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WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Mauri's Story: A Neurosurgery Victory

Not all days are filled with miraculous visits to CAMO, and not all of CAMO's patients are happy on a daily basis. Often, they look worried, thoughtful or sad, depending on their personal situations. Their illnesses or economic problems reflect on their faces. But one day, we had an unexpected visit: a family. They looked happy, and they were not in a hurry like most patients who are afraid to miss the last public transportation ride home. This family wanted to talk.

In 2015, their 10-year-old daughter, Mauri, started having some health problems. Her complications started with hepatitis, anemia and eventually developed into strong headaches and occasional fainting. Mauri had to be taken out of school. In fact, she became increasingly ill to a point that she could no longer tolerate her headaches without taking medicine. She even lost her sight at a surprisingly rapid rate.

Dr. Roberto Alvarez evaluated her and immediately sent her to CAMO's office. She had been diagnosed with pediatric craniopharyngioma (a type of brain tumor). Her surgery would cost about \$12,765, but CAMO found a way to help Mauri without charging her family any money. Just six days after Dr. Alvarez performed the surgery and extracted the tumor, she began feeling much better. After the surgery, Mauri still had to undergo chemotherapy treatment to recover completely.

Even though 2015 was a difficult year for the family, it was also a test on their faith. They expressed their gratefulness toward CAMO because they still saw positive results even though they didn't have the economic resources to cover all the expenses that come with food and traveling. Their daughter even recovered her sight and is back in second grade again. But *this* time, she won't miss it. In fact, she is anxious for third grade to begin. Dr. Roberto Alvarez sees Mauri every 3 months for follow-up check-ups, and she remains cancer free!

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Above: Mauri, post-op in 2015 after surgery to remove a tumor. *Right:* Two years later, Mauri enjoys cancer-free life as a second-grader with her father, Rafael and mother, Maura Elisa.

MEDICAL Services

The Blind See: Perspective from Dr. Marco Robles

Second generation Honduras family eye surgeon Dr. Marco Robles shared this perspective regarding the past two years:

"In ophthalmology residency, we would be shown videos of cataract eye surgery done with modern Phaco equipment in the USA. I would say to myself, this is only a dream, I wish we had the resources and training to be able to do this kind of eye surgery.

"It has now been two years. I have been learning and working with Dr. Kevin Waltz, and we have done more than 250 Phaco surgeries. Today, we were reviewing a video of one of the surgeries I had done, and I realized it looked just like the video we saw in training. My dream was to bring modern surgical techniques to Honduras, not only to the wealthy, but to ALL people.

"All the patients are special, but I am the most gratified by serving the poor. First, you need to understand the poor in Honduras might have one apple a year given to them. This is usually around Christmas, and they treasure that apple. The other day, I did surgery on a 42-year-old mother who was blind. A month later, she came in and her vision had been restored. Her 5-year-old daughter was so grateful to me that she had brought her treasured apple and gave it to me to thank me. The gratitude!"

To date, the CAMO eye program performs the highest quality surgeries, and sees the largest volume of patients, with 10-12% of them being children. Just one implant costs \$750, while the supplies used cost \$200. But because of CAMO's sliding scale, the poor are given this service free. Even so, the gift of sight is so priceless that even a poor child is often willing to offer everything she has—her one treasured apple—just to say "thank you."



Left: Dr. Robles has a special heart for helping those who cannot otherwise afford care. *Right:* Dr. Marco Robles using advanced technology in Honduras for cataract surgery. CAMO's eye program operates on a sliding scale, sees more than 2620 patients a year and performs more than 400 different types of eye surgeries a year.



- A \$500 DONATION pays for an above-the-knee prosthetic limb and independence of mobility for one person!
- A \$100 DONATION provides 3 students vital career training at the Trade School.
- \$50 provides dental services to 25 children who would otherwise have no access to care.

"Baby Steps" Continuing to Make an Impact

The April 2017 newsletter featured a cover story called "Water Please..." a story that exposed the overwhelming problem of new mothers being discharged before their babies. In the States, this would not present a huge problem, but in Honduras, where the per capita income is less than \$2.30 a day, this is a crisis. These mothers do not have money to stay anywhere, much less have food to eat. Rested, well-fed mothers are vital for the health of their newborns. The Honduran head nurses in the NICU. Maternity, and Labor and Delivery were overwhelmed, frustrated and had little hope to resolve the problem. Heidi Unzicker and Mandy Ivanov, two USA healthcare workers who had been training Honduran nurses in lactation and early care of newborns, were sensitive to the crisis, so they called in CAMO Founder and International Director, Kathy Tschiegg.

