

The 2019 - 2020 Rotary Mission Trip and Projects – By Chris Parkinson

Over the last nineteen years, Rotary District 7870 (59 Rotary Clubs in Southern NH and Southern VT) have had 29 mission trips and provided aid to Honduras which is the second poorest country in the western hemisphere. Twenty-three (23) trips to Danli and Six (6) to San Pedro Sula.

Amigos De Honduras is a program of the Rotary District 7870 Foundation which is a non-profit corporation and one of the trustees of the foundation, PDG Chris Parkinson, heads up the activities of Amigos De Honduras.

Since 2001, Amigos De Honduras has concentrated its efforts in four areas:

- **Medical Care -** We have seen approximately 27,300 medical and dental patients.
- **Medical Equipment and Supplies**
 - Over 13 Tons of Medical Supplies Transported by Team Members
 - 7 – 40' Containers of Medical Equipment & Supplies
 - 3 Ambulances shipped
- **School Construction & Education –** We have constructed 8 schools, expanded 5 schools, and converted 2 other buildings into schools. We have repaired and painted 18 schools, and we have worked on a youth center and a drug rehabilitation facility. We have also provided school uniforms to over 300 students – which are required for children to attend school.
- **Pure Water -** Working with another 501c3 Rotary partner, *Pure Water for the World*, we have installed or funded over 11,100 water filters which provide clean water to more than 56,000 people. We have also provided wells and latrines to several villages.

Summary

District 7870 has developed an excellent track record over the past 19 years and, as noted above, has accomplished a great deal. Amigos De Honduras is grateful to those that have funded and have participated on these Mission trips which include Rotary Clubs, individual Rotarians, friends of Rotarians, Concord Hospital, the Hampton Inn in Bow, and businesses in the NH and VT region.

One of the founders and the soul of this effort was Mary Crooker, from Nashua, who had been on 23 of the mission trips. In 2015, Mary unfortunately died of ALS and the Rotarians in Danli named a school in her honor. Mary's spirit lives on in everything we do.

2020 Mission Trip

The 2020 Mission trip was led by Dave Lawrence, a Rotarian from Lawrence, Pennsylvania (formerly of Springfield Vermont). He led a team of 20 people. (see below)

Chris Parkinson, Chair of Amigos De Honduras, coordinated all of the activity leading up to the misión trip, but was unable to be a part of the 2020 team. As noted above, Dave Lawrence, who has extensive experience in leading teams led the overall team, and also led the construction efforts with respect to the School Construction Project. Jim Magennis, took the lead on the Pure Water and Sanitation Project. Dr. Kell Giffen, a Rotarian from Wallingford, Vermont, agreed to lead the medical team and Jim Wright a Dentist and a Rotarian from Fairhaven took the lead with respect to the Dental brigade.

Contributors and the team members of the 2020 Mission were as follows.

Rotary District 7870 Foundation – 2020 Amigos De Honduras

Recognition of 2020 Contributors

Henniker Rotary Club	Concord Rotary Club	Gilford Rotary Club
Bedford Rotary Club	Wallingford Rotary Club	Bow Rotary Club
Lancaster PA Rotary Club	Milford Rotary Club	
Fairhaven Rotary Club	Hollis – Brookline Rotary Club	
Dianne and Randell Barclay	Scott & Jessica Weller	Nan Dubin & Tony Masuck
Rich and Barbara Harm	David and Lisa Lariviere	Steve and Madelyn Mitton
Don Glendenning	Russel Nyland	
Chris Parkinson	Tosh Stickney	Glen Walz

2020 Team Members

Esdras Almeida	David & Nadena Ament	Dianne and Randell Barclay
Fany Boulanger	Brittany Donker	Kell Giffin
Todd Gregory	Ken Hopf	James Horrocks
David Lawrence	Kaleigh Lessieur	Sofia Liden Erfelt
Jim Magennis	Shannon Mills	Amanda Montebianchi
Anna Moskov	Steve Neuhoff	Larry Phillips
Lorrie Vanni	Jim Wright	

San Marcos Abajo 2020 School Project – by Dave Lawrence

This years project was adding a fourth classroom on to the Mary Crooker School in San Marcos Abajo. The locals had a good head start on us. The walls were mostly up when we arrived. Our crew primarily completed “finishing” tasks, like painting the cement slurry onto the walls, screening sand for the cement mixer, leveling the floor in preparation for the concrete, and removing the excess material from the front porch. This was the first time we were exposed to a “working” cement mixer! It was a dream machine (after they finally got it started by 40 pulls of the rope starter). They also had a power trowel for finishing the floor. That unit took the operator (one of the local guys) for a ride all over the floor as he wrestled with it.

This year we did not feel as involved with the actual “construction” of the building, versus being helpers for the project. But, a wonderful thing did happen, in that a kid, named David, came over to see what we were doing and he was the kid we met years ago with the severe burns on his face and hands. We had connected him with a plastic surgeon through the local medical system. He looked great and seemed to be functioning quite well. He still lives in the neighborhood. As usual, the kids were anxious to help and it was great having them be part of the Project.



Dave and the team coaching the ninos.....



Dave Ament, Dave Lawrence, Ken Hopf, Larry Phillips, and Steve Neuhoﬀ



Painting the new school addition



Anna Moskov, Ken Hopf, and Dave Ament

San Marcos Abajo 2020 School Project - by Dave Lawrence (Continued)

The shortened trip impacted us slightly on the finish work, but the finishing touches would take less than another week before the classroom would be functional. Apparently, the school is also being used by the community for public meeting and community functions.



