



INTERNATIONAL SERVICE DISTRICT 5340 TRAINING ASSEMBLY

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GOALS

- Inspire
- Educate
 - ❖ Resources
 - ❖ People
- Connect

Project Mercy Baja

Building homes for homeless in
Baja

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- Project Mercy 501-C (3) is based in San Diego. Goal: Improvement of living standards for families in unhealthy conditions outlying Tijuana.
- 30 years building basic houses, cost \$7,800 per house + sanitary latrine. Provide materials, plans to build a home in one day. Eight to ten people are needed to build. Clubs can join to raise the money.
- Basic needs besides housing: food, clothing, bedding, toys, furniture - new or used.
- Vermin invade shacks built on top of the dirt. Leantos collapse in high winds. Babies freeze to death, fire claims lives due to poor heating in shacks.
- Limited electricity, no sewage system. Land barren and hilly. No homeless shelters or soup kitchens.
- Project Mercy has three criteria: Need, length of time in program, “sweat equity” earned.

Project Mercy Baja



ShelterBox

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- **Goals: Direct aid to families with life-saving shelter, essential tools & supplies to rebuild after natural disaster/conflict**
- **Since 2000, ShelterBox helped more than 1.5 million people in more than 100 countries including the United States**
- **Major ongoing aid projects in Ukraine, refugees in other countries, earthquake victims in Turkiye and Syria**
- **Rotary Club program presentations available from District 5340's ShelterBox Ambassador Tim McCully**
- **Costs: \$1,000 per ShelterBox, any money can be applied to purchase/deliver ShelterBoxes, repair kits, other essential supplies**
- **Volunteers - Rotary Club ShelterBox Champion, ShelterBox Ambassador, ShelterBox Response Team**



ShelterBox

Thousand Smiles Foundation

Free Cleft Lip/Palate Surgery &
Dental Care for underserved
children in Baja

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- Provide quality professional medical/dental treatment **FREE** to patients with maxillofacial deformities who would go untreated
- 30 years service to Baja children, growing to a state of the art surgical/dental facility
- 501-C (3) Currently holding 8 clinics a year in Ensenada, Mexico
- Needs: dentists, nurses, surgeons, lay people to volunteer
- Donations/grants to keep clinic running with supplies and equipment
- Clubs to provide lunches for volunteers who work for free, and families who are there all day



Thousand Smiles Foundation

Rotary Programs in Afghanistan

(Since the fall of the
Government)

- Update on Afghan education programs under the Taliban
- Hundreds of girls still getting education (as well as boys) at cost of several thousand per month.
- Programs are ongoing; Zooms calls can be arranged with Afghan students
- Afghan Teacher sponsorship: one month salary--\$250

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AYC Computer center



Class practices



TETT classes



Teaching English Through Technology



Guatemala Literacy Project/CoEd (Cooperative for Education Tours)

[Click here for video](#)

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- Breaking cycle of poverty in Guatemala through education
- Total of 278,413 students have been served in 25 years
- 2023: 60,762 students being served in 361 schools
- 99 districts, 824 Rotary clubs, 435 Rotarians traveled to Guatemala since 1997.
- 1/3 indigenous Guatemalans are illiterate: Now 5,711 students in Spark reading programs with 140,000 books in circulation; Spark learns twice as much as non-Spark classrooms
- 90% of rural Guatemalan classrooms - no textbooks
- 4 tours available, one for Rotarians GLP Tour Feb 3-11, 2024 (cost \$1,750-\$2,050) Tour occurs every February. Also shorter "snapshot" tours - 5 days available, 3x per year
- Biggest need, sponsor RISE scholars; second; have clubs participate as part of Global Grant

Free Wheelchair Mission

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- Free Wheelchair Mission is a nonprofit, manufactures efficient wheelchairs for developing countries globally
- Distributed 1.3 million wheelchairs to people with disabilities in 94 needy areas, providing dignity, independence with mobility, at no cost.
- 1,334,828 Wheelchairs Distributed Since 2001
- Rotary contributed over \$1.5 million with 20 years as supporters, donors and distribution partners.
- Each Wheelchair costs \$96 to give the gift of mobility

**FREE
WHEELCHAIR
MISSION**



OUR IMPACT

1,341,624
WHEELCHAIRS DISTRIBUTED

WHEELCHAIRS
DISTRIBUTED
PER DAY
176

TOP 5 COUNTRIES Served Since 2001

Vietnam.....206,193
China.....147,986
India.....102,976
Peru.....80,346
Mexico.....45,360

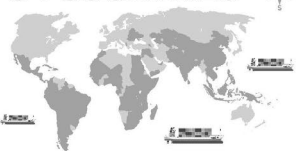


% OF CHAIRS BY REGION

Eurasia*
50%
Latin America & the Caribbean
36%
Africa
14%
Eurasia includes Europe, Asia, the
Middle East, and Oceania.

A WHEELCHAIR
PROVIDES
EDUCATION AND
EMPLOYMENT
OPPORTUNITIES

WHEELCHAIRS DISTRIBUTED IN 94 COUNTRIES



COMPONENTS OF MOBILITY



DESIGN

We build our wheelchairs with a simple and rugged design to fit demand in the developing world.



MAINTENANCE

We use commonly available components that are easily repaired and maintained.



OPPORTUNITY

We create opportunities for jobs, prayer, education, relationships, and increased community involvement.



COST EFFECTIVENESS

We provide mobility at a reasonable cost in order to make strides toward addressing the overwhelming global need for wheelchairs.



WORLDWIDE PARTNERS

We partner with like-minded organizations to reach some of the most remote regions on the planet.

Updated January 2023

FreeWheelchairMission.org



Kroc School of Peace Studies and its International Scholars & Alumni

- **Promote Peace and Conflict Resolution worldwide**
- **Expose more Rotarians to the Kroc Peace Center and its international scholars & alumni**
- **Rotary sponsorships total more than \$900,000. Alumni impact impossible to measure but many in 21 countries**
- **Potential for Club programs and interaction with scholars and alumni**
- **Opportunities to know the Peace Program and the scholars/alumni**

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Rotary Scholars and D5340

Ukraine Disaster Response San Diego

- Ukraine Refugee Support, San Diego
- 120+ Ukrainian refugee families
- On going fundraising, Program speaker Rotary Clubs
- Host families, contributions of any amount, employment referrals

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120+ Families in San Diego - more arriving



17.6 Million Refugees

REUTERS

Ukraine Disaster Response San Diego

Breakout in Groups & Information Exchange



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