



LOS MEDICOS VOLADORES

August 2011

Oasis, Sept 23-25

Dr. David Morgan, MD, urges everyone to sign up for the biggest and best Oasis mission ever. Dave said, "You bring inspiration, medical, physical and emotional needs fulfillment to our Oasis patients! The results of your great work are beyond measure!" We plan on over 100 volunteers and over 1000 patients. This is a mission every member can afford in cost and time! You can't afford to miss it. See page 3 to sign up!

Corporate Board Meeting Oct 1

All members are invited to the LMV Corporate Board meeting at South County Airport in San Martin. Attendees will receive free tickets to the Wings of History Museum.

Oasis History

Dr. David Morgan, MD shares his knowledge of the LMV mission history in Southern California. See page 4.

Annual Pilots Meeting, July 23

Bill Rush reports the meeting was fun and productive. The next one is scheduled for June 16, 2012 at the Auburn airport.

Guatemala

Delores McCabe extols the experience of the August 2011 mission to Guatemala. See page 7.

Huachinera

Colleena McHugh, RDA provides a great review of the May mission to Sonora, Mexico. See page 4.

Mission Schedule

Trips for the next 12 months, whether planned in detail or tentative, are waiting for you to volunteer! See page 3.

LMV Logo Apparel

Colleena McHugh, RDA has many LMV clothes and other items. You can see a sample on page 8 and the directions on how to order your LMV logo items

Newsletter Publication

I need your feedback. This newsletter was published after a year of no newsletters. Is the newsletter useful to you? Is it informative? Is it entertaining? Is it a pain in the neck? Future publication depends on your response.

<mailto:donwolf20@comcast.net>



One of many Patients lines at Oasis LMV Clinic



Shirley Stoller, RN with Guatemala bound glasses



Oasis Patient

Photos by various LMV members

LMV Corporation



Denny Freidig

Chairman of the Board, Denny Freidig
lmvpilot@gmail.com

Vice Chairman, Dr. Adrian Fenderson, DDS
ajfenderson@sbcglobal.net

Secretary, Aimee Abittan
abittana@hotmail.com

Treasurer Dr. Ed Weiss, DDS
edweiss1211@sbcglobal.net

#####

Bay Area Chapter

President Dr. Stephen Los, DDS
831-750-9036 or molarmknc@earthlink.net

Vice President Pedro Rump prump@shoretel.com

Treasurer Bill Rush brush@skyhighway.com

Secretary Colleen McHugh, RDA 650-595-1954 sbsec@flyingdocs.org

Board of Directors

Karen Brown, Acupuncturist 408-984-4930
karenb@sbcglobal.net

Dr. Jack Chamberlain, DDS
408-374-3804 (Pager) or 408 356-7200 (W)

Wayne Rhoten 408-778-2657 waynelmv@rhoten.com

Blanca Ruiz, Interpreter
925-458-9186 br_ruiz@hotmail.com

Dr. Clem Schrick, DDS,
925-308-7420; cfsdds@sbcglobal.net

DJ Wilson 408-272-3339

Administrative Functions

Trip Coordinator Jessica Kanada
lmvtripbayarea@gmail.com

Pilot Liaison Bob Lamkin
408-250-7529; robert.lamkin@ieee.org

Membership Chair
Interpreter Liaison Blanco Ruiz br_ruiz@hotmail.com

Logo Paraphernalia Colleen McHugh, RDA
sbsec@flyingdocs.org

Historian Milt Camp
209-743-2667 or miltcamp@aol.com

Mailing Address
PO Box 445, Los Gatos, CA 95031-0445

Reno Chapter (Nevada)

President Joe DuRousseau, j.durousseau@ci.reno.nv.us

Vice President Dr. John Bocchi, DDS john@sierrasmiles.net

Secretary Dezarae Lamb, RDH dlamb8@hotmail.com

Treasurer Pamela Mayhew, harvestdrmr@gmail.com

Chapter Newsletter Dezarae Lamb, RDH dlamb8@hotmail.com

Mailing Address 7661 Autumn Ridge, Reno, NV 89523

Public Relations Dr. Adrian Fenderson, DDS
ajfenderson@sbcglobal.net

LMV Founder and Lifetime Board member
Milt Camp 209-743-2667 or miltcamp@aol.com

Oasis Trip Coordinator Blanca Ruiz

Pilot Committee Chair, Bill Rush, brush@skyhighway.com

Chief Medical Professional Dr. Dave Morgan, MD
916-408-0633 or david182m@yahoo.com.

