

The Basics for the 2018 Guatemala Dental Mission Trip
to San Raymundo, with Dr. T. Bob Davis (tbob@tbobdavis.com)

When: March 16 - 24, 2018 (Spring Break) **Friday Evening 16th to Saturday Noon 24th

Why: Service through dentistry for the glory of God

Itinerary:

- Friday, March 16th P.M.: Departure (HOUSTON GROUP)
- Saturday: Sleep-in, Get Acquainted, Set-up
- Saturday, March 17th P.M.: Departure (DALLAS GROUP)
- Sunday: Prepare and Test-run
- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: CLINIC
- Wednesday, March 21st: R&R Day
- Friday: work, pack, reflect
- Saturday, March 24th: Return home

Services offered:

- Screenings, Radiographs, Prophylaxes, Fluoride Treatments, Oral Health Instructions, Fillings (amalgam, composites, etc.), Extractions...and any other surprises thrown our way (RCT, trauma, cosmetic, etc.)

Breakdown of Costs:

Airline – This year each member is required to book flight on the non-stop group flights listed below. Do not procrastinate booking your flight. Once your application has been approved and you receive confirmation, go immediately to purchase airfare. Once purchased, send me a copy of the flight confirmation from airline containing all details.

Houston Group Flight:

Departure: United Airlines, Flight #1755 Date: 03/16/18, Depart: Houston (IAH) 10:00pm, Arrive: GUA 11:50pm

Return: United Airlines Flight #1903, Date: 03/24/18, Depart: Guatemala (GUA) 12:35pm, Arrive: (IAH) 4:35pm

Dallas Group Flight:

Departure: American Airlines, Flight #1025, Date: 03/17/18, Dept: Dallas (DFW) 9:00am, Arrive: GUA 11:22am

Return: American Airlines, Flight #1025, Date: 03/24/18, Dept: Guatemala (GUA) 12:25pm, Arrival (IAH) 4:50pm

Houston Group United Airlines Fare per person until Thanksgiving= \$778. 50 seats saved. UA #1755- 3/16/18 – 10:00pm-11:50pm, IAH-GUA // UA#1903- 3/24/18 – 12:35-4:35pm, GUA-IAH

Dallas Group American Airlines Fare per person until Thanksgiving= \$688. 30 seats saved. AA#1025- 3/17/18 – 9:00-11:22am, DFW-GUA // AA#1025- 3/24/18 – 12:25-4:50pm, GUA-DFW

These are very reasonable fares considering what has been in years past and what are quoted now. For safety and security, equipment and supplies travel with us, together in buses from airport to GUA Compound, we fly together on these non-stops. PAY THE AIRFARE ON VENMO TO @TBob-Davis. Pay the EXPENSES separately in a separate payment for the Expenses on VENMO. DO NOT MIX THOSE, make 2 payments (air/expenses). Please MAKE PAYMENTS BY THE NAME OF THE PERSON SIGNED UP FOR THE TRIP, not parents or friends. Your payment will assure your being on the correct flight since we will have in your application your birth date and passport number with date of expiration. So FILL OUT YOUR APPLICATION ONLINE AS YOU PAY YOUR AIR AND EXPENSES- THEY MUST COORDINATE.

****2018 UPDATE REMINDER: YOU ARE REQUIRED TO FLY ON ONLY THESE DESIGNATED NON-STOP FLIGHTS. REASON: LAST YEAR'S MASSIVE PROBLEM WITH DELAYS PERTAINING TO PICK-UP/DEPARTURE TIMES, COST, AND SAFETY ISSUES.**

Expenses –

- \$600 for Doctors who have been on at least 4 previous trips as Doctor or student, when paid by Thanksgiving Day (a 50% reduction).
- \$800 for Doctors and Students who have been on 1-3 previous trips as Doctor or student, when paid by Thanksgiving Day (a 30% reduction).
- \$900 for Doctors and students who are first timers, if paid by Thanksgiving Day (a 20% reduction).

- \$1100 ALL FEES REVERT TO \$1100 FOR ANYONE IF PAID AFTER THANKSGIVING DAY UNTIL THE DEADLINE, JANUARY 17TH, 2018.
- \$1300 LATE FEES APPLIES WITHIN 8 WEEKS OF START DAY OF TRIP FOR THOSE WHO PREFER LATE DECISIONS AND HIGHER COSTS --- HA! January 17th, 2018.
- Fees are non-refundable after January 17th, 2018. To insure the lowest total cost for the trip, an early airline ticket purchase and on-time Thanksgiving Day payment of expenses can save 20-30% overall.

