



NEWSLETTER

ROTARY MISSION TRIP TO HONDURAS

By PDG Chris Parkinson

Over the last thirteen years, Rotary District 7870 has sent mission trips and aid to Honduras which is the second poorest country in the western hemisphere. Amigos De Honduras is a program of the Rotary District 7870 Foundation which is a non-profit corporation and two of the trustees of the foundation are Dr. Rich Berryman and Chris Parkinson.

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

- **Medical Care** - We have seen more than 22,000 medical and dental patients.
- **School Construction & Education** - We have constructed 5 schools, expanded 4 schools, and converted 2 other buildings into schools. We have repaired and painted 5 schools, and have also worked on a youth center. We have also provided school uniforms to over 500 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 over 10,000 water filters which provides clean water to more than 50,000 people. We have also provided wells and latrines to several villages.

The latest Mission was February 2-10, 2013, and the team once again ventured to Danli, Honduras. This year's team of 28 people was led by Chris Parkinson (9th trip).

El Pozo Bendito Schools

A great deal was accomplished during the 8 days of the trip. Working with a local Hondurans from the village of El Pozo Bendito which was about 9 kilometers outside of Danli. We replaced the roofs on four out of five school buildings and repaired and painted the buildings as well. Most of the work was completed by week's end. The school put on a wonderful celebration for our team with the children singing songs and performing in skits. Additional money was made available to do some final repairs.



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ROTARY MISSION TRIP TO HONDURAS (CONT.)**Los Robles – School Furniture and School Uniforms**

Last year's project was to complete the construction of a school at Los Robles. This year the team returned to see the finished project and a small team also constructed school furniture. At the end of the week this furniture was delivered to the school.

In addition, while the team was there, we had identified a number of children that were not attending school due to not having a uniform and the team members contributed enough money to fund 20 children's uniforms. These uniforms were presented to the students at a special ceremony at the Los Robles School.

The Medical and Dental Team

The Medical team consisted of four doctors, one nurse practitioner, two nurses, and several experienced assistants. Local Danli Rotarians also were present every day to assist with the translations. Over 7 days, the team held clinics in El Pozo Bendito, in Agua Caliente, in Linaca, in Quiscualagua, in El Benque, and at the school in Los Robles. The medical team also visited the Danli Prison, the Danli Nursing Home, and a substance abuse clinic in Danli. Over the 7 days, the medical team saw nearly 1900 patients.

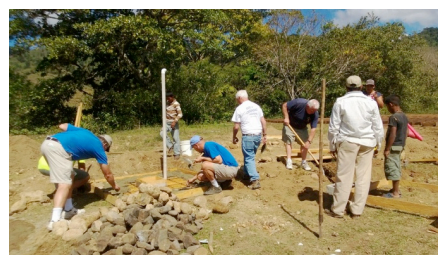


Unfortunately, we were not able to recruit a dentist for this year's team, despite numerous attempts. However, the medical team

and several of the non-medical team members provided several dental education sessions. During these sessions, we passed out tooth brushes and toothpaste that NEDD had provided, as well as that provided from other sources. In addition, in two of these clinics we were also able to provide fluoride varnish treatments which were also supplied by NEDD.

Water and Sanitation

We worked for four days in the small villages of Linaca, La Comunidad, El Portillo, and Mapachin. installing four latrines (that the villagers had dug the hole for), and installing 25 water filters. The team also provided education on how to use the water filters, on personal hygiene, and on dental hygiene. Soap, tooth brushes and tooth paste were distributed.



The Mission trips are funded by Rotary Clubs, individual Rotarians, friends of Rotarians, and businesses in the NH and VT region. This trip was an excellent one and our team was filled with wonderful people. Seeing the smiles on the children's faces and seeing the classrooms filled with those children, made the trip a memorable and worthwhile experience.



PROGRESS REPORT ON IRENE RECOVERY PROJECT *By Cassandra Bradley, District Grants SC Chair*

The project plan is to develop, provide and coordinate the provision of disaster relief and recovery assistance to individuals with critical needs due to loss, damage, disruption, and displacement caused by Tropical Storm Irene and the resulting flooding in the state of Vermont, USA.

To date the Disaster Recovery Case Managers have identified local needs, mobilized available resources, and coordinated services to prevent gaps in service while avoiding duplication, and offered comprehensive assessments, disaster case management, and long-term recovery assistance. They have been addressing such problems as loss of housing, food, clothing, furniture, and household goods; property damage, well and spring damage, wet houses and the uncontrolled growth of mold; dislocation; and severe disruption of people's lives. For this period the most common projects involved service road repair, culverts, wells, septic systems, furnace replacement, and heat/housing. So far, they have helped to achieve the following outcomes:

- Repaired 23 service roads and culverts
- Replaced/repared 14 septic systems
- Replace 13 furnaces
- Funded 9 mold assessments/remediation projects
- Drilled/repared 8 wells
- Funded 10 fuel/utility deliveries/assists
- Replaced 5 appliances
- Provided rent to 5 households
- Cleared waste/debris at 3 households
- Provided food for 2 households.