Chief Dental Professional Dr. Larry Tabor, DDS
Doc@tabordds.com

Chief Optometry Professional Dr. Tom Brenner, OD
tbrennerod@hotmail.com

Corp Trip Coordinator Wayne McClelland, EMT
waynemcc@wamware.com

Newsletter Editor Don Wolf
408-395-2921 donwolf20@comcast.net

Webmaster, Wayne McClelland, EMT waynemcc@wamware.com

Corporate Mailing Address
2945 Bell Road, Unit 119, Auburn, CA 95603

High Sierra Chapter (Truckee)

President, Wayne McClelland, EMT waynemcc@wamware.com

Vice President, Tamara Anderson, tanderson@ttusd.org

Secretary, Patty Kelly, kelly@portersimon.com

Treasurer, Carol Tomasic ctomasic@cebridge.net

Membership Esther Bosquet ebosquet@usamedia.tv

Mailing Address LMV, P.O. Box 8234, Truckee, CA 96162

International Chapter

President Milt Camp 209-743-2667 or miltcamp@aol.com

VP & Trip Coordinator Monte Short 530-823-3905
monteshort@mindspring.com

Treasurer, Keri Branch, keribranch@att.net

Secretary Judy Delbon, jdellbon@inreach.com

Board Member Chris Daley, cdinsonora@aol.com, Peter Mackay spitsixguy@yahoo.com

Auditor, Jose Aguilera, CPA

Mailing Address 23954 Oxbow Ln. So. Sonora, Ca. 95370

Gold Country Chapter (Auburn)

President, Janice Rossner, CPNP feabee11@att.net

V P Rick Utermoelen rickute@msn.com

Treasurer Tom Palmer airattacktom@msn.com

Secretary Judi Foy, Home 530-432-3393, judifoy@saber.net

Membership Chair Jane Hamilton hamiltonjane1@me.com

Board Member Jaynie Wall, Curt Brown

Oasis Coord. Dr. David Morgan, MD
916-408-0633; david182m@yahoo.com

Board Members, Curt Brown, Rick Utermoelen and Jaynie Wall

Trip Coordinator Janice Rossner, CPNP feabee11@att.net

Medical Professional Coordinator; Janice Rossner, CPNP
feabee1@mac.com

Pilots Coordinator Jim Barrilleaux jbario@sbcglobal.net

LMV products Jane Hamilton, janiehamilton@mindsync.com

Mailing Address PO Box 6467, Auburn, CA 95604

LMV Trip Dates

Date	Village	Status	Description	Trip Coordinator
23-25 Sept	Oasis	Hot	Medical, Dental, Optometric, Chiropractic, Education	Dr. David Morgan, david182m@yahoo.com
12-16 Oct	Huachinera	Closed	Optometry	waynemcc@warmware.com
12-16 Oct	San Pedro de la Cueva;	Closed	Dental, Optometry	lmvtripbayarea@gmail.com
12-16 Oct	Granadas/Huasabas	Tentative	Dental, glasses	rickute@msn.com
12-16 Oct	Villa Hidalgo	Tentative	Dental Hygiene, glasses	j.durouseau@att.net
17-20 Nov	San Ignacio	Tentative	Tentative	info@flyingdocs.org
1-4 Dec	Punta Abrejos	Tentative	Dental, dental hygiene	info@flyingdocs.org
9-12 Feb	Bahia Tortugas	Tentative	Tentative	info@flyingdocs.org
23 Feb-4 Mar	Peru, South America	In Planning	Medical, Dental, Milt Camp, Dental Hygiene, glasses	miltcamp@aol.com
15-18 Mar	Nacori Chico	Tentative	Tentative	info@flyingdocs.org
15-18 Mar	Bahia Asuncion	Tentative	Tentative	info@flyingdocs.org
22-25 Mar	San Ignatio	Tentative	Tentative	info@flyingdocs.org
30 Mar-1 Apr	Oasis	In Planning	Medical, Dental, Optometric, Chiropractic	Dr. David Morgan, david182m@yahoo.com
10-13 May	Villa Hidalgo	Tentative	Tentative	info@flyingdocs.org
28 Jul-7 Aug	Guatemala, Central Am.	Tentative	Medical, Dental, Chiropractic, glasses	Milt Camp, miltcamp@aol.com
28-30 Sep	Oasis	In Planning	Medical, Dental, Optometric, Chiropractic, Education	Dr. David Morgan, david182m@yahoo.com

SIGN-UP FOR OASIS NOW!

