



Rivas, Nicaragua Medical Mission February 17th to 24th, 2007



It's time to start planning our medical mission for February. First, here are the critical dates you need:

11/13/06	Planning Mtg. Forest Park, 7PM	11/26/06	\$100 deposit due
12/8/65	Last date to apply for passport	1/5/07	\$750 total due
1/13/07	Training Day / packing drugs	2/8/05	\$550 trip balance due

As we get closer, we'll nail down the dates. It will be 7 or 8 days and it will be within the date range above, but our experience has been that even 1 day's difference in departure and return can make a huge difference in price, so we'll get our best price and get back to you.

Again, we'll take drugs with us through customs. Each person will take, along with your check-in and carry-on bag, another suitcase which will be filled with medicines. These will be inventoried in advance, and checked by a Nicaraguan Health Ministry official when we disembark in-country. Last year in Nicaragua it was a smooth and painless operation and I don't expect anything different this year.

Missions Website - <http://missions.blogsome.com/>

We have a website set up to make it easier to access information and plan for your trip. On the website you can:

- * Find all this information and more
- * Register
- * Make payments
- * Read about other trips

Training / Inventory Day - January 13, 2007 - 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM - Forest Park Church

We'll need to inventory and re-pack drugs for the trip so we can submit an inventory to the Ministry of Health and to make it easier to dispense once we set up our pharmacy. We'll also pass out all the info you need for what to take, what to expect, how to dress, and answer a plethora of questions you haven't even thought of yet!

Where are we going?

The town of Rivas is near the Costa Rica border, south of Managua. As in the past, the medical assistance we provide may be the best or only health care available to these folks. Our clinics will be set up in local churches.

We'll be staying in a hotel in Rivas and having our meals at a local restaurant. Terry DuPont reports that they had a large mission team there the first week of October and the rooms had air conditioners but they didn't need them because the weather was so nice. Here's a link to weather info:

<http://www.wunderground.com/global/stations/78733.html>

Inviting others

Some of you have invited others or know of others that are considering going on this mission trip. If you will give me their email and physical address, I will make sure that I send them updates as well. I can provide you an application for them or one is available on the website. This application will let your friend know why we are doing the mission and what is expected of them as a member of the team.

Medicines & Medical Supplies

We will be applying to King Benevolent Fund again for drugs. However, there are some medicines we are always short on. We have another source to purchase medicines very inexpensively, but it does add up, so we will plan a few fundraising events. Also if you know pharmaceutical reps that can donate drugs, we'll be glad to have them and we can give a receipt for them.

Bring your otoscope, blood pressure cuff, stethoscope and your other personal favorites; we'll supply most everything else you'll need to treat patients.

BTW: I will need a copy of your license 6 weeks before we leave.

Money

Turn in your \$100 deposit as soon as possible. Make checks out to "Forest Park Community Church". You can send payments in by mail, give them directly to Ronnie, Terry, Kim Hay or make a payment securely on the website. Be sure to note on your check that the money is for missions.

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