

• WISCONSIN LIONS MISSION TO MEXICO

2:36 PM

Judy Meyer

To Steve McCabe

From: **Judy Meyer** (jmeyer3714@charter.net)

Sent: Wed 11/02/11 2:36 PM

To: Steve McCabe (stevejmccabe@hotmail.com)

WISCONSIN LIONS MISSION TO MEXICO NEWSLETTER

FALL – 2011

Editors – Steve and Annette McCabe

Miriam Bredesen will be the new editor of the newsletter. If there are any changes to your address or email please contact Miriam at <miriambredesen@yahoo.com> and Ron Duffe at <[duffe @frontiernet.net](mailto:duffe@frontiernet.net)>

Gary Donaldson's Report

WISCONSIN LIONS MISSION TO VERACRUZ

Gary Donaldson, coordinator

16330 Thelen Road, Mountain, WI 54149

715-850-1036

<gdonaldson42@mac.com>

Steve McCabe, assistant

806 South Apple Ave. Marshfield WI 54449

The Wisconsin Lions Mission to Veracruz will be to the coastal town of Tuxpan. Mission dates are set for January 21 – 28, 2012.

The Tuxpan area was chosen after sincere urging from both Lion Abe Razo and Luis Encinas from Veracruz DIF. Tuxpan, being a coastal town, is still trying to recover from the persistent battering received by hurricanes and tropical storms a couple of years ago. Additionally, there is a significant indigenous population in the surrounding communities that had been especially hard hit by the flooding.

A majority of our volunteers will be flying out of Chicago O'Hare on a bright and early 5:30 A.M. flight. (Don't forget the required 3 hour prior to departure arrival at the check-in desk!) Others will be joining us from their winter residences and Central American wanderings. For those flying out of Chicago, I will be making arrangements at the Marriott Renaissance again this year for both departure and arrival days. I will contact these volunteers directly in the near future to determine who is interested in staying at the Marriot.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

Steve McCabe's Report

WISCONSIN LIONS MISSION TO NICARAGUA

Steve McCabe, coordinator

806 South Apple Ave Marshfield, WI 54449

715-384-4945

<stevejmccabe@hotmail.com>

The mission dates for the Wisconsin Eyeglass Mission to Nicaragua are Saturday, March 3 – Saturday, March 10, 2012. We will fly into Managua, Nicaragua. The first part of our mission will be in the famous city of Leon. We will distribute glasses Monday and Tuesday to the poor and indigenous people of the area. The mission will then be moved to the capitol city of Managua.

We Lions will work Wednesday, Thursday, and until noon Friday serving a poor neighborhood in Managua.

It is my suggestion that all volunteers get a flu shot and a Hepatitis-A shot just to be on the safe side.

I am also working with Gary Donaldson to coordinate a hotel in Chicago near O'Hare for those who would like to spend the night before and/or after our mission. The hotel allows us to park our car and ride their shuttle to the airport if we stay a night with them. I will forward the mission roster to all the volunteers by the first of the year. I will keep you informed of any updates. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Bill Taubman's Reports

BORDER TOWN MISSIONS

Bill Taubman, coordinator

N3391 Pine Tree Lane, Shell Lake, WI 54871

715-468-2910

<wct38@centurytel.net>

During the past months I have been communicating with and trying to communicate with people in Rio Bravo as well as in Texas. I have talked with a person from Reynosa. All this conversation is about doing a mission in Rio Bravo and what are the safety concerns. Things are still not very pretty down there but the Mexican people particularly feel that we shouldn't be too concerned. They explain that they all go about their daily lives as they have in the past and all is well. And they admit that there are still bad things happening occasionally but it is always between members of the different cartels and that "normal" people are not affected.

Based on information received thus far I am planning on a mission to Rio Bravo for Feb. 9 – 12, 2012. I will admit there may be some risk, but I believe all will be well and we may do some things differently to assure that. If we don't go, 2000-3000 people needing glasses will not get them. If we don't go I see our group sort of disintegrating and the great Mission to Mexico program will suffer. Going or not going is not a decision I make lightly and if at any point I get information that I don't like I will cancel the trip. However at this point all the planning must begin if it is going to happen.

Sometime in early November I will be sending a letter to all the people who have been a part of the border missions in the past. If there are other folks who would like to join with us please send me a note telling of your interest and I will get a letter to you. I would welcome your thoughts and comments on any of the above.

HAITI MISSION

A couple months ago I sent an email regarding doing a mission in Haiti and I got very little response. Since then I have met with a pastor from there, a man that has done some pretty great things with medical missions as well as the ministry and seems to have a lot of connections and following in that country. He, along with some members of a medical

mission that go there annually, are very excited about the possibilities of us coming. They think it would be a tremendous thing for the country.

We talked about what our needs would be and it really seems that facilities would be marginal but adequate. We would have to go with a comparatively small group, perhaps no more than 16 – 18. Some of the members of the medical group told me that they would go to assist us if we needed more people. Doing a mission there would definitely be a challenge, about one that I think we are up to.

During my visit with them I told them as I worked on this I would be thinking about doing it next October or perhaps in the first week or two of November. There are a number of down sides to this idea, but I tend to focus on the up side – the great need. One down side is the cost. Besides our transportation we would be paying for our lodging and food and it sounds like we would even be paying for some of the operational costs as well. I think one should anticipate that it would cost around \$1000. Please share with me your thinking about this and tell me about your interest in going on such a mission.

Bill Taubman

LIONS CAMP IN-SERVICE DAY

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!! STATE COORDINATOR RON DUFFE HAS RESERVED THE EYEGLOSS RECYCLING CENTER AT LIONS CAMP IN ROSHOLT FOR SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 2012, STARTING AT 9:30 A.M. THIS MEETING WILL INCLUDE TRAINING AS WELL AS INFORMATION ON ALL UPCOMING MISSIONS.