Don't Miss Out On One Of LMV's Biggest & Most Rewarding Events Of The Year!

Would you believe, this will be our 16th year of doing the Oasis Health Faire in Thermal, California? Each year the event seems to be getting bigger, better organized, and now making a difference to well over 1000 people.

I'm inviting all my fellow LMV'rs to **join me on September 24th**. As usual I will keep you informed as to who is going, details on reservations, location of work and changes as they occur. We look forward to a super mission.

"Dr. Dave"

David Morgan, M.D., Pilot, contact person for OASIS ([530-320-0076](tel:530-320-0076))
 Founder of Oasis & Chief Medical Professional, Los Médicos Voladores

Oasis Date: Clinic Day, Saturday, September 24th (travel in 23-Sept; travel home 25-Sept)

Sign up: Send me an e-mail at david182m@yahoo.com or on line:

- flyingdocs.org
- click the back button "Command Central for Trips"

- LMV Members: under the blue buttons, click "QuickAdd to Trip Waitlist"
- Affiliates (non-members): in the upper right, click "Single-step Signup"

Room Reservations: Contact the Royal Plaza Inn at [760 347 0911](tel:7603470911) (Address is 82347 Hwy 111, Indio, CA 92201). Special rate of \$55 per day per room only if you call and tell them you are with LMV (don't book on-line). Most members book for 2 days - Friday & Saturday.

Food: On the last two Oasis missions we've enjoyed complimentary meals on Friday at Ciro's (Italian), and Saturday at the Fantasy Springs Casino (Fantastic Buffet). If there are any changes, I'll let you know.

Transportation: Free if you're driving; \$200 if flying with an LMV pilot.

Training: Last year we began training programs at Oasis, enabling LMV volunteers to become LMV Dental or Vision Techs. If you sign up, you will have an opportunity to work with LMV's dental team, or with Lions "Friends in Sight". Upon "graduation" from either program, you will then be able to sign up for clinics in Mexico or clinics with LMV's International chapter, and apply those skills you learned at Oasis. This Oasis will produce our first graduating class!

Cont'd next page

LMV Dental Tech Trainee Program Requirements:

- 1) Attend a minimum of 2 Oasis events as a Dental Tech candidate
- 2) Participate in at least one dental set-up and take down
- 3) Training in triage
- 4) Sterilization
- 5) Instrument intake
- 6) Chair side dental
- 7) Chair side hygiene
- 8) Sign an "Infection Control Guidelines Worksheet"

* **Limit: 6 enrollees.**

Contact Denny Freidig to sign up. lmvpilot@gmail.com

LMV Vision Tech Trainee Program Requirements:

- 1) Attend a minimum of 1 Oasis event as a Vision Tech candidate
- 2) Training in the use of the auto refractor
- 3) Training in the sorting of non-prescriptive readers and use of eye charts for purpose of fitting reading glasses
- 4) Work with the Lions in the distribution of RX glasses.

* **Limit: 6 enrollees**

Contact Denny Freidig to sign up! lmvpilot@gmail.com

OASIS History

By

Dr. David Morgan, MD

OASIS is a name that one might dream of when lost and thirsty in the deserts of the world. Our LMV OASIS is just that to many people who are in need of all types of medical care.

Then, an LMV airplane arrived with a physician and dentist offering free service to all. How can this be true? Because LMV has a mission to help people, medically, physically and through education.

Editor Note: *(You might guess that Dr. Morgan was the physician on that first flight and you would be correct.)*

In 1997, it became a semiannual event to have one or more airplanes arriving with the doctors. This program expanded over the next decade to several LMV airplanes with multiple local professionals and volunteers. To make this happen, the local clubs, state and federal officials, business groups, and school leaders were recruited and organized by Jamie Robinson-Hernstat resulting in many local volunteers assisting.

