

CAMO AT A GLANCE SEPT–OCT 2021

THE PAST TWO MONTHS IN NUMBERS

16,787

PATIENTS SERVED

2,316

BOXES OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES PROCESSED

99

VOLUNTEERS
IN USA AND
HONDURAS

81

PIECES OF MEDICAL
EQUIPMENT DONATED IN
THE USA AND HONDURAS

RECENT ACTIVITIES



CAMO Founder and International Director Kathryn Tschiegg was finally able to return to Santa Rosa de Copan, after more than a year away due to the pandemic, and our team in Honduras was so happy to share some time with her.

One of her first activities was to visit each of the CAMO Foundation's many projects and programs. She also met with local leaders and institutions in different communities to renew cooperation agreements.



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Step by step, we continue working to remodel the kitchen and laundry areas in the girls' orphanage across the street from CAMO's facilities in Honduras. Dr. JC Tabet, project sponsor, recently visited the orphanage to check our progress. The team is currently replacing the floor and the false ceiling.



Our team in Honduras delivered another important donation to the Western hospital in Santa Rosa de Copan: this time it was a doppler ultrasound machine for the ER. The addition of this crucial piece of equipment will improve patient care at the hospital. Our Biomed partners trained the ER doctors and health staff in the use of the ultrasound machine.



This year we raised \$49,388 through our Salsa Sizzle Campaign! Thank you to our many sponsors, donors, and everyone who participated in the online auction. Together we are saving lives.



CAMO IN FOCUS

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TOUR CAMO

Would you like to take a tour of CAMO? Call the office at (330) 683-5956 and see how God is moving by bringing hope to the forgotten.

EXPLORE & LEARN

Visit CAMO's website!
See more of what we do and read testimonials of miraculous healing.
www.camo.org

HOW YOU CAN HELP

It costs CAMO an average of \$100 to save one child's life. As a donor, service group or church congregation, prayerfully consider helping meet the needs of the poor.

BECOME A CAMO VOLUNTEER

We welcome adult volunteers of all ages and skill levels. Please call CAMO and use your gifts and talents to make a difference in the lives of so many.



MY TIME WITH KATHY IN HONDURAS, BY KELSEY GRODE / PROFESSIONAL WRITER

OUR WEEK STARTED AT THE CAMO OFFICES IN SANTA ROSA. Kathy had been absent for more than 18 months due to the pandemic; her reunion with her staff was a joy to witness.

The warehouse in Honduras looks much like the one in Orrville, Ohio. We were lucky enough to be present when a container was being unloaded. Seeing both ends of the process is amazing. It is incredibly efficient, enabled by the technology-supported seamless inventory process Kathy created long ago. During the week, I toured many locations CAMO has had a significant impact on. These include the Hospital Occidente, the public health center, the girls' orphanage, the women's shelter (Casa Hogar), and the trade school. The depth and breadth of CAMO's involvement is enormous - almost impossible to believe until you see it with your own eyes.

Getting out of Santa Rosa into the smaller municipalities only further opened my eyes to CAMO's reach. We spent several days out in smaller cities (Corquin, Santa Rosa de Copan, and Veracruz) touring CAMO-supported health clinics, visiting mayors, accompanying the CAMO dental brigade, and visiting the hurricane-affected sites in Progreso. In a region totally underserved by the federal government, CAMO partners with the most motivated local leaders to transform people's lives from the classroom to the home.

While it is difficult to separate Kathy's work from her life, I was lucky enough to get a peek into what it has been like to walk in her shoes these last decades. Understanding Kathy's life would have been impossible without witnessing firsthand what it is like to walk the streets of Santa Rosa, to meet with everyone from leading politicians to the country's most impoverished people. It is a country both beautiful and inexcusably underserved. I cannot imagine what it would be without CAMO.

I'll leave you with this story: one afternoon, during a meeting with the mayor of San Pedro Copan, our delegation was introduced to a boy had been abandoned at two years old. The woman who found him was told he was a normal child, but she noticed he had lost the ability to speak and hear. Now he was seven, and his symptoms were persistent. The mayor asked if Kathy would be willing to assess him. She did, and on examination it was clear he had a skull depression fracture with involuntary movements and he was deaf. Immediately the boy was booked with appointments with a neurologist, audiologist, and nutritionist, all volunteers with CAMO.

The ability to provide life-changing medical services to this boy from one of the poorest places in the world at the drop of a hat is only possible because of decades of structure that Kathy has built through CAMO. Nothing she does is without strategy. Equally important, nothing she does is without heart. Time and again, I saw how CAMO serves the Honduran people in both body and spirit.