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4-STAR RATING FROM CHARITY NAVIGATOR FOR SECOND CONSECUTIVE YEAR

Faith In Practice received a 4-star rating from America’s largest charity evaluator, Charity Navigator, for the second consecutive year. This exceptional rating places Faith In Practice among an elite group of 12% of the 5,000 charities ranked by Charity Navigator, which have received 4-star ratings for two consecutive years. This is Faith In Practice’s second year being evaluated by Charity Navigator.

Charity Navigator applies data-driven analysis to rank nonprofit institutions within the charitable sector. According to Charity Navigator, “the 4-star rating is the highest rating attainable and differentiates Faith In Practice from its peers in terms of its ability to efficiently manage and grow its finances as well as achieve sound fiscal management.”

“We are proud to have earned this rating which reflects our efforts to control expenses and maximize the impact of our donations,” said Faith In Practice co-founder Vera Wiatt. In 2005, 91 cents of every dollar raised was allocated to the medical mission program while 5 cents was allocated to administrative expenses and 4 cents to fundraising.



1st Place Boat
(l-r Joanne Taylor, Leroy Taylor, Terri Bramuchi, and Thomas Fuentes)

FISHING TOURNAMENT WAS "REELY" FUN!

On July 22nd, the eighth "Pescadores con Fe" Charity Fishing Tournament was held in Port O'Connor with many returning fishermen as well as new supporters to Faith In Practice. Winning the tournament for a third consecutive year was Captain Leroy Taylor. His *Wave Alert* team included Joanne Taylor, Terri Bramuchi, Thomas Fuentes, and Peter Thompson. The second place boat was *Hooked*, with Captain Marco Martinez, René Martinez, Ray Martinez, and Daniel Surtuche, and the third place boat was *OFF* with Captain James Lawlis and Don Betts.

The Fishing Tournament and Calcutta not only raised \$13,961 for Faith In Practice's ongoing medical mission program, but it provided a festive opportunity for new and regular supporters of Faith In Practice to get to know each

other and share in the mission. And, last but not least, it provided a wealth of new fishing stories about the big one that got away!

Our heartfelt thanks go to Leroy and Joanne Taylor for organizing this successful event and to the Jim Coleman Company for all of their in-kind donations as well as Houston Embroidery Works and Limit 3 Outdoor Sports.



The 5th annual Faith In Practice dinner and auction will be held Tuesday, November 14, 2006 at the Westin Galleria in Houston. This year's theme, "Postcards from Guatemala," will highlight patient stories, which demonstrate the impact of our life changing medical mission. We will also honor Dr. Brian Strake Parsley, Campaign Chair, for the successful completion of the operating room renovation and expansion project at the Obras Sociales del Santo Hermano Pedro in Antigua, Guatemala.

Share the excitement of this festive occasion and learn more about Faith In Practice by joining fellow Faith In Practice mission volunteers and supporters on November 14th. As usual, there will be a live auction and our ever-popular Guatemalan Medical Mission Market – El Mercado! Tickets to this event can be purchased at <http://www.faithinpractice.org/news.php>.

ON-LINE GALA AUCTION

In response to numerous requests, this year Faith In Practice is introducing an on-line gala auction, which supporters throughout the U.S. can access on the internet in order to view and bid on merchandise that would have been previously available only at the Houston gala. Click on <http://faithinpractice.cmarket.com> and start bidding as of October 23rd. The on-line auction will close on November 12th, two days before the Houston gala.

If you are interested in donating items to this on-line gala auction (i.e. the use of a vacation home, tickets to special events, getaway packages, etc.), please contact specialprograms@faithinpractice.org.



COMPUTER SAVVY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN HOUSTON OFFICE

Help! We are in desperate need of computer savvy volunteers who have a basic knowledge of Word and Excel software to input data and assist with gala details. Hours are flexible, so please don't delay. Contact Alice Chernov at teams@faithinpractice.org or 713.484.5555.

MEDICAL VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR 2007 MISSION YEAR



Since over 80% of Guatemalans do not have access to any type of health care, Faith In Practice's medical services are very important to the people of this country. Faith In Practice needs medical volunteers for its twenty-four surgical and village team trips during the January to July 2007 mission season. We especially need operating room nurses, nurse practitioners, physicians' assistants, gynecologists, anesthesiologists, family practitioners, dentists and dental hygienists. We are accepting [online](#)

[applications](#) for the 2007 mission year. To find out more information about volunteering for a mission trip, please contact Alice Chernov at teams@faithinpractice.org.

Year after year, we hear many positive comments from our medical volunteers, many of whom express such joy at being able to provide medical care that changes the lives of their Guatemalan patients. These same volunteers often report that their lives are also changed.

VOLUNTEER IN THE NEWS



Antonio Flamenco, an architect with INsite Architecture Inc., was selected by Southern Living Magazine to design their 2006 Idea Home located in Bryan, Texas. This home was featured in the July issue of Southern Living magazine. This honor occurred on the heels of being selected out of 10,000 entries to design the 2005 HGTV Dream Home built in Tyler, Texas.

Antonio, who was born in Guatemala and works in Houston, has been a supporter of Faith In Practice for several years. In 2003 he went on his first medical mission trip, and in 2006 he and his wife Cathy were team leaders for Team 132.

WE'RE A MATCH!

Many corporations have Matching Gift Programs that match an employee's financial contributions to 501(c)(3) organizations. Some companies also make a financial contribution based on volunteer hours worked at the non-profit. This is a fantastic and easy way to multiply your donation to Faith In Practice!

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