

ISM Meeting Minutes Tue Nov 20th 6PM @CTU

Present: Julie Andron, Cameron Allen, Chris Obendorfer, Eve Grimes, James Kramer, Jeannine Massmann, Susan Goemmer, Nicole Helmstedt, Julie Schultz, Dr Robert McLean,

Team Monte

Feedback from Team Monte members

Overall impression from members was that Monte patients had not as great a need as other places we have served. Members agreed that they would return (some more than others) perhaps without the MMI affiliation. We need to see about getting press releases for this trip as well the next. Cameron is working through CTU, but if anyone has other suggestions (IE knows someone at the Chieftan, Gazette, Fox 21, etc) please let us know.

Summation of information from Dr Radway

good parts: nice facility, great hosts, nice place to stay, very safe, not far to go, good venue for a 1 week mission

bad parts: kind of 'cushy' for mission work, some question about how much help we gave the poor, some volunteers might not like the Adventist environment, but they really weren't pushy about it

Discuss potential for return

Several factors to think about for potential return- hottest during summer months, might be good for first time volunteers, maybe think about Sterling team (see below)

Team Samar

Update from Cameron

All **money** from Team Monte members is due by **DECEMBER 5TH**- No later. Checks should be made out to ISM and mailed to:

Nadine Radway
124 Carrillon Ln
Pueblo, CO 81005

Team members need to make sure they have visited their local health department for immunizations. You also need to make a decision about Malaria prophylaxis. If anyone wants Malarone let us know and we can get it at a discount price at JB Pharmacy. Flight itineraries, group contact information and a work schedule will be sent out by the end of this week. Everyone is allowed one bag up to 70 pounds. Your other allowable baggage will be a duffle that we have filled with medical supplies. There are 20 people totaled. 5 surgeons and support personnel for three OR tables

Question/Answer session

Team Samar members need to contact their banks to let them know that you will be using your credit card in the Philippines (so they don't think there is fraud and cut you off). Members are advised to pack a change of clothes just in case suitcases have to go separately from medical supplies on the flight from Manila to Samar. All team members should throw in a roll of duct tape just in case.

Schedule Team Samar Predeparture meeting

Predeparture meeting will be Sunday January 13th 3PM @CTU in Pueblo. Joan from A Travel Advange will be there to answer questions and possibly deliver tickets. Duffle bags will be handed out. If you cannot attend this meeting please let Cameron know so he can get your duffle to you before departure.

ISM Dinner

Reminder cards/ Invitations

Newsletters are done and should be mailed this week. We have approximately 200 docs on our mailing list. If anyone would like some to hand address and mail, please let me (Julie) know as I have all the extras. OR if you would like a PDF to email to someone, I can get that too. "Save the Date" postcards for the April dinner will be printed and mailed in late December. I will be looking for volunteers to help with address labels and stamps when the time comes. Dinner invitations will

go out early to mid March and we will again be looking for volunteers to help with that process.

Things discussed with Holt Brothers

Talked about the organization of the live auction with largest item in the middle rather than at the end. Discussed different ways to raise on the spot money. Talked about basing total number of live auction items on time- need to have everyone out by 9:30 at the latest. Discussed limiting the silent auction items. Dr Radway and I have talked about limiting our group size to 250 people. Talked at length about trying to transition from medical community sponsorship to more local business involvement.

Volunteers for committees (decorating/ silent auction)

As we approach time for the dinner, we will be asking for volunteers for decorating, silent auction, clean up.

Website

Onsite demonstration of how to enter personal information into website

Our new website is at ISMissions.com We will start online registration for all Team Samar members. From the home page, click on "**Volunteer**" and fill out the ISM application. This information will go into a database that is viewable by only the Executive Committee members. It will contain emergency contact information, passport numbers and license information. In the future we will use this method to register everyone and hopefully, eventually eliminate the paper files that Karen MCanally has so diligently maintained.

Future Projects

Honduras?

Every time the suggestion of a Honduras mission with Light of the World is presented we seem to immediately nix the idea. But then further discussion of the notion leads us to decide that it is always a (remote) possibility.

Return to Mexico

Dr Radway and I have decided that we should approach the idea of a return trip to Montemorelos with a team from Sterling. A group from there has been talking to Dr Radway about having us help them with logistics for a trip. They would raise all the money necessary and provide the personnel. We would give them access to our storage items including meds.

Samar 2009

We hope to receive another invitation to return to Samar in January 2009. I think every time we go there we will gather more ideas for streamlining the operation. I personally do plan to go in 2009 with my son who will be 12 by that time, but I DO NOT want to lead the team....

Potential Pueblo Indigent Mission

Everyone agreed that a local mission, if feasible would be a good way to give back to the community that supports us. Lot of details to work out.

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