



Central American Relief Efforts

Mobilizing volunteers and humanitarian aid in the United States to benefit populations in abject poverty in areas of Central America.

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Upcoming Mission Trips

July 17-24, 2011

First Presbyterian Church
Eye & Dental Care plus
light construction

July 23—30, 2011

St. Thomas Church
Light construction to
build a new medical center

More volunteers are welcome!
Go to www.carelief.org to find
out how to join a mission trip.

A Big Thank You for Central American Relief Efforts Volunteer Dental Hygienists



Dental Hygienists from share a fun moment with some of the children they treated with free eye and dental exams on a recent trip to Perspire, Honduras

It has been a busy year for CARE. Five groups of CARE volunteers have provided medical care and medicines to over 3,000 people in the month of March alone.

Joining CARE this March have been groups from:

- Franklin & Marshall College
- Vanderbilt University
- Linden Hall
- Family Eye Group
- *Dental Hygienists*



Central American Relief

Working to help the medical system in the southern region.

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CARE and its Partners Build a New Surgery Center in San Marcos de Colon

Central American Relief is helping to organize the construction and equipping of a surgery center in the town of San Marcos de Colon, Choluteca Honduras. The surgery center will provide cataract surgery and other minor surgery. The surgery center will serve a population of over 100,000 people.

This project has been a coordinated effort of several organizations, including:

- Lions Club International – Construction Cost
- Lancaster Rotary – Equipment Cost
- San Marcos de Colon Health System - Location
- San Marcos de Colon Municipality – Construction Costs
- ZOE Eye NGO – Staffing
- Choluteca Rotary – Oversight
- Central America Relief Efforts – Logistics



A message from Steve Mentzer

2011 is shaping up to be a very busy year for Central American Relief. Our efforts to partner with other organizations has had a multiplying effect on the impact we are making in Honduras. I am most proud of the many colleges and service organizations who have partnered with CARE, and of the trust and cooperation we have built with the Honduran government and healthcare system to provide continued improvements to the medical services in the areas we serve.

There is more work to be done, and more volunteers are needed. Are you interested in being a one-week missionary to Honduras? Consider joining ten St. Thomas Church volunteers as they work with the community of La Barancca to build a medical clinic in their town. The trip is scheduled for July 17-24, 2011. More volunteers are needed for light construction work. Join us!

*Steve Mentzer,
President Central American Relief Efforts*



Steve Mentzer is shown presenting orthopedic supplies to a hospital in Choluteca. The supplies, valued at over \$24,000, were donated by Zimmer Randall Associates Thank you!