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There were no regular mission trips again during the year 2022 because of the continued spread of COVID. YOCAMA organized two medical teams in March and July to provide much needed medical services, food boxes, infant formula, hand sanitizer, school supplies and gift cards to be distributed at the health fairs and delivered to remote areas of the reservation. With the help of the Philoptochos (friends of the poor) chapters in Columbus Ohio and Albuquerque New Mexico, funds were raised and food boxes were put together in New Mexico for distribution.

The medical teams consisted of two pediatricians, an ophthalmologist, 2 pre-med students and 1 dental student enrolled at The Ohio State University, a psychology student enrolled at Ashland University, a nurse from Pennsylvania and 3 adult chaperones. We also had many Navajo young adult volunteers as well as help from the staff at Saint Bonaventure Mission and School located on the Navajo reservation in Thoreau New Mexico. The five health fairs were located within various remote areas of the Navajo reservation. We also had the opportunity to deliver food and firewood to people living in areas of the reservation with limited access to health care and provide medical screenings in their homes. We also screened young children for asthma, with permission from a parent, in their neighborhood which mostly have kettle stoves to heat their homes. The last health fair was in Torreon New Mexico in cooperation with the Head Start chapter and the Navajo Nation providing COVID vaccines at the same time. There were very long lines with several children per family.

YOCAMA also returned to the Blackfeet Reservation (Montana) in August 2022. There was a very small group with Fr. Chris Foustoukos from Massachusetts and a small building team. Repairs to the De La Salle school and teacher's houses were completed and repairs to the playground in Heart Butte as well as contributions to the food pantry. We look forward to returning in 2023 to complete many projects left undone since the COVID pandemic.

DATES FOR THE 2023 YOCAMA TRIPS Medical Mission Trip (spring break) Sunday March 12th to Friday March 17th, 2023 New Mexico (Navajo) Saturday July 22nd to Friday March 28th, 2023 Montana (Blackfeet) Saturday July 29th to Friday August 4th, 2023



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Expenses for the Medical Mission Trips 2022

Account Type	March 2022	July/August 2022
Lodging Expenses	\$1537.71	\$2725.99
Rental Vehicle Expenses	\$1497.98	\$1834.64
TOTAL LIVING EXPENSES	\$3035.69	\$4560.63
MISSION SUPPLIES		
Food Boxes/box lunches Supplies	\$1,955.44	\$919.46
Gift Cards	\$2928.44	\$3277.98
Fuel & Misc supplies	\$375.90	\$438.76
TOTAL MISSION SUPPLIES	\$5259.78	\$4636.2
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$8295.47	\$9196.83
Total Deposits (2021-2022) \$17,064.44	Total Expenses: \$17,492.30	

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