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Saint Clarence Parish in North Olmsted, Sacred Heart Parish in Wadsworth, Ohio  
and Archbishop Hoban High School, Akron, Ohio**

## **A Medical Mission to Honduras January 15 – 22, 2012**

On January 15, 2012, a medical mission team will leave Cleveland to travel to Nuevo Paraiso in Honduras. The 63 member team will be made up of doctors, dentists, nurses, pharmacists, pharmacy assistants, translators and 14 students from Archbishop Hoban High School who will assist with English-Spanish translation. During the week, the medical team will travel to 6 rural or mountain villages in Honduras to provide healthcare to the villagers who have no access to healthcare.

The doctors and nurses will examine the villagers and if necessary prescribe medicine for them, which will be dispensed from a 'pharmacy' we setup for that day. The dentists will examine villagers and if necessary, pull teeth or perform other simple oral procedures. The translators will make sure everyone understands everybody . . . no small task! While staying in the guest-quarters at Nuevo Paraiso, the missionaries will have interaction with the mothers and children in the village nearby. Most of the children live with their mothers or are abandoned or orphaned children. Mass will be celebrated in Spanish for the missionaries and the villagers. A social has been organized for one of the evenings to entertain the local children and the missionaries!

Over the last number of months, donations and supplies have been collected at Holy Family Parish in Stow, Saint Vincent DePaul Parish in Cleveland, Saint Clarence Parish in North Olmsted and Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Wadsworth, sorted and packed for the Medical Mission. Each missionary will have 2 large suitcases filled with medicines, vitamins and supplies for the Medical Mission. Personal items for each traveler will be carried in their carry-on on the plane. **Thank you to all who have helped in any way . . . making financial contributions, donating supplies, sorting, repackaging, packing the supplies or supporting the 'Banquet of the Clam' fundraiser last September. Everyone's efforts together will make a huge and lasting difference in the lives of thousands of people in Honduras.**

Your prayers are asked for and needed while the medical mission team is away January 15 - 22, 2012. Consider doing some of the following for the medical mission team and the people of Honduras whom we will serve:

- \* Attend Mass during the week
- \* Make a holy hour
- \* Pray a Rosary or pray another devotion
- \* Say the following prayer as a family or as part of your prayer before a meal:

*Lord, our God, watch over and protect the medical mission team while they are serving the needs of the people of Honduras. With your guidance and protection, may their words comfort, their hands heal and their hearts be touched by the people whom they serve. Keep them safe and healthy. May they truly understand that you have sent them to bring peace, comfort and healing. Bless the people of Honduras whom the missionaries will serve. Through the intercession of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Holy Family, Saint Vincent DePaul, Saint Clarence, Saint Paul, the greatest missionary and Saint Luke, the physician, we ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

We will remember you and your support while we are in Honduras! Muchas Gracias!

*Fr. Mike*