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Every day of the week programs continue to serve



Patients are treated and are made well every day with supplies and programs to help with their care.

When the USA teams leave Honduras, our staff in Honduras continues to work hard at providing services to those who otherwise would not be diagnosed and treated.

Everywhere you turn, people are speaking about how poor the economy is for businesses and unemployment in the USA. I am aware of this. Still, I see the disparity of what we call poverty and what poverty truly is. I hope that we can all keep our perspective and not allow our tightening of the belt to hurt those who could possibly lose their only access to care. It is so little yet the cost of one cup of coffee gives dental care to a child. The cost of one meal in a fancy restaurant provides diagnosis and treatment for a woman with cervical cancer. Lunch at McDonalds' provides one ultrasound. I could go on, but the point is, we need your help. When people pull back from supporting needed services, the needs become greater. Please remember us in your monthly donations.



This is a patient being fitted for a hand. His stump is being prepared for the prosthetic hand.



One baby every other day survives due to your support.

You see whether it is giving a hand, vision, or helping the disabled with a wheelchair, crutch or cane, giving medicine or providing a crib for a child or saving a life with a ventilator, we are there. Help us to stay and be strong in service to those in need.

CAMO can only do all this with your help.

Program Name	Patient Services May - July 2010
Dermatology	51
Cervical Cancer (Diagnosis & Treatment)	73
Dental	4,232
Endoscopy/Gastric Cancer	519
Mammography	302
Neurosurgery (Surgeries)	7
Ophthalmology (Surgeries)	249
Prosthetic Lab	264
General X-ray	800
CPR/NALS/ACLS Education	40
Wheelchair Repair and distribution	1,229
Ultrasound (Prenatal Program)	1,170
Urology (Surgeries)	76
Total Services First Quarter	9,012

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First Quarter Projects:

Neonatal Intensive Care Unit - Honduras

Imagine walking through a five foot by six foot area in the tropics, no air conditioning, walking through the main traffic area and having to push through at least 12 - 18 new mothers breast feeding their newborns. Can you imagine being the mother who has to breast feed in these conditions? There is no bathroom and no place to wash your hands before handling your baby. These are the conditions of the Hospital Regional de Occidente (HRO) where CAMO works. This facility serves a population of over one million. The census of the NICU has an average of 174 newborns per month. The unit has an annual census of over 2,090 newborns needing the neonatal unit. September 1st we will start the expansion of this area to allow a clean feeding area, restrooms and changing tables for these moms. The newborn will never pass through an area of street traffic with this addition. We are grateful to the SG Foundation and to the Comité de Apoyo HRO for most of the funding of the main project. We continue to seek funding for other updates which are vital to improve the environment for the high risk newborn and the children zero to two years of age. Call us if your group is willing to assist in this project.



Women feeding at the entrance of the neonatal unit

Women's Shelter

All of you who have been following the Women's Shelter construction, inauguration and opening, know that it was a long road of five years of community development and acquisitions. Nothing we did could have prepared us for the first case that was dropped off at our door on May 17th. A reporter from Honduras had been following this case and could do nothing to help this family because no facility was in existence to house them. Building the shelter changed this. We encountered an entire family imprisoned for most of their lives, starving, infected with lice, naked, and products of incest and sexual abuse. The mom 36, raped repeatedly by her father and each child was from him. Ages of the children were 22, 13 and 8 year old girls and a 7 year old boy. There were challenges of teaching them to use the bathroom, a bed, utensils, showers, much less any

social skill. The father, 66 years old, felt he was safe. He had gotten away with it all these years and now at 66, they would not imprison him. Usually they do not imprison men after age 65. Through the efforts of police, judges, testimonies by the reporter and medical doctors and the director of the shelter, due process was completed in 3 weeks and this man is in prison for the next 15 years without parole.

Unfortunately we are finding 50% of our cases involve incest. Since May 17th this shelter has provided a safe haven, legal counsel, relocation to 25 women and their children. We are finding that given a way out, these women have not returned to the abuser which is not the statistic we see here in the states. Of the 25 women only 3 have returned to the abuser.



Inside the shelter at night

Blessed be the Children!



Taylor with the little guy who is the most challenging

“This past June I traveled to Santa Rosa de Copan, Honduras. Although I had been there previously for ten days with my mother, I was not sure what to expect from this seven week journey with my best friend. I was nervous, excited, and terrified all at the same time. It all hit me on the plane to Honduras. I was leaving the comfort of what I was used to, traveling to a developing country where I knew things would be very different. We settled in at our bed and breakfast, and what would be the best seven weeks of my life finally arrived.