The Honduran nurses reported that 12 babies had died due to infection transmitted by mothers sleeping on park benches or on the floor of the hospital. The sleeping area for mothers breastfeeding their babies in the NICU had only 22 beds. The need was up to 60 mothers. Kathy suggested to make contact with El Voluntariado Vicentino, a group which had always helped when asked. In a meeting with the nurses and group representatives, the president of Voluntariado Vicentino herself said they



Mothers used to sleep on the floor of the Hospital de Occidente as they waited for their newborns to be discharged from the NICU.

had an abandoned housing ward next to the hospital for mothers-in-waiting and family members of patients who had traveled long distances. There were no beds and there was no water, but CAMO could use that area. It was perfect, even including back-door access for mothers to enter the hospital for breastfeeding.

Kathy then contacted Padre Edwin, a priest who in 2016 donated the Academy of Professional Excellence to CAMO, and asked if he could help with the beds. Not only did he help with the beds, but he also helped with the water. CAMO-Honduras staff continued to work with Padre Edwin

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Mothers waiting for their babies to be discharged from the NICU now have beds and water, lowering their own risk of infection.

as they painted and repaired the bathrooms and the ward. On June 3, 2017, the ward opened. Then, with impeccable timing, the old sleeping area for breastfeeding mothers in the hospital suddenly collapsed with a failed hospital sewage system. Thankfully, willing hearts and hands had been working together to secure a healthier place for the mothers; but with that collapse, the "healthy addition" instantly became the ONLY place for them. Since June 3, more than 548 mothers have slept in that facility.

What caused this increase of mothers to stay on the streets after giving birth? The problem actually is the result of a new protocol set by the Ministry of Health in Honduras. As a standard, any mother with an infection who delivers a baby can be discharged, but the baby needs to be kept for 48 hours. This single protocol change, however, cost 12 infants their lives. And without scientific documentation of how such poorly executed protocols impact people's lives, these protocols will be very difficult to reverse. Fortunately, a research student from Vanderbilt University is living in Honduras until October 2017, carefully documenting the negative impact this "new standard" is having on an already broken system. Hopefully, this research coupled with the contrasting results from having healthy alternatives put into place, CAMO can shed some light and make an impact on those in decision-making positions. Meanwhile, your support is needed to help CAMO continue to improve these conditions.

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EDUCATION

Not Until Then Did I Appreciate All This Education!

Since the Academy of Professional Excellence (ACEP) opened its doors in February 2017, it has seen 378 students with 231 women in attendance and 147 men. The Academy has offered 19 courses including Professional Excellence, EKG reading, Tax Responsibility workshops, Computer Skill Lab, Basic Life Support, Advanced Life Support and Pediatric Life Support. CAMO is very fortunate to have a grant agreement with the SG foundation for an available \$24,000, contingent on CAMO to match that funding by October of 2017. The grant will be used to bring training and more trainers in proper nursing protocols and basic CPR to nurses in the Western region of Honduras. Thankfully, CAMO secured a research student from Vanderbilt University to work in Honduras until October 2017 and help with this project.

Things of such magnitude, like changing the mindset of an entire culture, take a while to manifest. Since 1995, the need for doctors and nurses to know CPR has been evident, but getting medical leaders to pay attention and buy-in to this need has been difficult. So certainly Dr. Juan Carlos Cardona's personal testimony is significant. Dr. Cardona is the director of the hospital with which CAMO works most closely. He recently told International Director Kathy Tschiegg, "I want to thank you and apologize at the same time." He explained that over a holiday, his 4 yearold-daughter was at a place that had a swimming area, and at one point, he noticed she was not in sight. He found her at the bottom of the water and pulled her up. When he saw she was not breathing, he started CPR and was able to resuscitate her. With tears in his eyes, he testified to Kathy, "Not until then did I appreciate all this education which you have been providing. Now, as the director of this hospital, I will make sure all the doctors and nurses will be required to know this."

The Academy of Professional Excellence has had the opportunity to offer training to many more people in a beautiful environment of learning. And even though classroom settings do not necessarily make for glamorous photos, it is in the beauty of knowledge that people are empowered to save lives.





Top: Computer classes for youth are offered at the Academy of Professional Excellence. *Below:* The Academy of Professional Excellence is home to many live-saving training courses including CPR.