With LMV success--free care for so many hundreds of patients with dental and medical needs--the U.S. Congressional Representative for the Coachella Valley District, Mary Bono-Mach gave LMV a U.S. Congressional Letter of Commendation for the work we did in that district. After that letter was received, the Coachella Valley School District took over the planning and organization of the Health Fair with LMV.

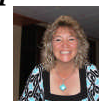
Since then the OASIS mission has expanded in every direction--vision, education, dental and many medical disciplines. Now on each visit LMV cares for 1200 to 1500 patients while the community sponsors numerous other charitable activities, including free meals.

We need you to volunteer your crucial services September 23-25, 2011. Call me to volunteer!



Dave

Editor Note: *Dr. Morgan is the founder, the planner, the motivator and the tireless worker in growing the Oasis missions. There are normally over 50 LMV members on each Oasis mission, with another 100 local volunteers. Recently, Blanco Ruiz has taken over the administrative organizational duties for the Oasis mission; however, Dave is still the giant that makes it all happen.*



Huachinera Trip Report

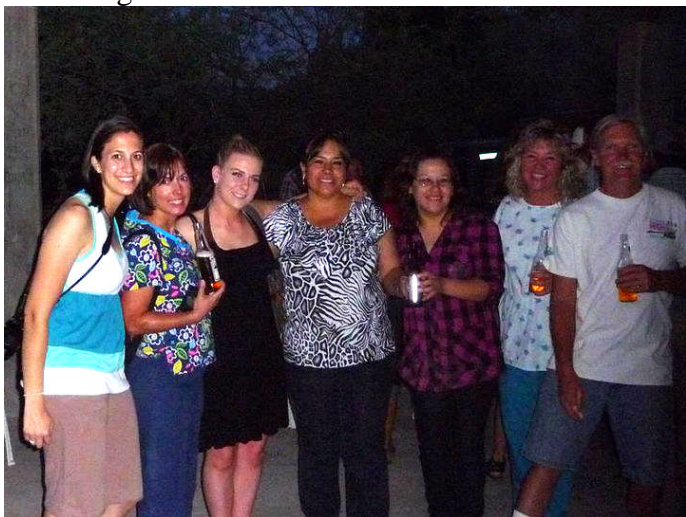
by Colleen McHugh, RDA

Tuesday, May 12, 2011 started out like many others; I hit the 6:00 am alarm clock, grabbed my 10 lbs. of luggage and headed off to Reid Hillview airport in San Jose, CA and Bill Rush's Cessna 182. Today, however, I made one slight detour and picked up Dr. Steven Los, D.D.S., so that I, a Registered Dental Assistant, would have something to do after our 7.5 hour plane flight brought me to the village. Arguably the farthest and most remote village in our roster, Huachinera sits at 2670 feet on a butte surrounded by the Sierra El Gato hills and fed by a trickle of the Rio Bavispe. After a refueling stop in Mexicali, we all settled in for the 3.5 hour flight that took us 100 miles south of Arizona and 250 miles west of Texas.

A smooth, caulk lined, dirt runway and a windsock met us and another plane carrying Aimee Abittan, Dave Barrett, Margo Bond, and Suzy O'Brien. As soon as we got out of Bill's plane, we knew this was no ordinary village. The requisite cemetery was nestled up against the airstrip, but, instead of dirt and desolation, this one was festooned with decorations! Flowers, photos, garland and notes adorned every marker, blowing gently in the Sonoran breeze, tempting us to come closer and explore.

Our liaison, Cruz Elena Montoya, and the local policia helped us unload our equipment and off to the clinic we went. The village had a physical therapy rehab center that we set up as a multi-purpose room. Suzy took the one small office for her nutrition consultations, Margo commandeered a desk and a corner for BP/Diabetes testing, Aimee found a padded table for cleanings, and Dr. Los and I set up our dental unit, using the ever present

OBGYN table. The bonus was the sink in the small bathroom at the far end of the room, which Bill used for sterilizing dental instruments.



The Team

After set up we were brought to a fantastic hotel consisting of four huge, recently remodeled, double rooms, with air conditioning! We all took nice hot showers and went around the corner for dinner. A lovely woman served up the usual village fare and we all ate until we were stuffed! We all bonded with her immediately, and then found out through Aimee that she had lost her husband fifteen days earlier.



