

Malta Medical Mission in Michigan

Started in 2004, the Malta Medical Mission is the Michigan's Area Malta Project. That basically means it is dedicated to the Malta Mission of helping the needy. The expense of the Area Malta Project is paid for by the Area. Last year we budgeted \$4,600 for the Mission. Thus far we have only used about two thirds of that figure for the following reasons. One of our medical support individuals has been very successful obtaining Meds donated by pharmaceutical companies. The dental chair and most of our equipment was donated due to the efforts of one of our dentists. The installation costs were also donated. For the new fiscal year we will need a sterilizer for the dental tools. Up till now the dentists have been taking the tools to their office for cleaning and sterilizing.

The Medical Clinic sees approximately 550 patients a year. We write and fill approximately 1,000 prescriptions a year. That doesn't include the non-prescription drugs we supply. We service the needy on the first and third Wednesday of each month.

Four months ago we started our Dental Clinic. We have one fully equipped office. We are doing minor extractions, fillings, making dentures and other procedures. We have been treating approximately 10 people each day. In April we will be meeting four times a month and servicing forty people a month.

We have contacted Community Health Awareness Group to do free HIV testing for our clientele. They schedule themselves in four times a year and offer anonymous and confidential HIV testing and counseling. Also they provide educational materials and referrals to other needed services.

We have contacted St John's Hospital's Community Outreach Program and they are coming in on a scheduled basis to take blood and test it for Diabetes, Cholesterol, and other blood related problems. They give our patients confidential results and information on agencies that service their problems.

We have twenty seven volunteer medical professionals on our staff that provides loving care to the needy and hungry at St. Leo's. They are gifts from Heaven to our needy.

We want to thank the membership for the monies that support our operation. Please come down and see your clinic in action.

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