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On February 20th, CCPC will be sending its 36th mission team to Honduras. As with our last six trips, we will be going to Puerto Lempira on the far eastern coast with three dentists and six helpers. There is no dentist within 75 miles of this area that has approximately 20,000 citizens. As there is no electricity and so little time there, we will only be able to do tooth extractions. Each of the days there our dentists and volunteers treat nearly 100 patients, including 20 in the local prison.

Consider this: if you have a toothache, you can call your local dentist and get an appointment the next day—or if it is severe, arrangements will be made to see you the same day. In Puerto Lempira, many of our patients have been waiting weeks or even months for our next visit when they can get pain relief.

Sunday, February 4th has been designated as Honduras Sunday at CCPC, and all services that day will be dedicated to God's will for our efforts with dental care in Puerto Lempira. Please consider attending one of the services that day to see how our Lord works to provide care to some of the poorest people in all of Central America. We will show a video that church member Luke Buchanan created from a recent mission trip, and Elder (and Dentist) Denise Hering will share her recent experience as she treated many patients.

In order to continue our mission trips, we would deeply appreciate your financial assistance. These are not inexpensive trips. Just to begin with, each team member is expected to pay \$1,595 to cover the cost of airfare. If you would like to support this mission to help these dear souls that have little income and no available care, there are multiple ways to help:

- Consider making a partial donation to help one of our younger team members make their first lifechanging mission trip this coming July
- Consider a donation to help with team meals (mostly rice, beans and plantains) or consider helping to cover the cost of one of our hotel rooms (\$40 per double)
- You can donate to help us pay for one of the bright, young bilingual people who translate to help our dentists provide their necessary care. This \$50 may be the only income they have this month.
- Consider a donation to help purchase toothbrushes, toothpaste, and bars of soap, which are not available to the 120 prison inmates.
- We are also looking for two more people from CCPC to go on the next trip on February 20th.

Please know that any help you can provide is greatly needed and appreciated by the many Honduran people receiving our care! *What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm*

and well fed,” but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. —James 2:14-17