Dr. Stephen Los, DDS and cook

Some of us went to sleep after dinner, while Suzy and a few others visited the local markets (there were four) on an intelligence-gathering mission. Suzy wanted to know what was available to the villagers so she would be prepared to counsel them on good nutritional choices. While she did find fresh tomatoes, lettuce, fruits and vegetables, she also learned that these items arrive about once a week, sell out right away, and are prohibitively expensive. "This is truly a village of have's and have not's," Suzy explained, "If you can afford these items,

they are here, but most of these people could never buy them."

The next day we woke early, had breakfast and walked to the clinic. Right away, the feeling that we were some place special was confirmed. The village was spotless; there were not only stop signs, but street signs as well, the dogs were on leashes, the buildings were painted and most had beautiful doors. There was hot water everywhere 24/7 and the villagers drank the water that came out of the tap! We were not in Kansas anymore...or were we? Huachinera is about sixteen square blocks and one valley east of Villa Hidalgo, but it was a very different place. The people here seemed proud, happy, and hopeful. This is truly the Disneyland of LMV villages!



Dr. Stephen Los, DDS & Colleena McHugh, DA

The clinic went off as they all do, except for one thing. We never lost our power!!! The large air compressor, provided by the village, kept two Adec units going, plus an air conditioner I had strategically pointed at me all day! It was a miracle, or Bill's brilliant mastery of all things mechanical. We had the smoothest running clinic and worked hard until dusk when Cruz Elena picked us up and drove us in her four-wheel drive down a dirt road, through riverbeds, and a tiled culvert to a picnic area by the river. We were soon joined by 6-8 truckloads of villagers; men, women and children who came to celebrate our visit. As darkness fell, one of the men brought out two floodlights, set them on top of a post supporting a canopy, affixed a string and rock pulley system to stabilize it and attached it to his truck battery! Clearly not his first picnic! Food spilled out of other trucks and thinly sliced beef and tortillas were tossed onto the barbeque, while women set to work preparing side dishes. There were mashed avocados, diced cucumber and limes for the tacos, roasted onions and peppers on the side, and drinks and music to make us all feel welcome. A few of us danced, Dr. Los cooked and we all laughed.

Around 10:00 pm, Cruz Elena drove the LMV contingent back to our hotel and, as we left the river, I saw

a bunch of children trying to copy the complicated swing dance moves they saw earlier. They were pretty good, too!

We all slept like rocks and got to the clinic at 7:00 am to finish up the many villagers we couldn't get to on Friday. All told, 52 people had dental services performed by Dr. Los, Margo saw 76 for blood pressure/sugar testing, Aimee saw 40 for cleaning, and Suzy saw about 30 people for nutrition counseling. We tore down the clinic in the early afternoon and headed back to the planes, safely tied down and cared for by a policia who never left them. Dave was fortunate enough to be able to gas up his plane in the village, and he and the gals took off for San Francisquito, (Baja California, Mexico) for a couple of R&R days. Bill, Dr. Los and I shot off into the sky for the short 1.5-hour flight to Tucson, AZ, where we spent a day unwinding and hiking in the desert.

Another absolutely incredible LMV mission ended with new friends, satisfying work and fond memories. Huachinera, truly, was one of the most magical places on earth, and I can't wait to go back!

Colleena



Pilot's meeting and Bar-B-Que July 23, 2010

By Bill Rush, Pilots Committee Chairman

It was a great day for flying on Saturday July 23 when pilots, new and old, descended on Auburn Municipal Airport (KAUN) for the annual pilots' meeting. Pilots from every chapter joined the fly-in.

In addition to meeting other pilots and swapping stories, we honored the long-term pilots who have been with the organization for decades. Those in attendance included Clem Schrick, Milt Camp, Lee Johnson, Adrian Fenderson, Tom Brady and Tom Palmer. Between them they have flown over 200 missions for LMV, and contributed endless hours to organizing trips, donating both their time and aircraft. On the ground in the villages we serve they are dentists, translators, mechanics and medical assistants. They have given all our other healthcare volunteers their wings and we owe them many thanks for helping us get where we are today.

Although the agenda was purposefully light, it included the updated flight operations manual, trip fee increases due to rising fuel costs, and the trip calendar for the next 12 months. We discussed new programs as well.

