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Dear Friend,

Thank you for expressing interest in serving as a volunteer for 'Minnesota Doctors for People' (MDP). We are a nonprofit organization whose purpose is to provide free medical care to the impoverished of the world. We offer medical professionals and other volunteers the opportunity to share their God-given gifts by serving the underprivileged, experiencing other cultures, promoting goodwill and exploring social justice through short term medical mission trips

Since 2006, we have completed 25 medical mission trips to Guatemala, Central America, and Mexico, serving the medical needs of over 10,000 people.

The leading causes of death for the people we serve include some of the most treatable illnesses such as diarrhea, malnutrition, malaria, pneumonia and respiratory infections. Healthcare for pregnant women is rare. Access to medicine is limited. The public hospitals and health clinics that exist are too far away for these people to access. In addition, the healthcare units are terribly underfunded and have few medicines and doctors available. There is a definite need for your talents and service.

For our Guatemala trips we will again be partnering with Friends of San Lucas, and serving in San Lucas Toliman located on Lake Atitlan, Sololá. Their website is www.sanlucasmision.org. In Mexico we will serve in southern Chiapas.

Total cost of the MDP trips to Guatemala will be approximately \$1500.00 per person. We have not purchased our airfare yet, so this may increase. Due to increased transportation and lodging costs, the Mexico trip will be \$1750 each. Again, this is subject to increase based on airfare costs. This includes round trip flights from Minneapolis, in-country transportation, housing and many meals. (Please note that in Mexico, participants will need to pick up several additional meals at their own expense.) If you would like to fundraise for your trip please contact us. Financial aid may be available from MDP. A down payment of \$150.00 is required to apply for your place on the team. If the trips fill up and we are unable to accept your application this will be returned to you. Final payment will be needed 60 days prior to departure as we will book our airfares early to get the best prices. Your trip leader will be in contact with you in this regard as well as to provide other information.

It takes a special type of person to volunteer to help those less fortunate and 'Minnesota Doctors for People' volunteers are exceptional. While many of us are experienced healthcare professionals and medical specialists, our teams are also made up of other people who have never worked in the medical profession. These team members offer their own personal gifts to the team such as interpreting, organizing, spirituality or the all-important sense of humor and ability to work hard! Our teams provide support for each member as they experience working among the poor. MDP makes every effort to provide each team member with the necessary information and tools to make their volunteer experience personally rewarding as well as beneficial to those they serve.

We have been so blessed and our desire is to share our gifts with others. We hope that you will consider joining us in our ministry to bring health care to the poor.

Peace,

The MDP Board of Directors