The team working on the school and.....



Working on the Rotary Hop-Scotch course



Dave and the team at work on the School



Ken Hopf up on the Scaffold

2020 Medical and Dental Team

Team Leaders Dr Kell Giffen and Jim Wright DMD

Team traveled to different communities per the following schedule:

Date	Community	Danli Rotarian In charge	# Patients Seen
Sunday Feb 9th	Telepalenti	Marvin R.	209 Medical 42 Dental
Mon 10	Quisqualagel	Raul Sevilla	174 Medical 31 Dental
Tue 11	Guyambre	Adolfo Sevilla	143 Medical 21 Dental
Wed 12	San Julian	Alexis M	179 Medical 27 Dental
Thur 13	Ocobas	Marvin S.	316 Medical 39 Dental
Totals	1,021 Medical 160 Dental for Total of 1,181		



Medical Team Leader Dr. Kell Giffen



**Dental Team Leader Rotarian Jim Wright
With Esdras Almeida and Lorrie Vanni**

Medical and Dental Team members varied each of the six days to allow as many as possible to participate in different activities and to allow for the staffing of the Pure Water and Sanitation Team. In addition to Dr. Kell Giffen, Dr. Jim Wright, Dr. Shannon Mills, Dr. James Horracks, Dr. Todd Gregory, RN Brittany Donker, RN Amanda Montebianchi, Esdras Almeida, Lorrie Vanni, and Kayleigh Lessieur, others participating included Dave and Dena Ament, Dianne and Randell Barclay, Fany Boulanger, Sofia Liden Erfelt, Anna Moskov, Steve Neuhoﬀ, and, Jim Magennis.

Medical and Dental Team (Continued)



Dental team Members Kayleigh Lessieur & Dr. Shannon Mills

Crowd waiting to be seen



Medical Team Leader Dr. Kell Giffen of Wallingford, VT

Dr. James Horrocks



RN Brittany Donker



RN Amanda Montebianchi

Pure Water and Sanitation Team

Written by: Pure Water and Sanitation Team Leader Jim Magennis

La Jagua is a village located about one hour, by truck, from Danlí, a small city in southern Honduras. To support the health and wellbeing of the children of La Jagua, this year's team worked with Pure Water for the World for two days of the 2020 trip. The first day, I had Steve Neuhoff, Anna Moskov, and Ken Hopf. The second day it was just me that accompanied the PWW team. (I got a good workout)

We completed 2 uni-sex Bano's with 2 washing station and we completed the tie-in to the dual septic systems. We also built a connecting box from a water source at the street to connect with the school.



Team and members of the Community



Team Members Pictured: Jim Magennis, PWW leader Steve Neuhoff, Ken Hopf, & Anna Moskov



Team Members Painting the Latrines



And constructing the septic tanks

Pure Water and Sanitation Team (Continued)



The Team working in La Jagua Escuapa

Comments From the 2020 Team

Dave Lawrence – Team Leader

I want to thank each and every one on our team for your sacrifice of your time and treasure to support the efforts of the Rotary mission to Danli, Honduras. We all did wonderful things! We helped improve the health of about 1,200 people with the medical and dental teams, we added a fourth classroom to the Mary Crooker School that will serve many student in the coming years, and we completed another clean water project that will help countless people live a safer life.

I hope everyone enjoyed their experience as much as I did, and I hope you will all join us again next year when we take on another mission and new projects. Thanks to you all.

Todd Gregory, MD

“Thank **you**, Dave! It was a great pleasure to meet you and get to k now you-- you were a fantastic leader. Thanks also to the group for having me; definitely one of the most memorable and 'specialest' things I have done. It was on honor to serve as many folks as we did, and to do it with such a great group of folks.”

Dave Ament

Thank you Dave for your leadership role in making this trip possible.

Larry Phillips

Dave was a good leader with the advantage of having a great hard working enthusiastic group to lead. And yes we did have some fun and great laughs all week. So sincerely thankful I was able to be a part of it with all of you.

Anna Moskov

The trip was magical, Dave was a fantastic leade

Student Scholarships

Amigos De Honduras is supporting two students at the Catholic University in Danli. The two students are:

- Luisa Silva
- Rafael Arturo Hernandez Zepeda

The scholarship commitment is to pay 50% of the tuition costs as long as they maintain good grades. Dave Lawrence and Jim Magennis met with Rafael and they report that both students are doing well.



Rafael with Jim Magennis

School Uniforms

While she was not able to be part of this year's team, Tosh Stickney of Fairhaven Vermont and her students raised money for Amigos De Honduras to provide school uniforms to young students in San Marcos Abajo. Uniforms are required to attend school in Honduras and providing them is an important aspect of the things our teams have been able to provide over the years.



Summary of Revenue and Expenditures: 2019 – 2020 (Per District 7870 Foundation)

Ending Fund Balance – June 2019: \$ 3,490

Revenue:

Donations	\$ 11,525
Team Member Fees	2,250
Interest	0

Total Revenue \$ 13,775

Expenditures:

Transfer to Danli	\$ 7,000
Pure Water for the World	1,669
In-Country Transportation	1,200
Medical Supplies	896
Medical Operating Costs	700
Uniforms	770
Team Costs (T-shirts, lunches, etc.)	463

Total Expenditures \$ 12,698

Net Flow for 2019-20 \$ 1,077

Ending Fund Balance – June 2020 \$ 4,567

The 2020 Amigos Team