LMV will be rolling out ID badges for all volunteers starting with pilots. The front displays first and last names, professional titles and license numbers, our logo and website address along with a picture (smile!). The back shows our mission statement, 501© 3 status and LMV's contact address and phone number. Information is

in English and Spanish. Badges establish our professional credentials for airport customs and security and bring attention to LMV's work. They may also help LMV volunteers become familiar with each other and coordinate in large projects like Oasis. We expect to roll them out to all our Oasis volunteers for the trip this fall, and then to other volunteers. Further details on how to apply for a badge are on page 8.

Members of the Pilots' Committee are working on several other initiatives aimed at making all LMV flights as safe and effective as possible. We're creating a portfolio of documents (our doc.-kit) for each plane to carry that establish our history providing care to villages in Mexico. These letters, including permission from the Health Minister and invitations and letters of thanks from village officials, are important to customs and tax officials abroad who have to determine if the supplies we bring can enter the country and whether to allow them in tax free.

We are always looking for ways to improve safety and create the best environment for dealing with any emergency. New guidelines for passenger briefings will establish safety protocols for each LMV trip and may include simple checklists for passengers to enable backup equipment in case of emergency.



Kari Freidig pitching Survival Kits

Kari Freidig made a wonderful presentation on survival kits that sparked much discussion. This is clearly an item that is of high interest to everyone. While there is no "one size fits all" solution, the Pilot's Committee is working on a list of items that every plane should carry as part of a survival/first aid kit. We welcome input from our doctors on the best emergency provisions for treating cuts, lacerations, burns, suturing larger wounds, stabilizing brakes and fractures, pain relief and preventing infection. Our goal is to develop a basic kit that would be available to all pilots. Combined medical supplies and survival gear for 24-48 hours of exposure should be no more than 7-12 pounds.

Wayne McClelland was on hand to show us how pilots can use the website. He demonstrated how to

update pilot records for instrument proficiency checks (IPCs), medical clearances, insurance, and biennial flight reviews (BFR's). While the BFR is a Federal Aviation Administration requirement, LMV also requires each pilot to have passed instrument proficiency checks within 12 months of any mission. Wayne also reviewed the website trip calendar with the pilots and discussed plans for 27 scheduled plane flights in the coming year, some single plane and more with two planes carrying additional passengers to our partner pueblos.

We have been discussing how we can manage weight limits on our flights while transporting more volunteers and maintaining safety margins for fuel and other aircraft requirements. Dr. Larry Tabor, DDS. is working on a new program called *Doc in the Box* scheduled for implementation starting October 2011. The concept is to create secure storage in the villages for our heaviest dental equipment so we don't have to transport it each time we make a trip. The "box" would include dental units, a compressor, instruments and hand pieces, lights, chairs, an autoclave, curing lights and more. Each visiting dental team would only carry consumable products, meds, a pair of loops and scrubs. Just think how nice it will be to show up and not have to start looking for an air compressor, hose and compatible fittings!

The highlight of the day was toasting Baron Bob and acknowledging his many years and forty trips to Mexico. Bob's plan is to trade the Baron for a tugboat and use that to make a great voyage over the next few years. It was only fitting that Rob Lober, Denny Freidig, Judi Foy, Tom Palmer and Mo Horvath retold some of their favorite stories about traveling with Bob. Although not a fan of any procedure involving blood, Bob stationed himself in the clinic rooms on his visits, observing the equipment, lights, fixtures and all things mechanical for signs of failure. He loved to tear down and rebuild anything in need of repair. Judi admits she sometimes wondered if Bob might have helped a few suspect items over the edge just to have the pleasure of fixing them up properly before the end of the trip. Bob, of course, was the Chief Pilot for LMV for many years and will be missed. Best of luck to both Bob and Mo as they transition from air to sea. We're sure Bob won't be bored; there is always plenty to fix on a boat.

For all the food and fun we had master bar-b-que'r Tom Brady, who not only cooked but also towed in his custom bar-b-que on wheels behind his truck. Pilots have the coolest toys. For those of you that could not make the meeting this year please mark your calendar for **June 16, 2012**. It will be held in Auburn with the generous donation of Denny's hangar. Fly up and let us buy you that hamburger!!

