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A different kind of aid organization



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“Though the world still is dazed by the pandemic, we must go on.”

This is probably the most difficult newsletter I have written in twenty-six years.

Though the world still is dazed by the pandemic, we must go on. It will be more difficult than ever, for the very people who have helped us so generously have suffered financial losses. But isn't this where our faith must come in? Our staff of fifty-two in Honduras and five in the USA is committed to continuing to serve others, working hard every day, and keeping the faith: we believe that no matter what happens, we will come together and do the best we can.

Yes, we are scared. Yes, we are shifting services. Yes, life will be different and difficult. But humanity in many ways is shining right now. We have so many people who care about our work. We know the pandemic will not change this passion. We hope those who can give will continue to do so. The need was great before the pandemic; now it is even greater. If you cannot give now, perhaps you will be able to consider us in your giving plans at a later date. Please know we are out there serving those in need and will continue to do so in partnership with those of you who are still able to help us.

We have learned from the past, and we now apply this knowledge to the present as we intentionally and intensely plan for a new future. CAMO is essential to pandemic preparations here in Honduras: all the facilities we have built and equipped have now become central to serving the huge numbers of patients that may result from COVID-19. In addition, CAMO has eighteen of the thirty ventilators in the entire Western part of Honduras; for over twenty years, we have been training staff in their use. Even before the pandemic, Honduras suffered from an extreme

shortage of ventilators, PPE and all the other equipment needed for patients on mechanical ventilation. People die every day because the public health system lacks equipment, supplies, and trained human resources. The COVID-19 pandemic has only compounded an already grave situation for health care in Honduras.

In closing: I have always been positive, and through this newsletter I share all the great things that are happening. Now, faced with rapidly changing health care needs in Honduras, I will continue to be positive. The world has enough negativity—let's focus on the positive things we can do to make a difference and lift up the gift of human kindness.

Top: Founder and International Director Kathryn Tschiegg, visiting patients served through the ophthalmology program and prosthetic program.

Bottom: Our volunteer Tim Larson installing ventilators and providing continuing education in their use to nurses at Hospital de Occidente.



PLANNED GIVING: REMEMBER CAMO IN YOUR ESTATE PLANNING

A bequest to CAMO is a way to guarantee that the people of Honduras will receive the help they need for years to come. Your planned gift will allow CAMO to continue saving lives and help countless more people in the future. Give a gift that keeps on giving. Make a transfer of assets, a bequest, or a charitable remainder trust; be part of our donor family. Ron Taggart, CAMO Board President, stated “CAMO saves lives and I want saving lives and helping those less fortunate than me to be part of my legacy. By remembering CAMO in my will, even though I'll be gone, I'll still be giving in a very effective way. That makes me happy.”

Giving Back to the Community

When CAMO was founded, we never imagined it would be the USA in need of personal protective medical equipment.

Before the pandemic, we would receive excess supplies from USA medical facilities on a weekly basis. When the pandemic hit, we had a limited quantity of PPEs in our warehouse that had not yet been prepared for shipment to Honduras. Today, the USA's need hit home when we learned that doctors' offices, fire departments, and other health care facilities had few or no masks and gowns to protect their employees or patients.

Mid-April CAMO was able to provide hospice, Wayne County Children's Advocacy Center, Viola Startzman Clinic, five fire departments and ambulance services, and two hospitals in our community with PPEs. We are grateful for the twenty-six years of support our US community has provided for our mission and service to the very poor hospitals and clinics in Honduras. By donating these medical supplies within Wayne County, we can give back to a community that has been so gracious to us.

Staff from East Wayne Fire District grateful to receive donations from CAMO USA of gloves, gowns and masks that will keep them protected.



No Logical Explanation of Timing

Meanwhile, in Honduras, we received a shipment of personal protective equipment whose timing seems little short of miraculous.

It started with a phone call to CAMO's Kat Amstutz, our warehouse logistics specialist, in late November 2019. The woman on the other end of the phone, calling from Chicago, explained that her organization had medical supplies and wondered if we could use them. Of course, we said yes—but little did we know the type and quantity of supplies we'd receive! On December 11, a fifty-three-foot freight box showed up at our door, packed end to end and top to bottom with gowns, masks, and other biosecurity protection. We had never received such a large donation of new, unexpired products, especially surprising since we had no prior connection with this company before the donation.