During the week we volunteered at a daycare where we would help feed the toddlers breakfast and lunch, and the other three hours were spent playing. It was so much fun, and we began to really care about the kids. We also taught English to a group of Catholic High School girls, while they helped me practice my Spanish as well” Shares Taylor Grenert.

“One class, we finally received a request, could we please bring in the song from the Titanic. After seeing their excitement in listening to the English version of one of their favorite songs, an idea was born.

We began to practice the song at the end of each class. First reading it line for line, then going through the meanings of each of the words, and finally singing it over and over again. We had a goal in sight to perform for the Nuns who ran the home the girls lived in” stated Sarah Spector.

Taylor continues to share: “On our last lesson they performed “My Heart Will Go On” to their nuns, and the smiles on the girl’s faces was one of the best feelings I’ve ever had. During these seven weeks, I met amazing people that I will never forget and traveled to beautiful places. In a lot of ways these seven weeks really helped me, while I was helping others, and I would say that is the best kind of experience.”

Thank you ladies for all your help in the daycare and with young women who would have never had this experience without you.



Sarah Spector with her favorite baby



Food, medicine, teacher and a clean maintained facility is provided by CAMO to this daycare. Funding made possible by the Jack Deloss Taylor Charitable Trust.

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Labor and Delivery Expansion

If you come into the emergency room and are 20 weeks pregnant with abdominal pain, you are immediately taken to labor and delivery, that is if you are lucky enough to live in the USA. Not in Santa Rosa. You literally will stay in ER with all the TB patients, staph and strep infections, flu, colds, you name it. You are placed right in the entrance so anything coming in, you can be sure to get it. No one cares enough about you to make the decision for the last 12 years. This year has changed. A new director and a new medical director are finally doing things for their patients. A meeting with CAMO took place to see if space could be added to the labor and delivery areas. This would help the women to be taken directly



To be completed by October



Before expansion of the labor and delivery area

to the laboring area where the doctors could keep better watch and they would not be exposed to all the illnesses walking through the doors of the emergency department. CAMO was able through sales of the freight boxes, to provide \$15,000 for this construction. It is the little things such as this that make a great impact, not only in the care of the patient, but also to decrease the length of stay and infection rates in the newborn. An infection in the NICU is the leading cause of death. Both the expansion of the NICU and the labor and delivery areas will help to prevent the infections, thus lowering the death rate. The highest infant mortality in the country of Honduras is in the west.



This is the NICU, always full of neonates who have been infected due to poor space for the laboring mother.



At night there are two people to most beds. The crowding in the hospital creates a great need of expansion of many areas.

Visit Central American Medical Outreach on Facebook for photo's of this project. **Become a Fan!**

What a change Leadership can make

October of 2008, the only community gym for 1 million people was functional, but so under used. It had fallen into the hands of one person with only personal interest. CAMO, due to our initial funding of this gym, expressed concern to the past and present Mayors of Santa Rosa. We were able to call for a special meeting and reform the board. The community wanted CAMO to take on the Presidency of the Board of Directors of the Gym. So we did and in July of 2009, began the journey to change the face of this facility and bring it back to a safe place for all to use. We have succeeded in this task. The schedule for the month of August is full of basketball tournaments with 9 men's teams and 3 women's teams. There are 25 teams for indoor soccer. We have over 140 people using the weight room and aerobic areas monthly. Two high schools use the facility daily for gym classes. Also, the gym is totally self sufficient for general operations. If activities or services are increased, we will need to seek capital monies for expansion.



Two of the girl's basketball teams in play. The gym is kept clean and safe for all to enjoy.

Events and Outcomes:

CAMO's 5th Annual Golf Scramble Raises \$11,700



The event was held July 10th at The Pines Golf Club. There were 28 teams and 44 sponsors for the event. The first place winners pictured left to right are Ryan Culbertson, Michael Snowbarger, Eric Coblenz, and Aaron Detweiler. The weather was great and fun was had by all. Thank you to all the participants, volunteers, and those who provided raffle prizes. Special thanks to Marcia Murphy for her leadership and all the volunteers who assisted her. A special thank you to The Pines for another great outcome. See you next year.

Salsa Sizzle

The Wooster Inn was the place to be August 14th. The dance floor was full all night. This is just a fun night where people lounged, ate, socialized and danced, all for a good cause. We were able to raise \$5,200 in this event. Many thanks to Ruth Brown and her committee of volunteers. It was a great event.



Salsa Sizzle had lots of food, fun and dance; these funds will go to women and children who never dream of having one night like this.

