

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

May I review the objectives I've established through the years for the mission trip?

1. To give students and doctors a view of short-term missions so they can go anywhere they choose, later, confident of what they can and should do and how to accomplish it successfully.
2. To mentor dental students and even professionals.
3. To develop a student Christian leadership and identity while in dental school, hygiene school or high school.
4. To encourage pastors, churches, and Christian institutions, while inspiring young patients to become healthcare providers.
5. To share our dental skills as a demonstration of our Christian faith in action.
6. To share the Good News of God's love.
7. 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.
8. To return a group back home safe, secure in their faith, secure in their walk, and motivated for life ahead.

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 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 pure 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.