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Dear January 2016 Team Members,

I would like to echo Eric's appreciation for your patience as the Luke 9:2 Board members have worked on considering the many options following the cancellation of our January trip. While our first impulse was to try to regroup and reschedule the trip as quickly as possible, we wanted to make sure that we were going to be able to provide a quality trip that would be an assistance to our local physician, Dr. Ponce, and that would not in any way jeopardize our ability to fill future trips.

The Board met as a group and discussed a number of factors including availability and pricing of group tickets, date limitations given airline prohibitions of traveling with crates during summer months, the local Honduran school schedule (local schools are where we host clinics), as well as ability of our volunteers to get vacation time on short notice. We wanted to make sure any trip was going to provide the same excellent quality of medical care, and we have had difficulty finding enough medical personnel who could get another week of vacation on short-term notice.

We also spoke with our local physician, Dr. Ponce, to get a sense of his needs and concerns. Although we considered expanding the current small September medical trip into a larger, more comprehensive trip, we realized after talking with Dr. Ponce that he, in fact, does better with a smaller trip in September so that he can really focus on providing the long-term chronic-disease management which is the backbone of our ministry.

Therefore, after careful consideration, the Board has elected not to try to reschedule the January 2016 trip. We will continue the scheduled March 2016 Water Trip and we will begin to recruit our smaller team for the medical-only trip this Fall. And, we will begin the work of recruiting and planning for our January 2017 trip which will be a comprehensive medical/dental/eyeglasses/deworming trip. I realize that this may be frustrating and disheartening to many of you who saved your money and invested your time, your prayers, and your energies into preparation for this trip. Please know that we have not taken this decision lightly and I am happy to answer any questions you all might have about the decision process.

We would therefore like to invite you all to please consider joining Luke 9:2 on a future trip. If you are able to join us in January of 2017, please let me know and I will keep you updated with dates and plans. If you are not able to join us in January (or if you would like to take two trips with us!) please consider joining our Fall 2016 team. Again, if you let me know of your interest, I will keep you posted on details. We hope to have our dates for the Fall trip set very soon.

Thank you again for your understanding and patience. We all believe God truly is in control - and though we don't understand why we weren't meant to go to Honduras this season, we trust there are reasons beyond our comprehension. Regardless, Luke 9:2 will continue to support the people of Honduras through the daily work of our local physician, Dr. Ponce, the continued installation of water filtration systems, the distribution of food to those affected by drought, and the training of local pastors enrolled in our Pastoral Training program. Don't hesitate to check out the updates on [www.luke9-2ministries.org](http://www.luke9-2ministries.org) to see all that your resources and prayers have supported.

Thanks,  
Beth Ann Yakes,  
Chairman, Luke 9:2 Ministries