Pure Water Projects

The District 7870 Pure Water Committee, chaired by Jim Magennis, work in a partnership with Pure Water For The World. The committee coordinates our district’s efforts and helps to raise funds and awareness for water projects in Honduras.

Clean drinking water is a huge problem in Honduras. Most people only have access to unsafe surface water, which is used for everything and carries high amounts of animal and human waste.

Sick children cannot attend school. Parents of sick children cannot work on a regular basis. Women have more children because of the anticipated deaths. Having clean, safe drinking water is the first step to break the cycle of poverty in which many people are trapped.

This committee coordinates the purchase and installation of slow sand filtration water filters in individual homes in several areas of Honduras. One filter can serve an entire extended family with pure and safe drinking water from bad sources at a very reasonable cost.

During our trips to Danli, our water teams have installed as many as 100 water filters in individual homes in some of the most remote villages in just one week’s time.

You too can make a difference.

What You Can Do To Help...

- Volunteer to work with a team in Honduras or help sponsor someone who can go
- Donate money or sponsor projects or parts of projects
- Buy a water filter as a gift for someone
- Join Friends of Amigos
- Volunteer for Pure Water

What Clubs Can Do To Help...

- Provide financial assistance to members who volunteer
- Donate money to help fund projects / Apply for grants
- Adopt a specific project
- Adopt a village to supply safe drinking water
- Sponsor fund raisers for Honduras

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In 2000, District 7870 decided to focus its attention in one part of the world and to try and make a difference. Under the leadership of John O’Leary from the Merrimack NH Club, John Sheridan from the Bow Club, Ken Grabeau from the Nashua West Club, and Carolyn Meub from the Rutland South Club, a committee was formed and today this effort is called “Amigos De Honduras”.

Amigos De Honduras became a non-profit corporation and a public charity under Internal Revenue Code Sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(2) under the Bow Rotary Club Foundation. In 2007, the District applied and was awarded a 501(c)(3) District 7870 foundation. Amigos de Honduras is now also under the District foundation. Amigos is staffed by Rotarian volunteers of District 7870. There are no paid employees and 100% of the donations made to Amigos De Honduras goes to the projects.

Amigos De Honduras concentrates its efforts in Honduras in three areas: 1) Literacy; 2) Medical Care; and 3) Pure Water. These three things, that we all take for granted, are the keys to helping the people of Honduras. Working together, the Rotarians of Honduras and District 7870 have found numerous ways “To Make A Difference”.

Won’t you join us?

How Rotary Makes a Difference

Literacy Projects
Since 2000, Amigos De Honduras has constructed 5 schools, converted 2 buildings into schools, completed two major additions to existing schools, repaired and painted two schools, and have worked on a youth center.

Amigos De Honduras has provided school uniforms, books and school supplies. We have also provided a post secondary education scholarship for a young Honduran woman to attend a Normal School and become a teacher. All of this work continues, with additional

Medical Missions
Several medical brigades have traveled to Honduras and have transported significant amounts of medical supplies. We have also worked on hospitals and have delivered 4 containers full of medical equipment including three ambulances. In 2007, we finished a medical/dental clinic in Danli with four exam rooms.

In the past three years alone, the teams that traveled to Honduras, saw over 4500 patients and distributed over $60,000 in medical supplies and medications.