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

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CARE Builds a Water Tank For the Medical Clinic in Perspire

The central medical clinic in Perspire, Honduras did not have one of the basics of medical care—a consistent source of clean water.

In July, a group of volunteers from First Presbyterian Church and Central American Relief Efforts, working with local volunteers and craftsmen, built an elevated water tank for the medical clinic.

Now gravity feeds clean water to the clinic, twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. Building the tank was completed for less than \$3,000. The value of the clean water—priceless.



Upcoming Mission Trips

Would you be interested in joining CARE on an upcoming mission trip? There are several scheduled for 2012.

January 2-8, 2012

January 7-14, 2012

February 11-18, 2012

March 3-10, 2012

March 10-17, 2012

March 18-24, 2012

All volunteers are welcome!

Go to www.carelief.org to find out how to join a mission trip.

Three More Pharmacies Started by CARE

CARE has helped to start three more self-sustaining pharmacies in Honduras.

These pharmacies will provide basic medicines for 40% less cost than medicines at retail pharmacies in major cities, and give residents in rural communities access to medicines without traveling 1 ½ hours by bus.

Central American Relief Efforts intends to open more pharmacies in villages where there are willing communities to oversee the process.

CARE volunteers Nikolaus Veronis and Jack Barry work with a local craftsman to cut wire reinforcements for the new water tower at the Perspire medical clinic.



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CARE Teams up with Ian's Boots to provide 250 Pairs of Soccer Shoes and Uniforms to Area Youth



Ian's Boots and CARE volunteers sort through soccer shoes and uniforms in preparation for the youth soccer tournament in Perspire

On Saturday July 23, 2011, Ian's Boots, a non profit organization from Delaware County, and CARE held their second annual soccer tournament in the Pespire soccer stadium.

Children from very poor rural areas were given soccer shoes, uniforms and lunch, and played in a youth soccer tournament.

All the children had a wonderful time.

The winners of the tournament will be treated to a professional soccer game at the soccer stadium in Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

A message from Steve Mentzer

One of the objectives of Central American Relief Efforts is to foster partnerships. One of our local partners is the Lancaster Rotary. In 2009, the Rotary Club of Lancaster and CARE, along with several Honduran partners, opened an eye exam clinic in San Marcos de Colon. This self-sustaining clinic has been a great success.

We are now in the planning stages to equip a surgery center in San Marcos de Colon. This will provide the community subsidized cataract surgery without having to travel six hours for treatment.

The Lancaster Rotary is just one example of the many organizations and individuals helping CARE provide efficient humanitarian aid to the Honduran people.

*Steve Mentzer,
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