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Missions for Humanity

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Villagers waiting for medical care



A village classroom

Missions for Humanity's goal is to reach out a helping hand wherever called upon. It began its fieldwork in 2004 when seven volunteers traveled to Guaimaca, Honduras as part of the American Association's Diocese of Fall River Honduran Mission.

Since its first trip to Honduras, Missions for Humanity teams have grown greatly. In 2007 and 2008, with nearly 40 volunteers, mission trips were sent to both Honduras and Tanzania.

The problems and needs in Honduras and Tanzania are very similar. The majority of the people in both countries live in extreme poverty. The villagers served by mission teams live in mud houses with dirt floors and no windows. There is no electricity or clean water and food is often scarce. Basic medical care, if available, is unaffordable, and there is no dental care. The daily tasks of villagers are those of survival.

From 2004 to 2008, Missions for Humanity teams have cared for over 3,000 villagers, pulled 2,800 teeth and distributed 1,800 pairs of eyeglasses. They have helped in the construction of schools, introduced jewelry making as a means of income for single mothers and distributed over \$250,000 worth of medication and supplies to the people they serve. In Tanzania, Missions for Humanity is focusing its resources on improving dental care and educating village students with

computerized teaching equipment. In 2008, Missions for Humanity launched its Education Project. [See box below for more information.]

Mission teams travel to Honduras and Tanzania during the summer. There is a variety of medical and non-medical volunteer opportunities. The 2009 trip to Tanzania is from June 26 through July 10. Volunteers are welcomed to join all or part of the two-week stay in Tanzania. The Honduran trip is from June 28 through July 5. Those interested in joining a team can contact Kathy Crosson through the Contact Us web page.

Missions for Humanity Education Project

After meeting with teachers and Heads-of-Schools Missions for Humanity has set two main goals for its Education Project in Tanzania - to provide (1) teacher training and (2) school supplies, especially computer equipment.

Teacher Training Thru “Learning Kits” – Teacher “Learning Kits” will offer poorly trained teachers lesson plans, materials and tools needed to teach a diversity of students. The kits provide up-to-date teaching methods and instructional materials and supplies that would greatly enhance the education of Tanzania’s overcrowded classrooms. Math, science, writing and language skills could all be uniformly taught, allowing more students the opportunity to pass Tanzania’s National Exam to advance their higher education.

Computer Equipment and School Supplies –LCD projectors with accompanying laptop computers (with the proper teacher training) would “open the world” to children currently isolated with few books. For the first time, village children would be introduced to the wonders of our world - our geography, art, music and culture. Basic learning skills would be taught using modern methods.

The Education Project will carefully track and measure the effectiveness of its efforts in each classroom, making improvements as needed.

Wish List for Tanzanian Projects

- Eyeglasses and sunglasses
- Toothbrushes
- School supplies
- Small copier
- Laminator (\$ 250.00)
- PORT OP III Portable Dental System – one (\$18,000.00)
- Portable Generator – one (\$1,000.00)
- Portable Dental Chairs – two (\$1,300.00 each)
- Ultrasonic Scaling Units – two (\$ 2,000.00 each)
- Portable EKG Machine – one (\$3,000.00)
- 2000 + lumens LCD Projector with accompanying laptop computer (for Tanzanian Education Project) – ten (\$1,700.00 each)
- Funds to help defray the cost of transportation

Video

In 2007, Missions for Humanity team members produced a video that captures the spirit, beauty, music and poverty of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania and its outlying villages. To watch the video, [click here](#).



Kathy Crosson, AUX, with Children in leper village



Dr. Philip Robitaille, AUX, with a patient



Susan Perry, AUX, sorting medicines