Rural School Places High in Reading Scores

"Remember that life is beautiful and you form part of it. And for this reason, live happily! Best friends aren't born, you make them."

This saying is displayed proudly in Spanish on a little house next to a humble rural Honduran school – one of the schools in which the CAMO Literacy Program has had a profound impact. CAMO certainly has formed a friendship with this school and with 12 other rural schools in Honduras since the program's inception in 2013. These rural schools once had NO books. Imagine – a school without books!

To date, more than 4,000 new Spanish books have been provided to a total of 13 poor rural schools, three of them NEW to the program for the 2018 school year! In turn, those schools share their treasured books with other schools and teachers. CAMO-Honduras performs followup evaluations on each school twice a year. One of those evaluations always includes a CAMO-USA Literacy Committee member. The following is excerpted from USA-committee member Zipporah Evania's February 2017 follow-up report:

"The director, John Jose Mejia, was very honest with us. He said the way the children are when we are there is the way they behave all the time. The students read on Saturdays at the school even though there isn't any school that day. They were very happy to see us and said they love all the books."



A Honduran government evaluation reported that one of the rural schools supported through CAMO's Literacy Program tested THIRD in the nation in terms of reading proficiency. This means that because of the availability of books, 175 students in grades 1-9 along with 9 high school students are all on track to graduate, a dramatic improvement from previous years.

Seven additional schools in the same rural area also have a desire to be part of CAMO's Literacy Program, as well. In one of those schools, the fourth grade doesn't have a teacher so the 6th grade teacher teaches 4th grade, too. Students at that school have enjoyed the few old books they do have at this point, their favorite being "Curious George". Your support means the opening of doors for SO MANY – and at \$5/ Spanish book, that is a lot of doors to open! Change LIVES – give the gift of literacy today!

Special thanks to Global Mission Action group, Third World Books and St. Paul's Episcopal Church (Cleveland Heights, OH). Special thanks to Ann Farmer and all the committee members who find all the Spanish books. What a remarkable group of people!



MEDICAL SERVICES

One Instrument Can

Sometimes, the impact of a blessing is immediate.

Other times, we don't see the full blessing until years later. This is the story of how one acquaintance from 35 years earlier impacted a life in crucial need NOW.

It started during a 5-hour drive to Tegucigalpa to meet with the Minister of Health of Honduras. Founder and International Director, Kathy Tschiegg, along with three other CAMO-Honduras staff members discussed many topics on the long drive. Kathy even made mention of a friend she knew from her Peace Corps days. After Kathy's comment that she wouldn't mind to see him again (followed by some teasing from the others), they started to make calls. Within three minutes, Jesus Castellanos (that Peace Corps friend) was on the phone. Later, Kathy and the staff had dinner with Jesus, who shared that he had become a top executive of Huawei Honduras (a large global manufacturer of digital equipment). Kathy asked if Huawei Honduras ever gave grants, and if so, could CAMO apply? "Yes" was his response.

CAMO-Honduras neurosurgeon Dr. Roberto Alvarez had dreamed of having a microscopic scope which could repair Hydrocephalus babies (babies with water on the brain) without a shunt, a permanent repair. With a very high incidence of genetic Hydrocephalus babies in Honduras, that single piece of equipment would be a game-changer. Old technology was all that was being used in Honduras, and Dr. JC Tabet and Dr. Roberto Alvarez had been talking for over four years about trying to get new instruments. With Jesus Castellanos as the common denominator, CAMO was able to approach Huawei Honduras about funding the muchneeded instruments and scope, which cost \$32,000. Everything would have to funnel through the political arena, however, so the First Lady of Honduras worked with



Top: Before having surgery with a new microscopic scope, 3-month-old Maria's eyes express pain and panic. *Below:* After 2 days post-op, this once Hydrocephalus baby is visibly relieved of her pain.

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Mean So Much

both CAMO and Huawei Honduras to negotiate the price down to \$25,000—the amount Jesus Castellano could authorize.

It was March of 2017 when the equipment arrived, and Kathy hand-carried it to Honduras, personally presenting it to Dr. Alvarez. He could hardly contain himself. He sat on the edge of the chair and asked, "Can I use it NOW? I need to do a surgery today."

"That's what it's for," Kathy replied.

