

Guatemala, CENTRAL AMERICA

Short background: for several years we have supported **Hearts In Motion** (H.I.M.) and their medical-dental, educational, social services and fireman training in Guatemala.

First Church involvement: We have supported H.I.M. for the last four years. Since 1990, Hearts In Motion has brought much needed assistance through goods and services to communities in Guatemala and neighboring countries. Donations support long term service projects such as day care centers, feeding centers, training courses for firemen and EMTs, medical interventions, and ongoing construction projects. Volunteers work together in a ministry of compassion, providing medical and dental care primarily to children. Procedures are generally of a corrective nature and include facial/plastic, orthopedic, and dental surgery. Working along side the medical teams, construction crews help with building and renovation projects at the hospitals, fire departments, school buildings and playgrounds. The H.I.M. building in Teculatan houses the Guatemalan staff, the daycare center, and serves as a distribution point for donated clothing and toys.

Service opportunities: Phyllis Metcalf (847-234-9070) has gone on multiple mission trips to help with clinics, schools and making and fitting artificial limbs. **Multiple Work trips planned for 2007** please see web site for dates and activities.

Map and pictures



Mission team in October 2006: 26 surgeries, 1000+ clinic patients, unloading the semi, construction work, physical therapy, construction of artificial limbs, overcoming many hardships; all done for HIM

Links to Presbyterian Church (USA): <http://www.pcusa.org/worldwide/guatemala/>
World Factbook on Guatemala: <https://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/geos/gt.html>
HIM 'Hearts in Motion' web site: <http://www.heartsinmotion.org/>