Bill

San Francisco de Alto, Guatemala 2011

By Dolores McCabe

To describe the feelings and emotions that the people, places, sights, events, food, parades, festivals, etc. that have been experienced this first week of August of 2011 with The Flying Doctors is daunting. Medical Doctors, Dentists, family nurse practitioners, nurses, dental hygienists, medical students, university professors', and volunteers were brought together from all over the United States, El Salvador, and Guatemala by the program drivers, Milt Camp and Pete McKay. It would take pages to describe the experience, knowledge, intensity, compassion, and dedication that each and every person brought to this incredible journey of learning and growth.

Eloise Torres, a massage therapist and translator who has traveled to Guatemala six times and has been a member of The Flying Doctors for 23 years expressed how the make up of this group was perfect for this mission. Perhaps DR. Jeff Green, a pediatrician who brought his daughter, a high school senior to be his Spanish translator and worked with DR Manuel also a pediatrician from El Salvador, said it best the last night. Dr Green wanted all to know that he came to know and learn from his colleagues, and he has learned that he now has a new family that he can always count on to work with.

The medical students from the U.S., Guatemala, and El Salvador and their instructors were so capable, caring and hard working. They were so appreciative of everyone and everything involved in such a monumental task. All of the people had a very difficult time expressing their appreciation for the opportunity that was given to them by being on this trip. It is hard to put into words all the incredible exchanges that have taken place between all of the people. By using a lot of hand gestures, touching the patients and smiles, the message did come across that we were there to help and learn from others. Many of the students and doctors had given up their vacation time, but as one said she had in the process, strengthened her vacation by being able to give back to others in need.



Guatemala patients

We also would like to thank General Electric for allowing The Flying Doctors to use one of their very small Portable Digital Ultra Sound machine. This Ultra Sound was utilized by all of the doctors and the medical students were given the opportunity to review its many advantages and use in the field under trying conditions. The system was an invaluable piece of equipment that made it possible

to see masses, tumors, pregnancies and other problems that would not have been viewable in any other way in this area. Pregnant women were able to rest knowing and seeing that their babies were healthy. Thank you G.E.



Dr Villanueva, using digital ultrasound on patient

It was great to see that three countries can come together as one team to help their fellow man in support of their health needs. With this we were able to see close to 2000 patients in a five day time period including giving reading glasses to those that were losing their sight to read or do close work, including those that received the opportunity to have their teeth cleaned by the dental hygiene students from University of Northern Arizona with a Cavitron ultra sound system, including having their teeth repaired using portable A-dec dental units. The nurses from UNA helped in both triage and the women's clinic and the doctors from the US, Guatemala, and El Salvador all contributed to a very successful clinic.

Dolores

Editors Note: *This was another very successful mission by our LMV International Chapter. Between July 29 and August 5, they saw patients in Santa Inez and Xela, Guatemala. The following is a summary of the patient load for the team; Medical 638, Dental 165, Optometric 469, Pediatrics 150, OBGYN 167, Physical Therapy 49, Education attendees 508, for a total of 2146. It is no wonder that they were exhausted; remember San Francisco de Alto is over 5,000 feet in elevation. When I walked from the clinic to uptown a few years ago, it felt like a 1000 foot difference in elevation and I thought cardiac arrest was imminent.*

Stor'It of Los Gatos Donates Space

The owners of Stor'It of Los Gatos continue their commitment to donate space worth over \$3,000 per year for our Bay Area equipment and supplies donations. Their new and modern storage facilities are at 17433 Farley Road in Los Gatos. Thank you, Stor'It of Los Gatos!!



LMV Clothing and Accessories

Colleena, Bay Area Logo Accessories promoter, sez, "Be prepared for your next trip! Don't leave home without LMV Logo Gear! We have a large selection of T-Shirts, Polo's, Jackets, Fleece and Ladies apparel; many colors, styles and sizes available." Free Shipping! Email Colleena McHugh for price and availability (sbsec@flyingdocs.org) or call (650) 701-7786. "



Hooded Shirt



Shirt



Bag

It's Official, Free ID Badges Are Here!

LMV would like all volunteers to have quality ID badges. Badges help volunteers negotiate travel here and abroad, are a quick and easy way for others to see what we do, and allows our patients and their families to get to know us on a first name basis.

Webmaster Wayne McClelland has set up the process for us. The IDdesigner software for uploading photos, accessible through "**Order Your ID Badge**" instructions at flyingdocs.org, **Members tab**, runs well on PCs using Internet Explorer. With other browsers (Firefox, Chrome, Safari), you'll need to crop your photo before uploading. Corporate pays for the badge and standard clip. Volunteers pay for shipping, and may choose to pay for a lanyard.

