

### CAMO IN FOCUS March-April 2022

#### **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 brand new 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.



In March and April, our founder was finally able to visit the Honduran CAMO facilities after a two year break due to COVID 19. It was a positive visit. As you know, the government in Honduras is a democracy. Nevertheless, over the past eight years, the "elected" president unfortunately did not have the population's best interests in mind. He has now been extradited to the USA, facing grave criminal charges. Just two weeks before our founder landed in Honduras, the newly elected president and the new party were inaugurated. These new political leaders in health and education visited CAMO Honduras, along with the new Secretary of State, city mayors, congressmen and women, and the governor of Copan. We are very much looking forward to working with these new leaders, who bring a fresh spirit of collaboration and optimism; more importantly, the individuals serving in the new government have the skill set to lead effectively.

#### Here are some highlights of the visit in March -April 2022:

• 138 medical brigades scheduled in 2022 (All Honduran professionals; one team is dispatched daily Monday –Friday)

- Twelve contracts signed with city governments to provide the population with health care, early detection, and treatment. Essential medical supplies provided to the cities
- Ten 40' shipping containers packed with supplies dispatched in the last twelve months, distributed to 40 different institutions, and used to support our 25 programs.
- Met with eight mayors, two congresspeople, all three states' health leaders and directors of hospitals and clinics, and the director of education for the state of Copan.
- Expanded our elementary school program, now called "The Integrated Education and Health Program." Seventeen schools are now in the program, and we are gaining momentum with regional leadership.
- Recognized for our response to the hurricanes and the building of 442 home units.
- Repair and reopening of facilities after closure due to COVID:
  - o Prosthetic lab returned to the Hospital de Occidente
  - o Endoscopy returned to Hospital de Occidente
  - o Eye Program reopened in the Hospital de Occidente

• Community Gym (taken over by public health as a triage center for COVID) reopened on April 9th. We recovered membership and sponsorship in the first month to cover all operational costs. Children's mentorship programs are also reactivated.

• Finally, our staff of 57 people is compassionate, hardworking, and uncomplaining. We are truly blessed with good people at all levels.

All the above is achieved with your support and prayers. We could never dream of having this impact without an extensive network of relationships. Thank you for the role each of you plays in our success.

## CAMO **AT A GLANCE MAR - APR 2022**



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#### THE PAST TWO MONTHS IN NUMBERS

**PATIENTS SERVED** 





# PIECES OF MEDICAL

EQUIPMENT DONATED IN THE USA AND HONDURAS

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**



In Honduras, hunger has almost doubled after the pandemic and hurricanes Eta and Iota. How can you help children and adults suffering from malnutrition?

This month of May join our Food for Healing campaign. Please visit our link to support our ampaign: https://www.camo.org/food-for-healing/



After two years of serving as a COVID triage center, the Community Gym in Santa Rosa has reopened its doors to the public. We partnered with Banco de Occidente to make a donation of \$9,300 that will be used for the sports promotion program "Playing, We learn values" promoted by the Santarrosense Sports Association (ADS). Immediately we had 225 individuals with memberships.



Every week we carry out eye, dental, hearing, and nutritional screenings in rural schools that are part of the CAMO Integrated Education and Health Program. Thanks to these brigades, we can detect health problems that limit children's learning, and follow up with each patient through the CAMO medical programs. This year we will perform 138 brigades.



A special thank you goes out to the youth from Salem Mennonite Church who made our grounds look a whole lot better after a long, cold winter. A shout-out also goes to Woodland Mulch of Kidron for donating the mulch for our facilities. Spring has arrived!