

We Exist to Serve the Poor

Our goal is to improve health outcomes in poor communities through primary healthcare, nursing services, public health, dental care, nutrition and education.



Shoulder to Shoulder

UPDATE

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**WHAT IS HAPPENING IN SANTA LUCIA ---
Volunteer for One Year and Make Difference!**

Opportunities from the U.S. and in Honduras and the need is now! Shoulder to Shoulder is in a unique time. We have been working in Honduras for almost two decades and the communities, the government and other non profits see us as a consistent, results oriented organization. Can you help us find people who will make a minimum of a one year commitment? Shoulder to Shoulder Needs: Business professionals, information technologists, doctors, nurses, midwives right now!! Make a difference in the lives of poor people. Beginning January 1, 2008 the Ministry of Health of Honduras will turn over all of the care of 11,300 patients and the public health needs of dozens of communities in the Santa Lucia community. With this will come international funds to buy medicines, pay staff and maintain facilities. We will operate 5 facilities, provide all of the maternity care and vaccinate all of the children in the area. We have the opportunity to reach the poorest of the poor and identify the communities in greatest need.

HOW CAN YOU HELP AS A VOLUNTEER AND RIGHT NOW?

Business specialists: Move to Santa Lucia for one year- help develop staff management systems, establish performance and quality standards and rewards for employees and accounting systems that demonstrate integrity and transparency. Doctors and midwives- provide care to patients and communities, and enjoy the benefits of working in teams with other health care providers- both Hondurans and US. Information technologists- help us design a very basic electronic medical record to collect good data, improve care and monitor results- this could effect the entire country. Living in Honduras is preferred but not essential as it would be possible to develop and maintain the system from the U.S. but travel two or three times per year to Honduras for training the providers. These are mostly volunteer opportunites but depending on the position and commitment there may be travel expenses, a stipend or other benefits. Interested? Call or write: Art Ranz at aranz@shouldertoshoulder.org or 513-685-7007

WHAT IS HAPPENING IN CONCEPCION?

Professors and Farmers Working shoulder to shoulder to improve the health care for the poor in Concepcion, Honduras.

Thanks to the generosity of our donors and the hard work of Shoulder to Shoulder staff and volunteers we are 8 months away from opening a dental clinic in Concepcion and a nurse run health center in Agua Salada that will be intermittently visited by a doctor. Agua Salda, a poor remote community in the mountains near Concepcion is one of the five “spokes in the wheel” – small communities that will partner



The donated piece of land overlooks the mountains

with health centers in the US and support the health care effort in the Concepcion area. The University of Wyoming at Casper is heading the effort with Agua Salada and Brown University is working with one of the other “spokes”, Guachinpilincito. The Hombro a Hombro Health Committee of Agua Salada has mobilized the entire town and received a donated piece of land and an all volunteer work force has cleared the land. Santiago, the community leader says, “Anything we can do with our hands we will do for a health center, all we lack is money for materials.” Michael Miller, M.D. Director of the project in Wyoming, vows to mobilize the efforts to make it happen.



The Construction site at Concepcion- learn more –read about it in the December Newsletter

THE CENTRAL HUB IN CONCEPCION:

What it will be:

- **By August 2008:** A functioning dental clinic in Concepcion- thanks to the generous donations of Roy and Melanie Sanders and the Josephson Foundation under the leadership of Susan Kaye, MD
- **By August 2009:** A functioning medical clinic with 3 doctors – we need doctors or midwives to commit now for next year!
- **By August 2010:** A functioning operating room for visiting specialists, Honduran specialists and others who will help the poor receive the care they need!
- **By 2014:** A bilingual school in the poorest area in the country??- right next to the clinic. We need leadership and donations to make it happen.



The people rest after a hard day’s work on the site



Santiago- President, Hombro a Hombro Agua Salada

Remember: If it was easy, someone else would have done it a long time ago. Shoulder to Shoulder can only be successful with courage, boldness and persistence in its advocacy for the poor.

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