Just a few other notes before you get started---

Find a photo you like on your computer with a good view of your face. If it's a vacation shot, pick one without a hat or sunglasses. As Wayne suggests, it is very helpful to read and print out all the instructions before you start so you can refer to them as you make up your badge. By the way, because you'll want your ID Badge in both English and Spanish, the database will pre-load your role in both languages for you. A translation table is provided at the bottom of the instruction page if you'd like to enter your own information.

So—show your stuff! Make your LMV badge and wear it on your next trip. Heck, wear it around the neighborhood and let people ask you about us! Here's how: **Go to flyingdocs.org; Members tab; under "Order Your ID Badge", click Read More; follow the instructions.**

If you have difficulties with your ID Badge order, send an email to tammy@ddesigner.com, including your full name, referencing "Flying Doctors" and attaching your photo. Tammy will process your badge order, put it in the "shopping cart", and notify you to provide shipping and

Make a Difference in their Lives

Your contribution will help LMV purchase supplies, equipment, and medicines, upgrade and maintain clinics in remote Mexican, California and Central American villages. We will bring back hugs for you from our neighbors and friends from the South.

LMV sends two to four teams of volunteers to Mexico each month.. Each team normally consists of four to six volunteers that share in the cost of the flight, lodging and meals. In addition, we have 30 to 50 members travel to Central America twice each year and to Southern California twice each year. We depend on donations for supplies, medicines and equipment. Here are some estimates of costs:



Oasis Patients

Medicines or dental supplies per patient	\$10	Audiometer	\$1000
Education Material per team trip	\$15	Portable x-ray Machine	\$6000
Angel subsidy for a volunteer without funds	\$100	Medical Office Upgrades	\$1000 to \$20000
Medicines or dental supplies per team day	\$250	Doc in a Box	\$2000 to \$4000
Subsidy per Medical Resident per trip	\$300	Dental Office, Minimum equipment	5000
Hidalgo high school student bus subsidy	\$200	Auto refractor for measuring eyes	3000
Lensometer for measuring eye glasses	\$700	Dental Office, Modest equipment	15000
Adopt a Pueblo	\$1000	Complete Clinic equipment	150,000

Donation to Los Medicos Voladores (The Flying Doctors)

Donor: _____, _____
 Name Street
 _____, _____, _____
 City State, Zip

Donation Amount: _____ Money Order () Check () : () Dollars () Pesos

() In honor of _____

() In memory of _____

- () General Fund () Equipment Fund () Medicine Fund
- () Christmas Family Fund () MD & DDS Residents Fund () Education Fund
- () High School Student Room & Board Fund

Los Medicos Voladores, Inc. is a 501(C)3 non-profit corporation and donations are tax deductible.

Our non-profit tax ID is 94-2366785

Please mail to:
 Los Medicos Voladores
 2945 Bell Road, Unit 119
 Auburn, CA 95603



We also need and collect used eyeglasses, hearing aids and x-ray machines.



Los Medicos Voladores, Inc. consists of five chapters, including the Bay Area Chapter, the original one established in 1977; the High Sierra Chapter in Truckee; the Gold Country Chapter in Auburn; the Reno Chapter in Reno, Nevada and the International Chapter in San Jose. The first four chapters provide services to Mexico and southern California; the International Chapter provides services to Central and South America. All our services are free to the recipients, as are the medicines and supplies.

The chapters each have approximately 100 members. Our members have very diversified backgrounds; including medical doctors, dentists, optometrists, audiologists, chiropractors, nurses, pilots, interpreters and general volunteers. What all of our members share is compassion to help those with unmet needs for medical services!

The mission of the administrative arm of Los Medicos Voladores is to support our medical and pilot professionals so the volunteers can be effective, efficient, productive, safe and happy. We negotiate with the foreign governments the criteria for service, we arrange the flights into remote areas, we arrange for accommodations, we raise money for medicines and supplies, and we help put teams together.

We have no paid staff. All of our members are volunteers and pay their own way on trips, whether they are pilots, nurses, volunteers or interpreters.



©

Los Medicos Voladores
2945 Bell Road, Unit 119,
Auburn, CA 95603

First Class Mail For:

www.flyingdocs.org

Address Correction Requested