

Our Fourth Medical Mission to test 50 women for cervical cancer (mostly birth mothers and their female family members and friends) will be held on August 29th. The three clinics before covered different, specific regions of the country, but this time we are inviting women from all over the country. The amount budgeted is \$2,440.15 and it covers transportation, hotel accommodations (for those women traveling from afar), food, the IVAA tests and medicine, ultrasounds, colposcopies, etc. If everything goes as the previous three Medical Missions, we expect one third of that amount will be used the day of the clinic, and the rest during the subsequent weeks or months.

Approximately 35% of the women have had fungal or bacterial infections and cannot have the IVAA test done the day of the clinic. This means we need to bring them back for another appointment a week or 10 days later, once they finish the treatment prescribed by the gynecologist. Two women from last clinic need surgery and, therefore, our current budget contemplates 4 surgeries to cover the 2 pending and 2 extra. The pending surgeries have not taken place due to medical issues related to the women involved; they both need to lose weight and, due to the importance of the surgery, the gynecologist sent them to a nutritionist. We have covered all of the consultations with the nutritionist. The surgeries will take place as soon as the gynecologist thinks they are ready.

Several birth mothers, taking advantage of this opportunity, ask us if they can bring their children for a checkup – we cannot say no. Or, it has happened several times that the women attending the medical mission have had other health issues, such as diabetes, high blood pressure, eye problems, etc., and the expenses covered by us have gone up far above the amount budgeted. We are currently giving support to one woman who is receiving radiotherapy (the first phase consists of 35 radio therapies), and we do not know yet what the follow-up treatment will be. Those radio therapies, for example, were not included in the budget of the Third Medical Mission and are not being included in this budget either. The minimum we need to raise is \$2,440.15 but any extra amount will always be welcome.

Below is the budget for our Fourth Medical Mission --

CATEGORY

COST PER PERSON IN GTQ

NUMBER OF PATIENTS

TOTAL IN GTQ

TOTAL IN USD

VIAA Testing at Hospital Obras Sociales Hermano Pedro

Q 5.00

50

Q 250.00

\$ 33.33

Transportation

Q 70.00

50

Q 3,500.00

\$ 466.67

Dinner

Q 20.00

50

Q 1,000.00

\$ 133.33

Breakfast

Q 15.00

50

Q 750.00

\$ 100.00

Lunch

Q 25.00

50

Q 1,250.00

\$ 166.67

Lodging

Q 50.00

50

Q 2,500.00

\$ 333.33

Transportation for post mission medicals

Q 70.00

25

Q 1,750.00

\$ 233.33

Drugs and laboratory

Q 97.50

25

Q 2,437.50

\$ 325.00

Surgeries

4

Q 3,200.00

\$ 426.66

Unforeseen expenses 10%

Q 1,663.75

\$ 221.83

Q18,301.25

\$ 2,440.15

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Any help you can provide will be greatly appreciated!