

## T.BOB'S ANNUAL SPRINGBREAK DENTAL MISSION TRIP OBJECTIVES

1. To give students and doctors a view of short-term missions so later they can go anywhere they choose, confident of what they can and should do and how to accomplish it successfully.
2. To mentor both dental students and professionals.
3. To develop Christian leadership and identity while in dental school, hygiene school or college.
4. To encourage local pastors, churches, and Christian institutions.
5. To inspire young local patients to become healthcare providers.
6. To share our dental skills as a demonstration of our Christian faith in action.
7. To share the Good News of God's love.
8. To offer contrast to the South Padre Island Spring Break College Student Party Animals and show what faith in action contributes to others and each other as opposed to the self-indulgence of alcohol, drug and sex abuse.
9. To safely return our group back home, secure in their faith, secure in their walk, and motivated for life ahead.

### A Brief History of the Trip

This large student-involved dental mission trip began in 1977. You will never know the love and care that flowed through these august men and ladies, those who thru the years laid the foundation for your trip. Many sacrificed much to afford the cost and time for this effort. Many brought supplies and tools, equipment and donations.

We operate on a cost basis and have no donors but each participant divided equally. We have no organization but the student leaders, our committed dentist mentors, and myself. This is a true labor of love by each of us, sharing Christ's love and compassion for a lost, hungry, and desolate world. The life each shared to those we served and to each other is what this mission trip is all about.

Few others will ever experience what these have in the past and we/you did this one long week. Few dental students will go out into the bigger world with a true world view of serving outside their own little world. Few will have tasted the savor of giving, the heartache of seeing the hurt of this 3<sup>rd</sup> world, the exhilaration of hugs from such appreciative patients, or the sheer fun of such a tight group as ours, living in close quarters together, packed like sardines in the vans/buses, one-on-one interactions over breakfast, fast lunches, and noisy evening meals, plus a couple hours relaxing during spring break with dear old and new friends!!!!

Making great memories is our big objective.