President's Message - The Lucky Few!



I have had the privilege of traveling to Honduras several times during the course of this past year and there is one statement that I heard there that still haunts me "Some people are born lucky and the rest are in Honduras." This sounds like an expression based on depression and hopelessness for a better future. Or, is this a call for help?

If we have learned one thing about the local culture, it is that Hondurans will not ask each other for help, preferring instead to remain independent. I'm not sure why?

Perhaps, because of past events when seeking a helping hand, their first instinct was to look to the end of their arms! I am a firm believer that nothing ever comes to those who sit by

arms! I am a firm believer that nothing ever comes to those who sit by the wayside and wait. It is far easier to share a task than it is to do it yourself, but it starts out first by *asking* for assistance. The Fear of rejection does not advance any cause. A "no" is not forever – it simply means not now; it could become a "yes" tomorrow if the proposition were put forward again.

Teamwork and networking - each person or party bringing something to the table, creating synergy, enabling bigger things to happen than if each were to simply rely on self, are novel concepts for most Hondurans.

Asking and seeking help for local empowerment is what Serving at the Crossroads is all about. It is part of our mission. By talking and meeting with individuals and groups, sharing a vision of similar interests and needs, we were able to build a medical network of affiliated partnerships - a Manos Amigas Healthcare System, if you will. In many instances SATC was able to provide a service or procure medical equipment for an organization that when coupled with local, technical or missional expertise resulted in a mutually beneficial outcome.



This is the year where we saw the "Power of One" demonstrated – the determination of one person, one group and one instance. The effects were far reaching and impactful! A Good Samaritan from La Entrada stepped forward with cash donations and offered to head up a "giving" campaign in the business community to share in the clinic construction. A young scout and his troop set out to collect enough medicines from customers on their way into drug stores at strip malls to help an entire community. An international organization came forward to offer funding as a pilot demonstration that their monies can be administered for the good of the community through a non-governmental organization providing healthcare such as Manos Amigas, instead of contributing directly to local municipalities.

There are other blessings for which we are thankful as well – the generous cash and in-kind contributions that you entrusted to our oversight for the benefit of La Entrada; reduced fees for the digging of a well where we were able to penetrate a high quality underground aquifer on the first try, thereby ensuring a safe and secure source of water for the clinic; and the support of local Honduran non-government organizations who supply the clinic with material needs and consumables.

The greatest complement we received this year was when the Board of Manos Amigas said "the Americans taught us how to ask." For this and all of the other contributions we are most humbly thankful and we recognize that all of this is possible only through Him who guides us and His generous gifts in whose name they are offered. May we continue to hold your trust and to faithfully serve others whose needs are greater than our own.

Milestones – 2007



Key Accomplishment



Result

- ◆ Interim Clinic in operation for 33 months
- Medical network established –
 the first of its kind in Honduras
- Strategic plan and architectural drawings developed by Manos Amigas Board for new clinic along with proposal for future land use
- Association for Ecologic and Socio-economic Development (ASIDE) becomes cooperative clinic affiliate with Manos Amigas
- ◆ A service project garners scouting's highest award – the rank of Eagle Scout
- Starkey Foundation provides hearing aids for Honduras
- ♦ Well drilled for new clinic
- Project Norte sponsored by Finland joins in support of new clinic
- Community asks for burn treatment area in new clinic
- New Clinic project gains financial support from local Honduran donors
- Serving at the Crossroads mentors Threads of Hope in initial microenterprise development experiment
- Rotary Club pledges to equip analytical blood lab in new clinic

- Nearly xx,000 patients treated; xx% of town's population are clinic patients
- Independent medical clinics and hospitals to work in a cooperative manner with Manos Amigas to provide medical services to local community through expedited receipt of patients, reduced fees and training of local physicians for post procedural patient care and follow-up
- ➤ The 7-acre site will become a medical campus with new clinic as its first building project conference center, laundry and hospital to follow as funding becomes available
- Memorandum of understanding provides food, bedding and medical supplies to the clinic
- ➤ Boy Scout project collects 2,569 over the counter medications for Manos Amigas Clinic + \$1,145 in cash
- ➤ Bus transport to fitting clinic and the gift of sound was provided to 36 clinic patients while 36 additional patients await their receipt of hearing aids
- Manos Amigas has its own captive source of quality water, nature's first medicine. Pump and fittings donated by US engineering firm
- Funding provides for the establishment of a waste water disposal system and ornamental plantings for the new clinic
- Manos Amigas creates alliance with Ruth Paz Clinic in San Pedro Sula, the only soon-to-be burn facility in country that is building a wing especially for children
- ➤ Manos Amigas Foundation receives more than \$60,000 in cash and in-kind support from local businesses, community development and self-help groups
- Threads of Hope establishes sewing venture to provide local jobs for women so they can purchase nutritious food for family by sewing products that are shipped to the US for purchase. Profits are then used to expand business and to provide medications for Manos Amigas clinic
- State-side chapters join with Honduran chapter for international effort

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION December 31, 2007

ASSETS				
	TOTAL	UNRESTRICTED	TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED	PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED
CURRENT ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents				
Checking	\$222,389	\$221,087	\$1,000	\$302
Short-term investments	0	0	0	0
Contributions receivable	0	0	0	0
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	222,389	221,087	1,000	302
OTHER ASSETS				
Long-term investments	160,970	160,970	0	0
TOTAL ASSETS	\$383,359	\$382,057	\$1,000	\$302
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS				
CURRRENT LIABILITIES		***		
Accrued expenses	_\$363	\$363		0
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	363	363	0	0
NET ASSETS	382,996	381,694	1,000	302
	\$383,359	\$382,057	\$1,000	\$302

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS For the Year Ended December 31, 2007

	TOTAL	UNRESTRICTED	TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED	PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED
REVENUE				
Contributions				
Corporations and Foundations	\$16,650	\$16,350	\$0	300
Individuals	61,572	61,572	0	0
In-kind	0	0	0	0
Sponsorship Program Booklet income	0	0	0	0
Art show income	0	0	0	0
NET ASSETS RELEASED FROM				
RESTRICTIONS				
Satisfaction of time requirement and				
program restrictions	0	0	0	0
	78,222	77,922	0	300
Other Income				
Interest and dividend income	16,523	16,521	0	2
Realized gains and losses	134	134	0	0
Unrealized gains and losses	204	204	0	0
Miscellaneous income	0	0	0	0
	16,861	16,859	0	2
TOTAL REVENUE	\$95,083	\$94,781	\$ 0	\$302
EXPENSES				
Program costs	\$68,291	\$68,291	0	0
Art show expenses	0	0	0	0
Fundraising costs	702	702	0	0
General and administrative	7,928	7,928	0	0
	76,921	76,921	0	0
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$18,162	\$17,860	0	\$302
NET ASSETS BEGINNING of YR	364,834	363,834	1,000	0
NET ASSETS END of PERIOD	\$382,996	\$381,694	\$1,000	\$302

The complete audited financial statements are available upon request.

2007 SATC Expenditures