Our sea shipping containers are 40' long x 8' wide x 8'6" high. In November, we had just dispatched container four, filled with furnishings for the new Eye facility. We shipped container five in the first week of January, after paperwork cleared. Thanks to our staff and wonderful volunteers, we

quickly inventoried all the supplies and submitted the paperwork to the government of Honduras for container number six at the end of January, and immediately the container was dispatched.

When I arrived in Santa Rosa de Copan on February 3rd, I was told that the public hospital had no gloves at all, while other medical supplies were scarce. On March 13 a container arrived in Santa Rosa; to our surprise it was not container five—scheduled to be the next to arrive—but container six, packed with PPEs and other biosecurity medical supplies! The value of this container was \$359,396. We quickly began distribution and were able to provide a huge range of public health facilities with PPEs: three public Hospitals, four public health centers, nine other foundations providing health care, and ten small rural clinics. On March 17, a curfew was implemented throughout Honduras due to the pandemic. One week later container five arrived.



Boxes at our warehouse in Honduras containing biosecurity material ready for distribution to facilities in need.

A surprise donation, the first ever to include this quantity and type of supplies. And how did container six arrive before five, just in time to be unloaded and distributed only days before the shutdowns in Honduras began? Coincidence, or divine intervention? I will let you ponder this question.

State of the Art Robles Eye Clinic: A Dream Twenty-Four Years in the Making Becomes a Reality

Over the past two years, we have shared with you the process of raising money for, planning for, and now constructing a new state of the art eye facility built by the Robles family.

We are so honored and privileged to be part of this project. The Robles family has been our counterpart in eye care, serving the poor without hesitation. Dr. Hector Robles became CAMO's first partner in eye care in 1995, when his children were thirteen, seven, and five years old. They watched him care for the poor, as did I, so it is not surprising that the whole family's passion for eye care can now be felt when you sit around a table with them. Dr. Marco Robles, now thirty-eight, has joined his father in the practice and has been working with him for eight years; Dr. Pablo Robles, now thirty-three, just finished his residency as a retinal specialist; and their sister Annie, also a doctor, is now in a residency program in Germany, completing her training in ophthalmology (no surprise here!). We are so grateful also to Dr. John Thomas and Judy for their years of mentorship and to Dr. Kevin Waltz for adopting Dr. Marco Robles as his counterpart five years ago.

When the Robles family decided to open a private ophthalmological facility, they invested in a second facility dedicated to serving the poor. They entrusted CAMO to run the philanthropy portion of the clinic's programs; in keeping with our mission, the clinic will not only provide eye care, but also lodging and food for those in need who must travel long distances to seek medical care. The Robles inspire us in so many ways, and not least when we see their passion and excitement when doing surgery and post-op treatment. The moment of excitement this family shares when a patient's eye patch is removed and they learn they can see again is contagious; we share in their joy at providing sight to the blind.



The opening, scheduled for April 15th, has been delayed due to the pandemic. As soon as curfews have been lifted we will initiate services.

The two buildings were inaugurated during an Ophthalmology Symposium on February 7th and 8th, when one hundred and twenty ophthalmologists from twelve countries participated, including thirty-three ophthalmologists from the USA, four from Spain, two from Mexico, and three from Colombia. Dr. Kevin Waltz was instrumental during the two-year process of consulting on the design of the building and bringing ophthalmologists together for this event. The Symposium was highlighted by the participation of Dr. Warren Hill and Dr. Richard Lindstrom, recognized and influential professionals in ophthalmology in the United States.



Top: The facility the Robles family has entrusted CAMO to manage in order to provide eye care and restore vision to the poor.

Bottom: Dr. Marco Robles, Kathryn Tschiegg, Dr. Hector Robles, Dr. Kevin Waltz, Santa Rosa de Copan Mayor and Dr. Warren Hill, cutting the ribbon at inauguration of the facility that will provide eye care to the poor.