One example of a collaborative project involving Rotary volunteers was for a disabled woman at Mountain Home Park in Brattleboro, Vt. Her mobile home had been devastated by the flooding, and with FEMA dollars she was able to purchase a new mobile home, but needed help moving. She purchased a new stove and gently used dryer. Rotary volunteers coordinated a work day where the appliances and larger furniture were moved, as well as two cords of wood moved and stacked.

The project has been operating in the U.S. state of Vermont, so far between 8/24/12 and 12/31/12. The majority of the beneficiaries were Vermont households registered with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for financial assistance for damages throughout the state, but primarily in Windham, Windsor, Lamoille, Washington, Orange, Rutland and Bennington counties.

Calendar

March - Literacy Month

Mar 06, 2013

Newport Rotary Ski Meet Mt Sunapee

Mar 07-09, 2013

PETS, Sheraton Framingham MA

Mar 09 -10, 2013

Laconia Motorcycle Raffle Ticket Sale

Wilmington MA Motorcycle Show

April - Magazine Month

Apr 6, 2013

District Assembly Keene, NH

Chester Rotary's Andy Ladd Memorial

Vertical Dinner Fullerton Inn

Raymond Area Rotary Dinner & Auction

Candia Woods Golf Course

April 13, 2013

Rotary Leadership Institute Part I, II, III

Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center

Lebanon, NH

Merrimack Rotary Rabies Clinic

Ambulance Garage at Town Hall

April 27, 2013

Ludlow Rotary 57th Annual Penny Sale

Black River High School

May

May 24 - 31, 2013

District Conference - Norwegian Dawn

Cruise to Bermuda

June - Rotary Fellowships Month

Jun 23 - 26, 2013

2013 Rotary International Convention,
Lisbon, Portugal



PROGRESS REPORT ON IRENE RECOVERY PROJECT (CONTINUED)

The beneficiaries were asked to sign a release allowing the case managers to share all or some of their information with Rotarians and/or the media, and/or to use their information for purposes of Rotary member participation, publicity, and/or future grant writing or other fundraising efforts.

Rotarians managed and oversaw this project by having an “allocation committee” consisting of members of the host Rotary District 7870 oversee the funds. They received and managed the distribution of funds, with two of them required to sign all checks distributed from the grant to pay for the services and materials supplied by SEVCA, the cooperating organization, and the other CAA’s providing grant-funded services. The committee ensures that all expenditures are appropriately documented and payments made to SEVCA on a quarterly basis. SEVCA provides the committee with relevant financial and personnel records for project expenditures. The committee meets as needed to monitor the progress of the work and to ensure the proper allocation and documentation of the funds.

Besides the International and host committees, there is Volunteer Management Team and a Public Relations Team. Both are overseen by members of the host committee. Posters and brochures were distributed by 46 Vermont clubs in Districts 7870 and 7850 to inform residents about the availability of assistance for those with specified needs from damage caused by Tropical Storm Irene that have not been dealt with. Posters were placed in public spaces in local communities where deemed appropriate. Information about the availability of this “Second Wave of Assistance” has been placed in local newspapers and in PSAs on local cable TV and radio stations. Certain projects are screened by a member of the Volunteer Management Team and referred to a Rotary work crew from one of the local clubs and/or to a Disaster Recovery Case Manager in the cooperating organization or other CAAs for a response, Rotary work crews are solicited with certain skills and availability to assist individuals with needs that don’t require special

training or licensure. This could involve such things as cleaning up grounds, removing debris, cleaning rock and gravel from fields, painting, moving heavy items, etc. Since the initial advance was released in August, and it takes time for appropriate projects to be coordinated, there were fewer initial outdoor volunteer projects taking place with the advent of the Vermont winter. However, we expect more of those projects and a greater demand for Rotarian volunteer time once the weather warms up this spring.

