

## Professional Meeting #1 (9/21/17)

Dr. Albert

### Honduras Dental Service Trip

- Dr. Albert from UConn Dental School, service trip taking place March 24<sup>th</sup>-March 31<sup>st</sup>
- Private practitioner in Connecticut, went to UConn undergrad with a major in Chemistry, then went to Farmington for UConn dental school, and completed a 2 year residency at UConn as well. He specialized in pediatric dentist and then went to teach at UConn Dental School.
  - He taught head, neck anatomy and then got involved with the mentor program, also teaching business management to 4<sup>th</sup> years, all while running his own private practice
  - After his first year of teaching he got asked to go on a trip to the Amazon for a week of service, has been on 26 trips with third year dental school ever since
- Comyagua, Honduras in the Spring, started in 2011
  - Fly into San Pedro Sula
  - Mission Statement: The purpose of the dental service projects is to primarily help provide dental care to underserved communities and secondarily to support the education mission of the SDM.
  - Location Criteria: Established, government approved agency on-site, safe affordable, value to the community
  - Beach day to Tela and National Park
  - The role of the undergraduate: observe, assist, and learn (1 doctor and 2 undergraduate students)
  - The hotel that they stay in is a gated area so very safe
  - Working in a church, using cots as the dental chair
  - Restorative, extractions, root canal therapy, sterilization of instruments, portable x-ray unit
    - Two hygienists go along as well
    - Interest is to provide kind care to all the people there
  - If you are interested in a trip and it fills up then Dr. Albert can try and get you on a different smaller trip with other people at the school
  - 13 dental students, 6 dentists, 6-7 undergraduates
    - The undergraduates stay with one doctor all week and stay at the station while the dental students shift around
      - Hskydg80@gmail.com, March 24-31, 2018
        - Air est: \$850
        - Local Travel: \$500
        - Deposits: \$400
        - These prices are not including the hotel and food
      - You need to bring your own scrubs, around 3 pairs for working for 4-5 days working because there is a washer at one of the hotels
      - Need to get your immunizations: including anti-Malaria medication, also hepatitis A and B, as well as tetanus
      - Pack for one carry on and then you are required to check one of the bags that has clinic instruments
        - First come first serve basis so email him as soon as possible!