Medical Brigade Teams and Counterparts February 14 – March 13



Thirty-six USA professional volunteers joined us in Honduras for the last brigade. Working very closely with Honduran counterparts, volunteers and staff, we were able to accomplish many services in the following areas: nutrition, dental, dental equipment repair, obstetric emergencies, newborn exams, eye clinic, child daycare, prosthetics, biomedical, respiratory therapy, emergency medicine development, emergency ultrasound, literacy, marketing, grant writing, gynecology, pathology, 911 systems and moulage/simulation training, and others.



Above Left: Volunteer Bob Warner with his Honduras Biomed counterpart Nelson, checking an x-ray machine in a clinic in Cucuyagua, Copan. **Left:** First time volunteer Karen Heller spending quality time with children at the Daycare center in Santa Rosa de Copan.



Zipporah, volunteer from our literacy program, listening to a student from a rural community read his book out loud.



Deb Miller guiding the staff of the new ophthalmology facility on how to properly organize the eye medical supplies.



Above Right: Stephanie Justice instructing a group of nurses in Santa Rosa de Copan on how to use the new simulation equipment (HESS).

Far Left: Dr. Romero with his Honduran Counterpart Doctors doing diagnostic cervical cancer procedures and treatment for the poor women that visit the public health center.

Left: A group photo of Dr. Mark Gustafson with his new Honduran dentist friends.



Group Two: American volunteers that provided their time and services during our second week of brigade. Row 1 (front): Paul Crowley, Margarita Henriquez, Kathryn Tschiegg, Karen Heller, Barbara Mckee, Santos Mendez. Row 2: Patrick Perichon, Zipporah Evania, Deb Marino, Pam Tornay, Bianca Ramirez, Mary Sayler, Cindy Mullet, Fannie Tejada, Nancy Nikiforow, Yeny García, Arun Massih, José Bautista. Row 3: Todd Tornay, Joe Marino, Maram Bishawi, Robert Warner, Tony Lazcano, Michelle Mendoza, Kristin Bourdage. Row 4: Roberto Cruz, Timothy Larson.

Some Highlights of Our USA Volunteers

Mark Gorman

To make the world a better place is a goal most of us would like to say we have achieved. For local Morgantown resident Mark Gorman, this goal has become a reality. For the past twenty years, Mark has been making yearly trips with CAMO to this small corner of the world in western Honduras called Santa Rosa de Copan to mentor young orthotic and prosthetic technologists. Over the years Mark has provided resources, teaching, and oversight so that the work continues throughout the year by the Honduran team. The long-term goal, he says, is to work himself out of a job. Now, most of the prosthetics are being made by Hondurans. He has also helped with the creation and coaching of a wheelchair basketball team in Honduras. He has trained enough Hondurans that some have moved on to set up their own shops—and now create competition, just as he'd planned! Our clinic now sees over a thousand clients each year; Mark can be consulted quickly for challenging cases through video conferencing.

The traumatic loss of a limb is fairly common due to trauma and infection. The loss of mobility most often means loss of employment and the ability to support a family. Here is a case in point:

Forty-year-old José Lorenzo was a recent patient. He is not alone in leaving Honduras to pursue a better life for his family. But on August 23rd, 2018 that dream became a nightmare. With a group of immigrants heading for the US border, he jumped off of a train known as “the beast” and ended up under its wheels. The next thing he remembers is waking up in a Mexican hospital, far from his family, with no money and a leg that needed to be amputated.

A few weeks later, after his amputation, he began to heal and was sent back to his village in Pueblo Nuevo, Santa Bárbara, Honduras. The sad reality of his new life hit him even harder than the train had ... what could he do now? How would he feed his



Top Left: Mark Gorman with the Honduras Prosthetic Lab team helping a charismatic little patient walk with his new orthoses. Bottom Left: The basketball wheelchair team practicing moves with their mentor Mark at the community gym on a Sunday afternoon. Right: Lorenzo proudly showing his new prosthetic leg during a heartwarming visit to his home.

family? But he had no time for despair: his family needed him and fields don't plant themselves. With a machete and a plastic tube, he created his own prosthetic. It wasn't comfortable, but at least he stabilized his leg enough to be able to plant some beans.

Months later a World Vision worker came to his village. Hearing Lorenzo's story, the worker immediately called CAMO and made an appointment for an evaluation and to start the process of the creation of a prosthetic leg.

