

## January 2016: Dr. Edward Herod

Most people move to a sunny town and take up golfing when they retire, but not Dr. Edward Herod. Since departing from his dental practice nearly 16 years ago Dr. Herod has devoted his time to helping others.



Dr. Herod began volunteering at ACORN Dental Clinic to fulfill the dental needs of those less fortunate than himself. He enjoys working closely with ACORN's FREE Homeless Dental Clinics in partnership with the Helping Hands Clinic, the Grace Marketplace, Trinity United Methodist Church and Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church.

"I wasn't called to be a businessman. I was called to help the poor," he said.

In addition to ACORN Clinic, Dr. Herod shares his dental talents with other organizations. For example, he volunteers on the Baptist Mobile Dental Ministry, a van that visits the poorest churches and offers free dental care.

He has also traveled all over the world doing mission trips. He's visited Guatemala with a team from ACORN Clinic and has also visited Jamaica, the Philippines, Cambodia, Mexico and Peru to lend his expert dental hands.

When he isn't providing free dental services to the poor, he is an avid long-distance hiker. For 20 years, he's hiked the likes of the Shikoku in Japan, the Camino de Santiago in Spain and the Long Trail in Vermont. His longest hike was the Appalachian Trail, which took him five and a half months to complete.

ACORN Clinic is incredibly lucky to have Dr. Herod on our team!