

Planning update for Future Guatemala Missions

Renovated and Expanded OR area opens!

Hello everyone and it's great to be announcing that recruiting for the Antigua 2023 mission has started! Since our last mission in 2020, there have been many changes at Hospital Hermano Pedro. We look forward to seeing you there!

On March 18th, Obras Sociales hosted a Facebook Live event to inaugurate the renovated and expanded surgical suite area at Hermano Pedro Hospital. This event included interviews with the architects and President of the *Friends of Hermano Pedro* who, through fundraising in Guatemala, made a major contribution to this project. There was a virtual tour of the new facilities. Returning volunteers will be very impressed by what was accomplished at Hermano Pedro in just 4 months! You can tour the renovated and new surgical facilities on this YouTube video: <https://youtu.be/X4etVJnsokw>

We are looking forward to working in this new and expanded space!

Our accommodation at the Hotel Quinta de las Flores is confirmed. You can learn more about the hotel and view the beautiful grounds at: <https://www.quintadelasflores.com/>

We are currently reviewing medication and supply requirements then will source needed items. While we had the opportunity in 2018 and 2019 to participate in a container shipment with the Vancouver-based group *Health for Humanity*, this year we will be buying supplies in Canada and the U.S. for transport by volunteers as well as purchasing some in Antigua.

Fundraising:

Inflation has impacted the cost of surgical supplies and medications and we are grateful for the support of our "Foragers Feast at Home" event, which raised a total of \$7,049 to be used for the purchase of essential surgical supplies for our two-week mission in Antigua in January 2023. Thank you to all who participated and donated to make this event a success! Volunteers are encouraged to fundraise to support the cost of their trip to Guatemala.



Photos courtesy of: Obras Sociales del Hermano Pedro



New Volunteer Application Process!

We've introduced a major change to the application process; you can now apply online and send your donation deposit via e-transfer. The application involves three steps:

1. Complete the online application form and click on Send.

San Benito: November 4 -12, 2022 (ENT and hearing clinic)

Antigua: January 27- February 11, 2023 (incl. travel days)

The online application can be found at : https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=DQSIkWdsW0yxEjajBLZtrQAAAAAAAAAAN_tT3t61UOU1aQzZKVFBLOFRGNkJKTDJBWks4VFhHOC4u

2. Send your supporting documentation, current licence for nurses and current licence, medical degree and specialization degree for physicians via an attachment to medicos-canada@gmail.com. At this time, Guatemala also requires proof of a complete COVID vaccination. We understand that some licenses expire before departure; please send us a copy of your license after renewal. This documentation is required by Hospital Hermano Pedro.
3. Please send your \$300 CDN application donation via e-transfer to: medicos.donations@gmail.com

Option: If you prefer, mail your application, cheque, supporting documents and waiver form by June 28, 2022 to:

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