Now, José Lorenzo is back working in the fields, providing for his wife and two children using a real prosthetic. When we visited him at his home, he told his story with tears. When asked how it felt to be able to walk without crutches, his eyes twinkled and with a big smile he said, “This is like being born again ... like taking my very first steps. Thank you.”

Unsung Heroes

Dr. Arun Masih, a practicing pathologist at Wooster Community Hospital, has been a volunteer with CAMO for fourteen years. Pathology is one of the many necessary medical services that patients rarely witness; most people know pathologists only as characters in white lab coats doing autopsies on police shows. But the recent advent of coronavirus has made us all more aware of the critical importance of

accurate lab testing. Pathologists assure the validity of test results, examine specimens under the microscope, and determine whether samples are cancerous or benign, leading to life-affecting decisions about treatment. Honduras has many private pathology labs, but the consistency of results, standardization, and quality control may be spotty. Dr. Masih demonstrates the importance of clear and

consistent standards in our pathology lab, which in turn serves as a model for labs in the private sector. Quality standards allow doctors and patients to be more confident in results and improve decision making. Dr. Masih is truly one of the many unsung heroes contributing to the CAMO organization.

Dental Volunteers

Like a small ballet troupe, they arrive in town. This year Dr. Steve Fabry and Dr. Mark Gustafson, along with dental hygienists Breanna Grimes, Linda Louttit and Susan Shand and dental assistant Cindy Mullet, joined a team of five Honduran dentists and the CAMO support staff. On arriving in each village, the community quickly surrounded the truck and eager hands assisted with setting up for the day. This is a well-rehearsed dance performed two times per week with the Honduran dentists. One week a year they are joined by the USA team who brings much-needed supplies so that they can continue their weekly work. The mobile clinic takes form in twenty minutes, usually accomplished in the local schoolhouse by moving desks and chairs to the wall and bringing in portable dentistry chairs, lights, suction, water picks, and compressors for drilling. It is a well-choreographed dance and everyone knows their parts. They assess and treat dental problems such as cavities, abscessed teeth, and toothaches that children have suffered from for months. Even the kindergartners and first graders lie perfectly still on the cots while their teeth are being injected. The stoic children need no coaxing and rarely cry during the procedures. On this last brigade, the dental team cared for 398 children in one week.



Left: Dr. Steve Fabry and new CAMO volunteer and dental hygienist Susan Shand busy performing extractions at the rural community of Belen Gualcho.

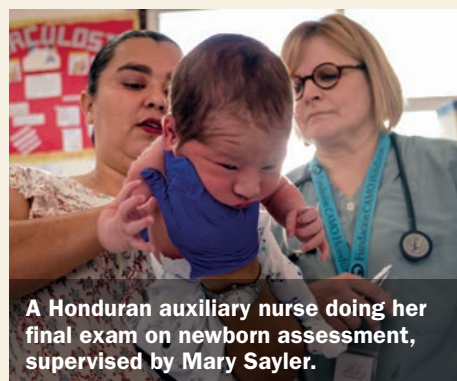
Top Right: The Dental troupe busy fixing cavities, abscessed teeth, and toothaches that the children have had for months.

Bottom Right: Dr. Mark Gustafson happily restoring smiles of the little ones at the brigade.



A Lifetime Commitment

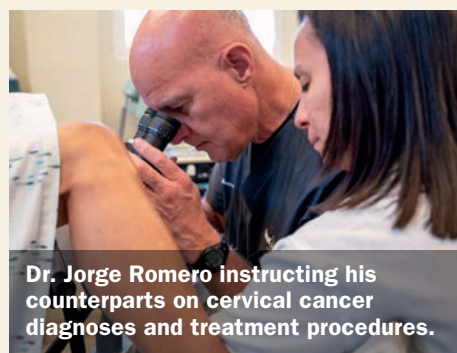
It's the simple things that are often overlooked. After having witnessed several newborns return to the hospital in Santa Rosa de Copan for major medical issues that should have been noted within a few hours of birth, Mary Saylor, an OB/GYN nurse from Wooster, Ohio, and CAMO volunteer, decided to try to resolve this issue. She now teaches OB nurses how to do a comprehensive newborn physical examination. Without such an exam, significant conditions, such as an obstructed gastrointestinal tract, may easily be missed. Applying the philosophy that nurses should not just rely on the doctor's report but must be responsible for their own exams, she instructs nurses on each step of a thorough newborn exam. The final demonstration of competency comes when each nurse performs a complete exam on a newborn in front of the instructor. Each step is verbally communicated, as are potentially abnormal findings. Amazingly, the nurses often catch something that had been overlooked or unreported by the medical students and doctors. Mary has joined the staff at CAMO USA and is teaching in Honduras an average of four weeks a year.



