



The Impact*

20,800+

men, women and children have received free medical and dental care

36,065

prescriptions were distributed at no charge, including multi-vitamins for every patient

3,875

prescription and reading glasses provided free of charge

400

students are enrolled in ESL classes from six churches in Central America

\$1.5 Million

of medicines and medical / dental supplies provided for the poor through the Community Service Brigades

*Results reflect services provided from 2010 - 2015

2016 Brigade Schedule

HONDURAS

Friday, January 22 - Sunday, January 24
Friday, July 15 - Sunday, July 17

GUATEMALA

Friday, February 19 - Sunday, February 21
Friday, August 19 - Sunday, August 21

NICARAGUA

Friday, April 22 - Sunday, April 24

EL SALVADOR

Friday, November 4 - Sunday, November 6

ALL VOLUNTEERS ARRIVE THURSDAY BEFORE 5PM FOR ALL BRIGADE SITES

FOR MORE INFORMATION, TO APPLY OR DONATE:

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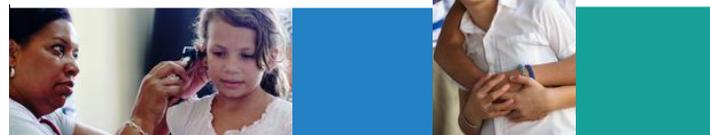
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Connecting Family

Did you know?

50% of those we serve through the Brigades are disciples and their families who currently live below the poverty level.

If you are a doctor, dentist, nurse, educator, or just want to make a difference, live your dream and join us in Central America. The blessing you are to someone in need is indescribable; the impact they make on you will bring you back again and again.



HOPE

worldwide



“...I’m taking care of my brothers and sisters.”

“The Community Service Brigades just give so much more meaning to what I do every day. There’s a feeling that you get when you do something you’re good at, and that comes easily to you for free. It’s so powerful. The littlest effort translates hugely here. I have seen a lot of poverty, particularly in Jamaica, Cambodia, and Haiti. I am not new to this type of environment. But there’s something special here on the brigades. These brigades are different than anything else I’ve seen or done. It’s the heart through which the work is done. I love the fact that the brigades are unapologetically Christian, and I’m taking care of my brothers and sisters. The fulfillment I get from the brigades is unmatched by any other experience.”

- Dr. Nicolai Hinds, Chicago, Illinois, CSB Volunteer

<< Dr. Hinds (far right) with the Guatemala CSB Team



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Dr. Douglas Stein, a pediatrician from Kentucky, and his family are dedicated volunteers and supporters. Dr. Stein is the Medical Director for the Honduras team.



ESL PROGRAM: BREAKING THE CYCLE OF POVERTY

The English as a Second Language [ESL] Program started a few years ago, with two small adult classes in the San Pedro Sula church. Today, 400 adults and children in four countries and six Central American churches are attending classes. The average monthly income for many in Central America, including our church families, is less than \$300. The HOPEww ESL classes are empowering them to secure more lucrative jobs; advance in their chosen career; and provide better educational opportunities for their families.

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Jeannette Borjas, ESL Coordinator - Central America, displays the Bible-based ESL curriculum she developed to help us reach our goal of enabling our brothers and sisters to break the cycle of poverty.



WE MADE A DIFFERENCE >>

“Three years ago, my husband, my daughter, and I were in Guatemala for our first brigade. My daughter brought me a woman with her 17-day old son named Justin. The baby kept vomiting, and the young mom was scared. I took Justin to the pediatrician right away. He was diagnosed with acid reflux, and we were able to help him. We returned the next two years and every time Justin’s mom brought him to me to show me that he was healthy, happy, and growing. I saw him again yesterday. He’s three years old now and thriving. It’s amazing how much Justin has impacted the hearts of our family. Sometimes when you serve, you just don’t know what kind of impact you’re making. But we made a difference here.”

- LeeAnne Byers, Champaign, Illinois



REPLICATING HEALTHY OUTCOMES. EXPANDING CAPACITY.

During a morning devotional long-time volunteer, Dr. Ron Richmond shared that one of his patients presented their Health Chart, complete with four years of health history records. Over the past four years, this patient has been seen twice a year by a CSB physician. The good news is that their health history has markedly improved over that time! This report represents the achievement of a significant CSB goal: to provide consistent outpatient care that produces improved health for our patients, that is not only visible, but also tracked and evaluated, and, therefore, replicable throughout Central America and the world.

<< (l-r) Dr. Dan Jimenez, Dr. Ron Richmond, Dr. Steve Oberle

IMPROVING DENTAL CARE. RESTORING HEALTH.

Daniel Hines, a dedicated dental volunteer, reported that he was planning to do his first root canal on a young patient who was in a lot of pain. But, when the patient returned the next day, the x-rays revealed that the decay was not as severe as expected. Dr. Hines was able to do fillings instead. This is a significant accomplishment since this patient would in the past have had no recourse, but tooth extraction. HOPEww Dental Clinics in Honduras and Guatemala are being sustained, funded and remaining operational, making it possible for adults and children to receive high-quality dental care - dramatically improving their overall health and well-being.