The funds allowed us to serve households with more challenging issues. In a rural area like Vermont, shared service and access roads are common, and a challenge to find appropriate funding to repair when damage or destruction occurs, impacting multiple households. Services roads and culvert repairs, which were not eligible for FEMA assistance, were among the most predominant issues addressed by this project. Wells and septic systems were also a common problem statewide, and the flexibility of the Rotary funds allowed us to address these issues. We found that there were many Irene-impacted households not income-eligible for the Emergency Furnace Replacement Program who needed furnaces due to damaged from Irene. Fuel and utility assistance was most helpful for families who had depleted their savings and other resources on home repairs. On the whole, the impact of the project is that it has addressed critical disaster-related needs for households impacted by Tropical Storm Irene that couldn’t be met by other sources, either FEMA, or state or local funds. By providing the needed assistance quickly and cost-effectively, it enabled beneficiaries to cope with the hardships confronting them, focus their scarce resources on other basic needs, and move toward restoring some measure of normalcy in their lives.





PROGRESS REPORT ON IRENE RECOVERY PROJECT (CONTINUED)

The expected long-term community impacts of the project are:

- Restoration and sustaining of the social and economic vitality of communities impacted by disaster by enabling hundreds of households affected by Irene to remain in or return to their homes.
- Successful and sustainable long-term recovery models are developed for communities and individual households that effectively mobilize and utilize available resources.
- Support of job preservation by engaging local contractors and vendors, providing needed work for those who have struggled due to the combined impact of the economic recession and this disaster.
- Establishment of collaborative networks and infrastructures to ensure that future disaster recovery response occurs in a timely and effective manner.
- A model for planning and coordinating future emergency response efforts with Rotary Districts and Clubs throughout the affected areas.
- A template for the future utilization of Rotary volunteer coordination and labor to enhance the scope and impact of disaster recovery efforts.

Rotary 100,000 meal packaging event: Apr 21st By Matthew Martin

On April 21st, all of the Rotarians in SE MA and RI are going to descend on Cape Cod Sea Camps (3057 Main Street Brewster, MA 02631) to package 100,000 meals in 2 hours! Here's some background on how this came to be: The co-founders of Outreach, Floyd Hammer & Kathy Hamilton, met District Governor, Joe Clancy, at the International Rotary Convention in Bangkok. 100 Rotary groups from around the world wanted to package meals afterwards. Joe promoted meal packaging throughout the area. I have spoken to Rotary group after Rotary group. Here's news from a Rotary group in North Carolina who just did a 50,000 meal package: [facebook.com/photo.php?v=543683182329990&set=vb.100000649399965&type=2&theater](https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?v=543683182329990&set=vb.100000649399965&type=2&theater).

If your district would like to do the same, please let me know.

- Regional Manager, Outreach Inc - Kids Care
- Website: EndHungerNE.org
- Promotional YouTube: youtu.be/oH7U6uo6sqM
- Local office: 1574 Ocean St, Marshfield MA 02050 - 857-939-3459
- National office: 301 Center St, Union IA 50258 - 641-486-2550



ROTARY'S LEADERSHIP CONSIDERED VITAL TO ERADICATING POLIO

By Daniela Garcia Rotary News -- 16 January 2013



A polio-free India is proof that Rotary is able to tackle the world's most difficult health challenges, according to Bruce Aylward, assistant director-general for Polio, Emergencies and Country Collaboration at the World Health Organization (WHO).

Addressing the 2013 International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA, Aylward praised Rotary's work in bringing the world to the threshold of polio eradication, but reminded the incoming district governors that it will take their leadership to complete the job.

Aylward referred to the recent killing of health workers in Pakistan and said that WHO is working to leverage its broad support in the Islamic community to provide safety for volunteers and aid workers.

"The eradication program is continuously being put back on track," he said. "I can assure you that just as we have regrouped and restrategized before, we will continue to do so in Pakistan."

Discussing the successes of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) — in which Rotary and WHO collaborate with UNICEF and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention — Aylward cited India, which has not had a reported case of polio in two years. In February, WHO removed India from the list of polio-endemic countries, disproving the experts who had maintained that polio could not be eradicated there. And if continuing tests of polio cases recorded through 13 January continue to yield negative results, WHO will declare that India has interrupted transmission of indigenous wild poliovirus for the second consecutive year.

Polio remains endemic in only three countries: Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan. But because non-endemic countries remain at risk for cases imported from those three, immunization must continue everywhere to ensure that polio is eradicated worldwide.

Rotary's chief responsibilities in GPEI include advocacy, an increasingly important role in this latter stage of the campaign. In addition to contributing more than US\$1 billion to the initiative since 1985, Rotary has helped solicit over \$9 billion in support from donor governments. Such advocacy is crucial to finishing the job, as GPEI faces a funding gap of \$700 million this year.

Aylward emphasized that polio eradication is well within reach, and urged Rotarians to work together to reach that goal.

"You have been given the greatest opportunity in history to end this disease," Aylward said. "We can only finish with Rotary's leadership."

JUST ANNOUNCED

**Michael Bloomberg, mayor of New York has donated \$100,000,000.00
To the polio eradication effort!**