A Honduran auxiliary nurse doing her final exam on newborn assessment, supervised by Mary Saylor.

In Honduras, More Women Die From Cervical Cancer Than Breast Cancer

Cost, access to screening and treatment, and lack of information are problems that contribute to high mortality rates. CAMO has been working to improve cervical cancer awareness and screening for more than twelve years. While we emphasize prevention, screening and education, many patients also need early intervention. Working with four Honduran doctors this March, Dr. Jorge Romero of Canton, Ohio, provided instruction in gynecologic procedures that can be done in an office setting. After demonstrating techniques during numerous trial runs, Dr. Romero and his team performed forty-seven procedures on women in need who had been referred for evaluation. A few minor complications along the way provided significant learning opportunities, and all the patients did well. The CAMO cervical cancer program, pathology lab and professional volunteers such as Dr. Jorge Romero and Dr. Arun Masih all play important roles in advancing training and continued early cervical cancer detection and treatment in western Honduras.



Dr. Jorge Romero instructing his counterparts on cervical cancer diagnoses and treatment procedures.

First-Time-Ever Pedagogy Training for Honduran Elementary Teachers

Teachers in western Honduras rarely, if ever, have an opportunity to participate in continuing education.

In early March we offered a three-day workshop on applied classroom teaching methods suitable for the newly donated textbooks. Thirty-four teachers representing twelve rural elementary schools attended. CAMO volunteers Kristen Bourdage, PhD in education from Otterbein University, Zipporah Evania, and Karen Heller were assisted by Yesmi Giron, Director of Education of CAMO. They started the day at the Academy of Professional Excellence (ACEP) with a powerful exercise. First, they organized introductions so that teachers could get to know each other and develop a strong sense of community to facilitate future sharing of resources and strategies. Next, Kristen transitioned to a scavenger activity: teachers practiced finding information in the textbooks and learned about the many teacher resources they include. Finally, the teachers broke into groups by grade level and mapped the curriculum to integrate the textbooks with national education requirements. All the Honduran teachers were energized and excited by the two-day training, explaining that they have never had the opportunity to attend a workshop for teachers before.

Many thanks are due to our generous donors: Third World Books, St Paul's Cleveland Heights Global Mission Action Group, the Episcopal Diocese of Ohio Commission for Global and Domestic Mission (CGDM), and Edward and Mary Eberhart. These donors have supported our Literacy program since 2014, enabling CAMO to provide schools new textbooks. This year, for the first time, we were able to supply textbooks in each basic subject for grades one and two. Year by year, we will continue to expand the program until every student in every grade has a textbook in each core subject, and every teacher has been trained in their use. The road to improving education in rural Honduras is still long. But long and bumpy roads are not something the Honduran teachers and youth are afraid of. They keep walking, hoping for a better future. You can be part of this project: by donating \$20 you can provide one textbook to improve the education of a student. Please consider supporting our Literacy program.



Thirty-four teachers absorbing pedagogy via the new textbooks taught by Kristen Bourdage, PhD in education, Otterbein University.

Stop the Bleed and Simulation Training

You can see the twinkle in the eyes of Stephanie Justice, RN from Columbus, Ohio when she talks about her passion for teaching through simulations.

Her excitement for reproducing any type of body fluid in a shockingly realistic way is a true talent—and it definitely makes her classes interesting! Through realistic simulations of trauma, heart attack, sepsis, and other scenarios, nurses are able to apply protocols in a non-threatening environment. After training, when the real event occurs, nurses can respond calmly and efficiently. Through CAMO, Stephanie and other trainers enhance the ability of Honduran nurses to provide effective treatment in medical emergencies.



Stephanie Justice and nurses from the Hospital de Occidente practicing different techniques in Moulage.