Dr. Alvarez gathered everything and immediately went into surgery to save a 3-month-old baby's life. That child's life and her family's lives were changed forever. The family lived in extreme poverty, and could never have afforded surgery without CAMO. But without surgery, that baby would have died. One microscopic instrument was the tool needed to permanently repair the malformation, completely diminishing the child's former reality of possible respiratory issues and blindness, constant monitoring and shunts, and shunt failures and replacements. Since then, eight more surgeries have been done with that one instrument, with the neurosurgery program performing an average of 120 -140 surgeries/ year. Dr. Alvarez said, "It is such a privilege to have this new technology which is less invasive and to be able to provide a safer, higher-quality service to the poor. It is an honor to serve."

It has been said, "A picture is worth a thousand words..." See for yourself. Compare the baby's expression in the immediate post-op photo and the "day two post-op" photo. You can see the contentment on her face after the pressure has been relieved! Sometimes, the impact of a blessing is immediate. Other times, we don't see the full blessing until years later. This young child felt the impact of her blessing immediately, but the effects of that one blessing will last her and her family a lifetime.





Above: Dr. Roberto Alvarez immediately puts to use a new endoscope to save the life of a 3-month-old child. *Left:* Vice Minister of Networks Dr. Karina Silva, Kathy Tschiegg, First Lady Ana Garcia Caras, Jesus Castellanos, Lu Quiang and CAMO-Honduras Executive Director José Bautista.

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Bullying: Grown-Ups Do It, Too

The day Kindergarten Director Vilma Flores came into the CAMO office was the day she had had enough of the bullying going on in her Kindergarten. Only the bullying wasn't between students; the bullies were the teachers. With frustration, Vilma told CAMO International Director Kathy Tschiegg that she had done everything she knew to do and still was having severe problems with 10 teachers who continued to use physical force as regular disciplinary measures with the kindergartners. Parents had been complaining to Vilma, but the teachers insisted that since force was what they had always done, force was what they would continue to do.

But sometimes, it is obvious that a Higher Power is in control.

What Vilma did not know was that just one hour earlier, a retired Honduran couple had been in that same office discussing CAMO-volunteer opportunities with Kathy. In fact, the couple chose to retire to Santa Rosa because it had been deemed by the Minister of Health as the "safest city" in Honduras. The man's background: Pediatric Psychology specializing in abuse. The woman's background: Director of a Kindergarten in San Pedro.

So, Kathy offered Vilma the opportunity to work with the couple as volunteers in her Kindergarten, with the goal of affecting both the students and the teachers. Within one day, Vilma, Kathy and the retired couple met and laid out an action plan.

This action plan includes educational talks aimed at the children (but also meant for the teachers) about bullying. It also brings needs services to the kindergarten including hearing screenings and dental and eye examinations. Additionally, the plan includes a place for parent groups for education and prevention of breast cancer and cervical cancer.

Part of healing a problem issue, however, is getting to the root. Here, it is evident that the concept of teamwork is not being taught in Honduras, most likely because such a concept is not deemed as valuable. So how does one teach values in a culture which is set on "doing what they have always done," regardless of the lasting consequences? How can teamwork and respect be taught to both children and adults BEFORE it becomes bullying? One way is through GAMES. And the best place for games is the Community Gym.

Initiated in June of 2017, the CAMO bus transports children from 8 different



Board and most recently negotiated with the Ministry of Education to provide a full-time professional educator for the gym and community center. Here, CAMO is responding to two needs: school teachers' lack of knowledge to instruct any sort of physical education classes and the lack of space to hold such classes in Honduran schools. So, CAMO is training 74 teachers who will be providing physical education

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educational centers to be part of a new program called, "Jugando y Aprendiendo Valores" ("Playing and Learning Values"). Every Friday, over 2,000 children participate in team-building activities and play games together. Further, CAMO remains seated on the gym's Executive



classes in 7 elementary schools, something that to date has not existed in Honduras. The Association of Sports of Santa Rosa and other mission groups also assist with educational courses which provide motivation, self-esteem, values and personal hygiene talks. CAMO also has started a mentorship program in this gym. Look for reports in future newsletters of how these activities also impact teachers and students alike in terms of attitudes and treatment of one another.

But team-building and mentorship only show a glimpse of the gym's regular capacity of activity. It is expected that in August 2017, the gym in Santa Rosa will host competitions in basketball, soccer and volleyball, among others. And the Chess Club of the Santa Rosa Community Gym is proud to declare that the chess champion in all of Honduras was trained in their very own club!

CAMO's goal in community development is to develop healthy-minded PEOPLE in order change a culture and improve quality of life. CAMO IS GRATEFUL for your support!