Collaborative Partnerships:

Executives Without Borders (EWB) and Dow team up to help CAMO

CAMO does not have a marketing person. We want to provide as much funding as possible to the patients. This means you will not get excessive mailings, and you will not be called on the telephone. You will not be bombarded with e-mails, but you will get three newsletters a year. This is good and it is bad. Many people are unaware of our work and with all the media it is hard for good works to get any free attention. So, we are thankful to EWB and Dow for their production of five videos. Each is one minute or shorter to tell the stories of our patients. These can be found on our facebook page (Central American Medical Outreach) or on our website under multimedia and then video. Our website is www.camo.org. You can help us by sharing our story and pointing people to our facebook and website.

University of Alabama

Three professional nurses were chosen from Honduras to participate in the July 2010 International Nursing Leadership and Management Program at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB). A grant was provided for CAMO to sponsor these three nurses. This was a five week course that worked on development of leadership skills. Nurses from Africa, South and Central America attended this 5 week program. It was a once in a life time opportunity for these nurses. Special thanks to Harry Murphy for making the funding available.

University of North Carolina

CAMO continues to receive funding from UNC for research in stomach cancer. These funds allow for one full time employee who assists with documentation and interviews of the patient with proper management of the biopsies. The diagnostic center finished last year was built with CAMO funds to assist in the continued research.

CARE International

CAMO is in negotiations in a joint effort with CARE International. If this funding is made available, it will allow us to provide educational courses in seven different villages. We would work with men and women in the area of domestic violence and all the topics surrounding this issue. We should know if the budget has been approved by October of 2010.

Project Honduras

CAMO will be assisting with the scheduling of speakers on October 15th in the areas of Domestic Violence and Community Development. We would like to thank Project Honduras for their recognition of this problem in Honduras. They have renamed this conference to "Response to Domestic Violence".

Michigan University - SWOG - Gates

CAMO continues to administrate the funding for this research in Santa Rosa de Copan. Santa Rosa is one of five sites in North and Central America. This grant is entering its third year. The grant provides funding for research of stomach cancer in these regions. We are honored to be chosen to administrate over the funds for this in Honduras.

New Items:

Recycling in Honduras

If we start with the young, maybe it will have an impact. During the fair in Santa Rosa we started a campaign to keep Santa Rosa clean and to recycle items like ink cartridges, cell phones, tin cans, and plastic bottles. The children of the daycare helped us out with songs and dance. We will continue this on a daily basis.



Children of the daycare helping with "Going Green Project"



Ruth Miller on left and Cheryl Gerber on right, display the donated quilt from Hearthside Quilt Shoppe for the raffle prize for the fair.

Wayne County Fair September 11 -16

We will be there for the 18th year with raffle tickets to help us raise money. The last 10 years beautiful quilts have been donated by Hearthside Quilt Shoppe in Kidron, Ohio. They again have been so gracious. Come see us. Drop off your used eye glasses, or old hearing aids. If you would like to help our dental program, we go through 25,000 toothbrushes a year. If you would like to bring in toothbrushes this would be greatly appreciated. Just stop by to catch up on our many activities. In the recycling area remember CAMO is always on the look-out for your used ink cartridges, toner and cell phones. If you would like to volunteer at the booth please call our office.

October Teams

Teams will be traveling to Honduras the last week of October. These teams include one surgical team of Podiatry, teaching teams which include CPR, Endoscopy, and Tennis, Inventory, EMT, Sewing and daycare assistance. We also will have a technical team to continue to help update our computer systems. We are still using office 2003 and many documents now cannot be opened with this. All 20 systems will be updated with volunteer help.



Julia Bogner with her youngest students in Oct 2009

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Closing

Many thanks to those who are always available to help us in our events, packing, truck loading and consulting. Thanks to our donors who have been so gracious with their gifts. We will keep on working diligently to provide care to those in need in the most cost effective way. Everyone working together is having a great impact on our part of the world.

If you are interested in a CAMO presentation, please call the office for a listing or for scheduling.



CAMO is an accredited Better Business Bureau organization, having met all 21 of their standards.

Upcoming Events

Public Appearances:

- September 11- 16 - Wayne County Fair
- September 28 - Heartland Education Program, Orrville High School
- October 15 - Copan Ruines, Honduras " Domestic Violence CAMO Projects"
- November 23 - Retired Professional and Executive Luncheon Group - First Christian Church in Canton. If interested call Paul Kroh at 330-705-9044

Shipments: September 2010
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Teams: October 23 - November 1

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