



SUSTAINABLE HEALTHCARE



CENTRAL AMERICAN VILLAGES



MOBILE DENTAL CLINICS

Join COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY'S Global DENTAL Brigade !!

Dental Brigades provides urgent and preventive dental services in communities with limited access to healthcare. In conjunction with our sister program, Medical Brigades, 80 groups of passionate volunteers systematically travel to Central America to establish mobile dental clinics in 80 of our community partners. Each of our community partners receives a brigade every 3 to 4 months where hundreds of patients are treated with fillings, cleanings and extractions, and are given dental hygiene workshops. Between brigades, our in-country team maintains relationships with the communities to provide follow-up to insure any dental procedures were successful and to conduct community health worker trainings to empower local leaders to perpetuate a consistent level of dental care.

Honduras is one of our focus countries, where since 2005, more than 7,000 student volunteers and health professionals traveled to establish mobile medical and dental clinics treating more than 150,000 patients in under resourced communities. Villages are selected by an extensive study based on need, access to medicine and include a collection of information to create baseline demographic information.

Important Statistics about our Community Partners:

- 80% of population have no access to a dentist
- 90% of population have cavities
- One dentist for every 45,000 people
- Typical families have less than 3 gallons of water per day to use

A one week Dental Brigade provides volunteers with the opportunity to make a tangible impact on communities while gaining real life experience in the field of dentistry and global health. Prior to travel, volunteers collect dental supplies, medicine and recruit licensed dentists. Once in Honduras, the team will visit partner communities to help facilitate mobile dental clinics and provide dental hygiene workshops. During the brigade, student volunteers will have the opportunity to shadow dentists during operations such as extractions and fillings. The night before each dental brigade, groups learn from local health care professionals about the needs of the communities, sort medicines, and delegate duties for the next day.

Brigade Date:
Winter: **January 9-15, 2013**

APPLY TODAY!

For application/more information:

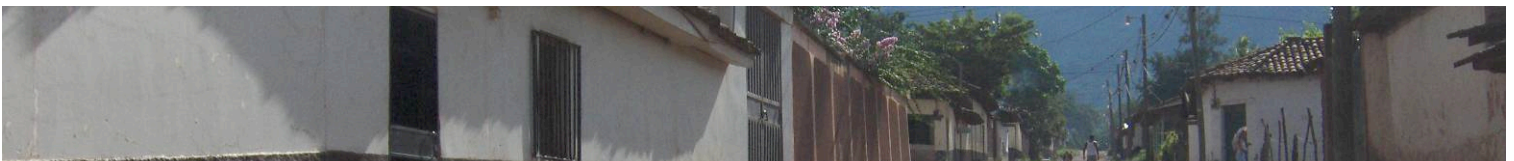
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Program Contribution

Honduras \$750

- 7 days, 6 nights
- 3 Meals per day
- Lodging
- In-country travel
- Brigade coordinators



APPLY FOR THE NEXT BRIGADE

Real world dental experience. Real world change.