Creating a Generation of Responsible Citizens

Why is CAMO doing this project?

Each year, 700 students graduate from the trade school. These are students who otherwise would be on the streets with nothing, forced to find their own ways to survive. They are the ones who would become gang members or be persuaded to work in the illegal drug industry. With other options available to them through education, however, the impact is tremendous. And because so many students are taking advantage of course offerings at the trade school, the building is literally bursting at the seams. Students and teachers are forced to squeeze into hallways and workshop areas to make room for classes. In other areas of the building, heavy and expensive trade school equipment is moved against a wall



Progress of the construction of Phase 1 of the Trade School building expansion project.



At present, students and teachers at the trade school squeeze into corners and hallways due to overcrowding.

to make room for instructional learning for a few hours and then later dragged back into place for practical experience. Even the poorest schools in the United States would not tolerate this kind of overcrowding, especially in an atmosphere of trade education. Can you imagine your local Career Center moving cosmetology, culinary or woodworking equipment "off to the side" and back again every day to make room for desks?

The renovation project has started and CAMO is well into Phase 1, which will cost \$200,000. That cost already has been met in Honduras. Phase 2 will cost \$200,000 and Phase 3 will cost \$100,000. On behalf of the youth who are the future of Honduras, please invest in CAMO's mission to create a generation of responsible citizens.

UPDATE

JUNE 2017 GOLF SCRAMBLE

CAMO held its 12th Annual Golf Scramble in June 2017!

This event has always been fun – but THIS YEAR, there was a new energy that everyone could feel. Almost \$30,000 in much-needed funds was raised by 28 teams. What was different this year? A committee comprised of volunteers who are passionate about CAMO. Together, these volunteers made this event a huge success!

MANY THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING:

Zipporah Evania, Northwestern Mutual Andrew Vaeth, Cureo Mike Sollenberger, ProForma Dan Steiner, Steiner Painting Garry Beltz, Buckeye Plastic Air Diffusers Christine Schneider, Com Doc Eldon Gerber, Gerber Lumber Matt Kopina, Sherwin Williams Titus Yoder, Wayne Home Health Ann Martin, Akron University Haley Troyer, Volunteer



The committee will be meeting soon to discuss the 13th Annual Golf Scramble to be held in 2018. It promises to be even better! Sponsorships are available. Contact the CAMO office if you would like to be a part of this event!

Founder & International Director's Thoughts

Sustainability does not happen overnight!

I love the full circle of life. One day, as we were faced with hiring a new person for CAMO's Marketing department in Honduras, I spoke with John and Laural Leedy (who worked with the girls after leaving the orphanage located in front of Fundacion-CAMO). John immediately thought of one girl in particular, someone who grew up in the orphanage, studied Marketing in the USA and by then was a bilingual teacher.

Immediately, I asked my staff to get her number. That afternoon, Yeny Garcia was in my office with me and the two department heads of CAMO-Honduras: Heidi Hernández and José Bautista. After the introductions, I asked, "Yeny, do you know why you are here?" She said, "I suppose you want me to help with translation for the medical teams?"

"Well, Yeny, what I am thinking is we need someone in marketing. Can you tell me what you know about marketing?" She answered with a textbook explanation. I then asked, "Would you ever consider working for CAMO?" Her response caught us all by surprise. Her eyes filled with tears and she put her head in her hands. We waited, a little embarrassed by her emotion. Finally, Yeny apologized. I placed my hand on her knee, and encouraged her: "It's okay, just tell us what you are thinking and feeling."

"Well, you see, Kathy," Yeny told us, "Since I can remember, I would look out my window from the orphanage and see people coming and going. I would see the poor and the doctors and nurses. So when I was a little girl, I had two dreams for my life. One was to speak English and the other was to someday work for CAMO."

I looked at her and simply said, "Today your dream will come true. You are hired." It was a beautiful moment.

Sustainability does not happen overnight, but it is happening in Honduras. Yeny has been with CAMO a little over a year and has brought so much joy and compassion when working with the patients and documenting services. In fact, Yeny is continuing her marketing education. After work, Yeny volunteers at the orphanage, teaching English to all of her little sisters. This is what it means to pay it forward, and through Yeny, CAMO has the privilege of experiencing the fruit of a worthwhile investment.

