for this purpose. Please keep this mission team in your prayers as they organize and prepare to serve. This year marks twelve years of service by FPC with the Tzeltal-speaking Presbyterians of southern México. This year marks the six year anniversary of the operation of Manos de Cristo. The clinic serves patients throughout the Tzeltal Synod every week through its Tzeltal staff.



CHIAPAS MÉXICO MISSION TRIP 2018

- ◆ Twelfth annual inter-generational mission trip to Chiapas to work with Tzeltal-speaking Presbyterians.
- ◆ Our trip will combine Christian spiritual growth, physical labor tailored to the capabilities of our team members, conducting of vacation Bible school, intense interaction with Tzeltal villagers and relationship building inside and outside of our team.
- ◆ Our trip dates will be Saturday **June 30** through Sunday **July 8**, 2018. The church will cover the \$500 per person fee charged by Hebron USA for in-country expenses
- ◆ The church will NOT make group travel reservations since efforts to do so were unsuccessful. Prices quoted were prohibitive. Travel booked individually is currently 40% of that cost. All travelers will make their own flight arrangements. I will tell everyone which flights to book.
- ◆ Please call me at 757-672-1797 or speak to me at church to commit to the trip. We need an accurate head count by January 31st.
Randy DuVall

INFORMATIONAL MEETING

CUBA MISSION TRIP 2018??

- ◆ In October 2017, Randy DuVall visited the Presbyterian churches of the Presbiterio de La Habana (Havana) through PC(USA) to investigate the potential for a First Presbyterian mission team to make a mission trip to Cuba in the fall of 2018.
- ◆ An informational meeting to assess congregational interest in such a trip will be held in Room 215 on **Tuesday January 30th** at 7:00 pm. If there is sufficient interest, I will continue the planning process for such a trip.
- ◆ This will not be a vacation if it occurs; it will be mission outreach but not construction.
- ◆ Contact me if you will attend this meeting.
Randy DuVall.