Trade School Construction Update

We have been able to advance on the construction of the trade school.

The first story of the entire project is under roof, including areas for functional carpentry and welding, while the second story of the structure is well underway. We are halfway toward completion—but need \$350k in order to finish. Bit by bit, we continue to work on this important project, which will allow Hondurans to train for future employment.

Top: South side first story under roof and second story close to being under roof. Bottom: West side of the trade school with two areas functional.



911 Update

In September 2019, we in Ohio had the pleasure of hosting a police commissioner and the medical director of the National Emergency System for our region of service in Honduras.

Their visit came after we learned, in February 2019, about the serious lack of protocols and coordination of first responders in Honduras. Together we launched a project to improve this situation and were so blessed to have the collaboration of representatives of the Stark County EMS system and of the Columbus area dispatches.

Jason Miller, a thirty-year veteran of the EMS system, demonstrated a Live CAD system that he has developed. Excited by what they saw, the police commissioner and the Director of the National Emergency System immediately realized that this system could greatly assist the coordination of resources in Honduras while enabling them to track resources. Jason volunteered to come to Honduras in March to evaluate how the system could be implemented; now Jason and the National Emergency System in Honduras are working together to make systematic emergency response protocols a reality in Honduras.

In March, five US emergency room physicians also visited Santa Rosa de Copan: Dr. Tony Lazcano, Dr. Maram Bishawi, Dr. Pam Tornay, Dr. Todd Tornay and Dr. Michelle Mendoza. These specialists spent a week with emergency room staff at the Hospital Occidente, working to apply protocols and specialized use of ultrasound during emergency visits.



Top: Jason Miller and Ron Taggart (CAMO's Board President) sharing information with the Director of the 911 system Dennis Armijo in Santa Rosa de Copan. Bottom Left: Dr. Tony Lazcano coaching his Emergency team—Dr. Maram Bishawi, Dr. Pam Tornay, and Dr. Todd Tornay—by explaining how things work in the ER at Hospital de Occidente. Bottom Right: Jason Miller on his visit to the fire department in Santa Rosa de Copan.

Estenia happily embracing a new and safer life with her three-year-old son and one-year-old baby.



No Hope, But She Had to Survive for Her Children

Estenia was raised in the orphanage in front of CAMO's central building, and later found the man of her dreams and married.

Little did she know the abuse that would follow. For three years she lived with extreme physical and emotional abuse and became so depressed she did not want to live anymore. But she knew she had to survive for her two children, Samuel (3 years) and Leandro (1 year).

Four months ago, in the midst of this abuse, Estenia reached out to one of her orphanage sisters who is employed at CAMO. Immediately she recognized Estenia's plight and took her and her children to the women's shelter (Casa Hogar) for refuge and treatment; the shelter provides food, clothing, medicines, and psychological therapy. During the first month, we rarely saw a smile from Estenia or her

children. But gradually, as she began to envision a new future, we started to see Estenia's confidence build and her eyes brighten.

Due to CAMO's mission, we are always looking for opportunities to help people out of poverty. Our network enabled us to offer Estenia employment at the new ophthalmology facility. And her two young children? CAMO was able to help Estenia secure safe care for her children at the daycare center that we support. Now fully employed, she is also taking classes to realize her dreams, learning to use computers. We will continue to provide guidance to Estenia as she starts this new life with her children.

It Is Not A Slogan But A Reality

If you're poor in Honduras, you just better stay well.

The health care system can do little for you; you are literally discharged from the hospital and forgotten. Such was the case of healthy, vibrant fifty-two-year-old Blanca. In December of 2019, while playing with her children in the river where they wash their clothes and get their water, she was bitten by a very poisonous snake. Within hours she was in neurogenic shock and bleeding internally. The staff and the physicians did what they could and saved her life—but, untrained in basic care of a bedridden patient, they provided no physical therapy and ignored nutritional needs. By the time she was medically stable and sent home, she was non-verbal, had muscle contractures, and was severely malnourished with bedsores.