UPDATE: Since the initial writing of this story, CAMO has been forced to make difficult decisions regarding the future. CAMO is only able to bring programming and life-saving services to the poorest of the poor because of financial aid donations FROM YOU, the faithful people who believe in CAMO's mission. Since 1993, CAMO has been able to make a tremendous impact in Honduras by establishing programs and services, many of which have become self-sustainable. Some of CAMO's programs, however, still rely financially on CAMO to reach poor men, women and children. The time has come, unfortunately, to begin to determine which areas CAMO will no longer be able to financially support. This is heart-wrenching because the impact MAY be seen in areas you have been hearing about for years - those areas where the poorest of the



Yeny Garcia's employment with CAMO brought her full circle, and her passion for helping others is all-encompassing!



KATHRYN TSCHIEGG

NEWS ALERT!

Putting a Rumor to Rest

We all know the accuracy of the saying, "you can't be in two places at once." I am writing to reassure many, it is the reason CAMO has created two additional positions.

Recently, CAMO was proud to announce Helene Moncman as Executive Director, CAMO-USA and Jose Bautista as Executive Director, CAMO-Honduras. I continue to oversee all aspects of CAMO-USA and -Honduras. I look forward to being the International Director for many more years.

As Founder, my passion to serve the forgotten remains strong. As a Board Member, I strive to help CAMO thrive and grow. Many thanks for your continued support of this life-saving organization. We cannot do it without you!

poor in Honduras have no way to contribute financially, including medical programs like mammography, children's services like the daycare, or staffing people who dream of working for CAMO (all still in discussion). Today, CAMO is still determining what to do, but YOU CAN DO SOMETHING. Please give to CAMO's general fund and give these life-changing programs and services a little more time to become self-sustainable. People just like Yeny Garcia are growing up being affected by these services and likewise will no doubt want to contribute to the lifeblood of CAMO there in Honduras. Until then, CAMO NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT more than ever. Thank you in advance for your selfless gift to CAMO.

Closing Word from CAMO-USA Board President and Executive Director



MIKE MCCLINTOCK CAMO-USA BOARD PRESIDENT

In the USA, we want for almost nothing. Quality medical care and social programs for every need imaginable abound. Spousal abuse, child abuse, homelessness, alcoholism, subsidized pre-school and day care, disaster relief, food scarcity—the list goes on and on. All you have to do is look and for almost every need, there is an organization to help you with whatever situation you're in. We are a blessed people in a blessed nation.

Prior to CAMO's arrival, most of the people in Santa Rosa de Copán and Western Honduras were lucky if they had access to even basic health care. Social programs were almost nonexistent. That has changed, and it is CAMO that brought that change. During my 15-year involvement with CAMO, I have witnessed many miracles: vast improvements in quality of care and medical equipment at the public hospital, a completely refurbished public health center, the construction of the first battered women's shelter in Western Honduras, a new Academy of Professional Excellence, completion of a public gym providing access to athletic programs and more. The list of programs and services CAMO has brought to this region goes on and on.

I am honored and humbled to be part of an organization that literally has *saved* and *changed* the lives of thousands of people. It is my prayer that God will continue to bless CAMO with the people and the resources to further the work they have done which will in turn continue to bless the people of Honduras.



HELENE MONCMAN CAMO-USA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

In the short time I have been with CAMO, I continue to learn daily of lives changed and lives saved because of what CAMO does. I have said that my time in Honduras was both awful and awesome. It is hard to imagine a world where people don't dare to dream of the things we here in the USA can't imagine living without. We can't imagine not having a place to take our sick child. We can't imagine not having access to food, water, electricity and shelter. Even the poorest people in our country have options that just don't exist for the people we serve. It is awful to see and hard to look at. On the other hand, I see the impact that CAMO has had. When you feel the gratitude of the people of Honduras, you know that not only has CAMO saved lives and changed lives; CAMO truly does bring HOPE. It is awesome to be a part of such incredible impact.



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Closing

CAMO exists because one person wanted to do something; and one person's dream inspired many to help.

That dream is now a reality. Every day, thousands of people in Honduras feel the impact of CAMO. But CAMO needs your help to continue that impact.

How can you, one person, help? There are so many ways. As someone who reads this newsletter and understands CAMO's mission – please take a moment to be a part of it in a greater way.

Make a life-changing donation today or call the CAMO office to find out how you can maximize your support.

Every dollar counts. CAMO truly does bring HOPE.

You can too.



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KATHY TSCHIEGG, CAMO FOUNDER & INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR, WILL BE SPEAKING:

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