

SPECIAL PROJECTS:

The Gift of Sound

OH has been providing the gift of sound to children of Honduras since 1997. With the help of the Starkey Foundation, medical volunteers, and individual donations, over 500 children have received hearing aids and hearing devices! A \$50 donation is all that is needed to provide a child with the joy of hearing.

Hurricane Mitch

Hurricane Mitch brought much destruction to the community of San Pedro Sula. OH volunteers along with Westminster Church coordinated all logistics, including collection, packaging, and shipping of much needed materials. North Eastern Pennsylvania donors contributed over \$50,000 in cash and OH volunteers traveled to Honduras to assist the people of San Pedro Sula.

El Refugio Vocational Building

In February 2003, OH volunteers constructed a vocational building at El Refugio, a growing orphanage outside of San Pedro Sula. This building was dedicated to those lost in space during the Columbia Space Shuttle Disaster.

Amor Y Vida "Love and Life"

Amor Y Vida is a local orphanage for sick children, many of whom are human immuno-deficiency virus (HIV) positive. OH constructed a 1,200 square foot

residential facility for the orphanage. In February 2002, this building was dedicated to the 5 firemen from Engine 10/ Ladder 10, who made the ultimate sacrifice as the



first station to respond to the September 11, 2000 disaster. OH traveled to Ground Zero to communicate this dedication.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

DONATE MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT

Used Hearing Aids

The Starkey Foundation credits the OH's account for each used hearing aid they receive!

Over-the-Counter Medications

- ★ Anti-inflammatory medications (acetaminophen, aspirin, ibuprofen)
- ★ Cough suppressants
- ★ Nasal decongestants
- ★ Ascorbic acid, calcium, ferrous sulfate

Computer Equipment

- ★ Laptop computers, digital cameras, portable printers, scanners

Financial Contributions

Monetary donations go directly to materials or airfare. There are no administrative fees.

St. Mary's/St. Joseph's Church

134 S. Washington St.
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18703

(Please make checks to:
"Operation Honduras-Airfare Fund.")

Westminster Church

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Wilkes-Barre, PA 18703

(Please make checks to:
"Operation Honduras-Building Material Fund.")

BECOME A VOLUNTEER!

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You have the chance to make a
BIG DIFFERENCE
in someone's life.

OPERATION HONDURAS

Operation Honduras (OH) is a volunteer organization from Northeastern Pennsylvania, whose mission is to improve the lives of the poverty-stricken and orphaned children of Honduras. Volunteers dedicate their time and resources in order to deliver medical supplies, perform medical procedures, and construct and repair numerous medical, residential, and vocational facilities. OH makes 3 trips to Honduras annually and works closely with various orphanages and health clinics in San Pedro Sula,



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Honduras and surrounding communities. In order to make these trips as productive as possible, every effort is made to coordinate and plan each visit based on the most urgent needs of the people in this area.



HONDURAS FACTS

- ★ Honduras is located in Central America, between Guatemala and Nicaragua, bordering the Caribbean Sea.
- ★ Honduras is one of the poorest countries in the Western Hemisphere.
- ★ 53% of Honduras residents live below the poverty line.
- ★ The average annual income in Honduras is \$1,977.
- ★ For each 1,000 live births there are 30 deaths.
- ★ 1.2% of the population is afflicted with HIV/AIDS.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Since 1997, OH has worked with the Ruth Paz Clinic and orphanages in San Pedro Sula to provide community members with the assistance needed to lead healthier, more productive lives. The Ruth Paz Clinic provides free medical treatment not normally available to poverty stricken people. Additional groups, such as Interplast, a volunteer surgical group, provide services at the Ruth Paz Clinic. OH's donations and construction projects have allowed Interplast to better serve the San Pedro Sula community.

- ★ Free audiological exams to over 500 children
- ★ Constructed restrooms and shower facilities at Emanuel Children's Home
- ★ Provided free fittings and implantation for hearing-impaired children
- ★ Provided oral surgery and numerous dental examination to patients of the Ruth Paz Free Clinic
- ★ Renovated the kitchen of Emanuel Children's Home
- ★ Constructed multiple additions and repairs to the Ruth Paz Free clinic.
- ★ Constructed a 1,200 square foot school and chapel at Amor Y Vida orphanage
- ★ Delivered donated school supplies and medical equipment to the Ruth Paz Clinic and local orphanages
- ★ Installed Computer equipment at the Ruth Paz Clinic. This equipment and technology has allowed staff members to email photos of burn victims in seconds. (This process used to take up to 2 days.)



Operation Honduras Volunteers, February, 2003.

Without consistent support and monetary donations from our sponsors, members of OH would not be able to accomplish its goals. Special thanks goes out to everyone who has contributed to OH and donated their time and money to making a difference in the life a child!

We would like to acknowledge the following groups and individuals who have made a huge impact to the success of OH:

The Starkey Hearing Foundation

Westminster Presbyterian Church

Church of Christ Uniting

St. Mary's St. Joseph's Church Rotary



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