CAMO learned about Blanca's condition and supported the family with homecare supplies, nutritional supplements, debridement of bedsores, financial support for a CAT scan, ongoing evaluation, application of orthotics, and many home visits to provide therapy while training and supporting her family in her care and therapy. The first home visit was from a multidisciplinary team consisting of Dr. Joe Marino, Dr. Deb Marino, a registered dietitian nutritionist, Kathy Tschiegg (putting on her nursing cap), and Jose Bautista, Executive Director of CAMO Honduras. We found Blanca very weak and unable to sit, with limited verbal responses and extreme rigidity in all of her extremities. The severity of her malnutrition was

alarming. We tested her ability to swallow and she was able to take sips of Ensure. With the assistance of Kathy and CAMO volunteer Rachel Foltz, we started physical therapy, protection of her pressure points, and training of her twenty-one-year-old daughter Marta on the therapy and nutrition schedule. Just two days later we were shocked at her improvement. We sat her up in the wheelchair. She was starting to be more verbal and threw a tantrum, but was able to drink a bottle of Ensure and eat some rice without any difficulty. The therapy continued and within three weeks we saw a weight gain of eleven pounds; moreover, she was able to hold a cup and touch her face. She actually sang a song and joked with us. The USA team has left, but the care continues with the CAMO counterpart nutritionist Bianca Ramirez and the nursing staff of CAMO. Without CAMO, Blanca would have perished. Our saying of bringing hope to the forgotten is not a slogan; it is a reality for so very many people who deserve better.



Left: Kathryn Tschiegg and Deborah Marino (PHD in nutrition) assisting Blanca Lidia to sit upright and take sips of her ensure milk. Right: A happy recovering Blanca Lidia with her family posing in front of their home.





Special Thank You!

We have volunteers who work daily for us. Many are over seventy and work in the warehouse picking up supplies, sorting, packing, repairing, and crating donations for shipment. We have several volunteers who work daily and also travel to Honduras for CAMO.

Nancy Nikiforow, retired grant writer from Columbus, is one of these people working endlessly applying for grants and networking for us. Gary Brown, who has retired from sales, installation and repair of dental equipment, works many hours in the acquisition of dental equipment and repair of that equipment. Ken Cedeno from Washington DC travels to Honduras two times a year to help with photo documentation of our work. Dr. Paul Crowley from Wooster, Ohio also joined us and assisted greatly in the content of this newsletter. Dr. Joe Marino (internist) and Dr. Deb Marino (nutritionist) not only help with funding the nutritional program and mentoring our nutritionist, Bianca Ramirez, but also with developing a curriculum for training in all areas. USA Board President Ron Taggart joined for a first-hand look at our work in Honduras. We are so thankful for this village of gifted people.

Top: Gary Brown giving life to a donated dental chair at the warehouse in our Honduras facility. Left: Ken Cedeno documenting the hard work of the prosthetic lab team. Right: Dr. Joe and Deb Marino alongside the Honduran nutritionist intern Camilo, preparing healthy and delicious meals for children at the daycare.



EVENTS

PLEASE NOTE: ALL EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO COVID-19

Swing for Hope!

June 13th, 2020: The Pines Golf Club CAMO's 15th Annual Golf Outing

Registration and complimentary breakfast begin at 7am, and the event officially begins at 8am with a shotgun start. The golf outing will be followed by carry out lunch, and awards. All proceeds support shipping supplies to Honduras for redistribution. Entry fee includes continental breakfast, 18 holes of golf with cart, driving range balls, goodie bag, hole-in-one contest and proximity awards. Golfers, volunteers and sponsors are needed. Please call the CAMO office to sign up a foursome or become a sponsor. 330-683-5956

Salsa Sizzle

September 19th, 2020: Greystone · CAMO's 12th Salsa Sizzle

Mark your calendars for CAMO's 12th Annual Salsa Sizzle, scheduled for Saturday, September 19th from 6pm-11pm at Greystone. For those who like the outdoors, we will have a patio available, while those who prefer air conditioning will enjoy the dining room. The night is filled with live Latin Jazz music, delicious Latin inspired food, a celebrity bartending competition, and both a live and a silent auction. All proceeds benefit the programs serving those most in need. The Salsa Sizzle fundraiser allows CAMO to keep the doors of its domestic violence shelter open and to continue to support other programs in the greatest need, providing medical services to small villages throughout Honduras.

Wayne County Fair

We will not be at the Wayne County Fair this year but stay tuned, we have other ideas in the works!



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