How do I sign up?

- This year the application is online! Fill the application out accurately and completely. Please note, the online form will not let you skip a required question/answer.
- Also note, *you still need to sign and return via email or snail-mail: (1) Cover Sheet, (1) Copy of Passport, (1) Signed Code of Conduct Agreement, (1) Signed Acknowledgement of Truths and Purposes Held by This Mission, (1) Signed Fundraising Contract and Travel Release Form.*
- **2018 Update: This year I would love for each applicant to send a Cover Letter attachment with the signed documents. This cover letter would include your name, brief description of yourself, brief description of how you heard about the trip, and brief explanation of why you are going.**
- Once the application is submitted and you receive a confirmation email from me, then you should purchase your airline ticket (Houston group fare on United and Dallas group fare on American) and pay trip expenses. Following purchase, send me a copy of your airline notification confirmation with all details to tbob@tbobdavis.com.
- Use the "VENMO" button on <http://www.tbobdavis.com/next-dental-mission-trip/> for your expense payment – preferred method! (see below). Or a single check for total payment can be sent by mail to "Dr. T. Bob Davis Productions" at 11925 Loch Ness Dr., Dallas, TX 75218.

Contact with any questions:

Dr. T. Bob Davis, DMD – tbob@tbobdavis.com

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

'Can hygienists come?'

Absolutely!! How can a dental mission function without prophies and OHI's?! Seriously, anyone willing to travel and serve with us is welcome to come...especially hygienists!

'Do dental students get to do dental work, or just assist?'

Remember, everyone serves according to their level of training. So, underclassmen dental students will be mostly assisting the dentists and upperclassmen students. However, appropriate and responsible on-the-job training is typical, and underclassmen students will be encouraged to exercise their knowledge-base under the express guidance and intimate supervision of the dentists/upperclassmen.

'Where will we be staying/eating?'

We will be staying and eating at the Asociacion Medica Quirurgica De San Raymundo compound. As well as the clinic we'll be working in, the compound contains men's and women's dormitories and a near-buffet style kitchen.

'I can't afford the trip – can I fundraise the money?'

Sure! We recommend mailing out support letters to family, friends, and anyone else who might be interested to invest in our trip. Also, with Christmas around the corner, you could request donations for your trip in lieu of traditional presents. You can also do service-for-donation work; e.g., mowing lawns, babysitting, washing cars, cooking, etc. – Be creative.

'Should I bring spending money?'

Your choice. We do try to make one fun 'tourist' trip while we're there. You can bring spending money if you want to buy souvenirs either there or at the airport. (And we recommend you get the money changed to the country's currency before leaving the U.S. to avoid inflated exchange rates.)

'Will people be teaching religious beliefs on this trip?'

This is a Christian mission trip, so sharing our faith – at least with each other – is to be expected, because that's a part of our life together. We plan to learn, grow, and worship God together.

'I'm not a Christian – can I still go?'

In every way, YES! If you're willing to accompany and support our mission in the name of Christ Jesus, we've got a place ready for you with us. We just ask that you recognize our purpose with cooperation and full involvement in all activities. We respectfully request that you walk in step with us and not hinder us in this work.

'How "flaky" can I be with the deadlines?'

Easy answer: don't be flaky! It takes a lot of planning to get this trip organized, and we imperatively need you to take up courage and responsibility, be decisive and meet the deadlines. ...However, we understand things happen and your schedule changes last minute – if something comes up that suddenly enables you to go on the trip, or if you just have a special circumstance you want to discuss with us, give us a call and let's see what we can work out. ...But preferably, don't be flaky - just sign-up on time.

'What are the deadlines again?'

By Thanksgiving Day, 2016 – Submit to Dr. T.Bob your completed and signed Application Packet, along with a photocopy of your passport, your Professional License (if applicable), a copy of your airplane ticket or its confirmation email, and your total fee.

'Do I need to get any immunizations or bring malaria medicine?'

It is advisable to be up-to-date on your immunizations and to bring appropriate medications. Please see the CDC website for further information: <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/guatemala.aspx#vaccines>.