

Dr. Robert Graper Travels to Cuba for Mission Trip

Local Physician on 5th Trip to Serve Medical Needs Around the Globe

Dr. Robert Graper is a renowned plastic surgeon in the southeast, but he also serves the medical needs of others around the globe. Traveling with Caring Partners International, a medical ministry, Dr. Graper is serving the basic health care needs of people in Cuba this November. This is Dr. Graper's first trip with this organization but his fifth overseas mission. Dr. Graper has traveled with Operations Smile twice, in the Philippines and in Panama, to repair cleft lip and palate deformities. Approximately five years ago, Dr. Graper, along with his wife, Sharon, traveled to Mexico with TIME for Christ Global Ministries. Dr. and Mrs. Graper visited Cuba for the first time approximately three years ago with Resources Exchange International (REI).

"These trips are a way for me to use my medical knowledge and expertise to help those in other cultures, both physicians and patients, both medically and spiritually," states Dr. Graper.

In addition to repairing cleft lips and palate deformities, Dr. Graper has helped burn victims and provided scar revisions on his mission trips. On this current trip to Cuba, Dr. and Mrs. Graper are traveling with other physicians from around the country and with Caring Partners International team members. They will be teaching physicians, providing consultations, giving lectures and will be meeting with hundreds of patients. Their collaborative efforts are to improve health care in Cuban hospitals and facilities during this faith-based medical exchange.

"I get excited about the world of medical necessity and helping those in other countries," says Dr. Graper. "I definitely get more than I am giving by serving and seeing different cultures. It allows me to use the full spectrum of my training and enriches the cosmetic services I provide to my patients," continues Dr. Graper.

Cities slated to visit on this trip include Havana, Trinidad, Santa Clara and Sancti Spiritus.

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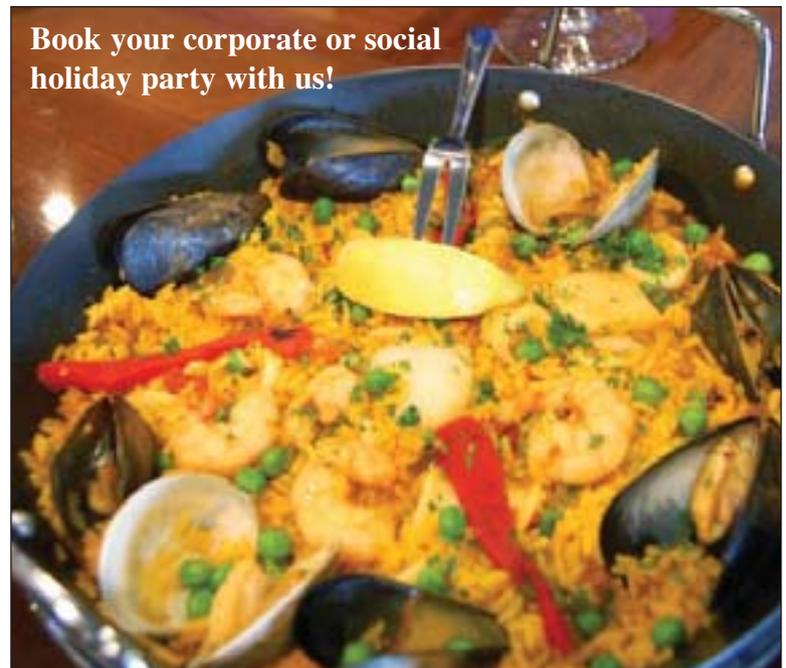
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