

Hi Everyone,

Our facilitator, Alvincent Hutson met with the Prime Minister of St. Kitts a week ago, on our behalf and garnered his support as well as that of the Ministry of Health. Let's all give Al a great big cheer!

The Prime Minister is allowing us to use the government rate at the Marriott, however his staff has to let Al know what that rate is, also the Marriott is checking their records for that rate. Obviously, if it is lower than the group rate offered by the Marriott we will benefit by paying that lower rate. Also, the Prime Minister has offered to wave the government tax of approximately 2% (every little bit helps).

As soon as I am given the rate I'll inform you so that you can book your rooms. However, if you are able to secure an air and hotel package (as the optical team from Texas has) please go ahead and book it. Our goal is always to get the lowest rate via any means so that you ultimately spend less for each mission trip.

Regarding meals, Al is providing the Prime Minister with a proposal for him (the government) to pay for our breakfast so that we can use that cash to pay for our dinners which Al is trying to get the Marriott down to less than \$20 per person. Al met with other local restaurants to negotiate a dinner plan and their prices were also high. The problem is that St. Kitts has to import all their food and fruit so meals are very expensive, hence the reason Al is trying to get the government to pay for our breakfast.

It is an election year in St. Kitts and obviously it behooves the Prime Minister to do everything for his citizens and our program fits his plans perfectly. He will be hosting a reception for our group on Monday, July 28th at another hotel...lots of photo opp for the press!

We will also be featured on the local evening news on that Monday as the news crew will be filming us during the day as we are working and seeing patients. Remember to smile!

Speaking of patients, the Ministry of Health will be providing their local clinics for us to treat them. They will also be providing transportation on the days that we work. While Al is working on convincing the Ministry to provide transportation for the entire trip, we may require each person to contribute approx. \$50-\$100 to pay for our own on the days that we are not working. I'll keep you posted on what the Ministry decides.

The Ministry is requiring that we work at their clinic in Nevis on Thursday, July 31st. We will take the ferry over to Nevis early that morning. Because it is not as populated as St. Kitts, we anticipate seeing less patients and most likely closing early. If that is the case, we may have time for a tour (trust me ... you can drive around that island in about 20 mins, Don and I have done it!). Or we can have dinner at a lovely resort then head back to St. Kitts.

Finally, please visit our new website: [www.UnitedHandsInc.org](http://www.UnitedHandsInc.org) to print your registration forms. Please complete and return with your check made payable to United Hands Inc.

Thanks

Ann Burnett

"I am the First and the Last; there is no other God but Me" - Isaiah 44:6