

Mission UpReach Newsletter

2019 Year End Fundraising Campaign - A Firm Foundation

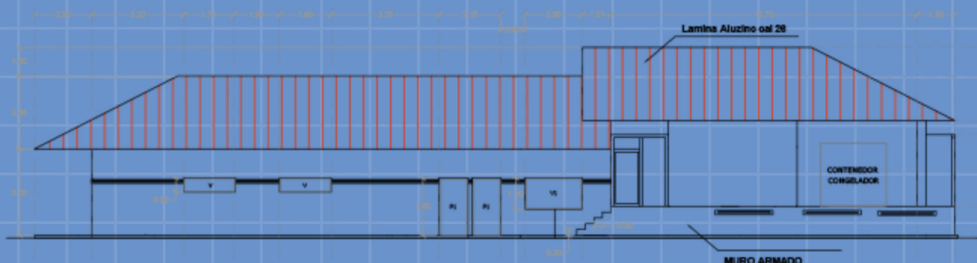
Every year, as we approach December 31st, we hold a year-end fundraising campaign in order to raise about 50% of our operating budget for ministries and programs. This year we hope to raise even more than that because of the incredible opportunity that some of our donors have offered. A small group of MUR donors has pledged \$500,000 as a Challenge Fund in order to motivate others to give to the Campaign. That means that for every \$1 given MUR will receive \$2 up to a maximum of \$500,000. That is a 2 for 1 deal and it is an incredible opportunity for donors to multiply their donations with us.

This year our campaign is especially exciting because of the good news that the financial help we are receiving is putting us on a trajectory for a solid, sustainable financial foundation for the future. This Firm Foundation will allow us to increase our effectiveness over the long term. By the end of 2021, 100% of our

donations will go directly towards the programs benefiting children and adults, rather than operation and maintenance costs. While this projection is viable and only three years away, we still have to finish investing in the infrastructure at our Moses Project for this goal to become a reality. Our goal is that in the not too distant future agriculture will pay for our overhead expenses while donations will pay for the direct cost of ministries and programs.

You can help us by acting now. Please make a donation by writing a check and putting it into the return envelope that is included with this newsletter and mailing it today. Remember for every dollar you donate someone else will match your dollar, dollar for dollar, so that we actually receive \$2 in benefit. Give now rather than later because as more people give and we share the news of how well we are progressing towards our goal; it encourages even more people to give.

★ \$500,000 MATCHING FUND ★



"The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against the house; yet it did not fall, because it has its foundation on the rock."

Matthew 7:25 (NIV)

A FIRM FOUNDATION



Blessing others through healthcare



Orthopedic Surgical Team Performs 46 Surgeries

Once again, a team of surgeons and staff came to Honduras to perform surgeries on people who otherwise would not be able to receive help. This time the team was orthopedic, performing knee scopes, repairing ACL's, and some shoulder repairs. Sometimes our surgical teams help the local hospital reduce their waiting list, which directly blesses people who have waited months for elective surgeries like tonsillectomies and gall bladder removals. But when an orthopedic team comes, they help people who would otherwise never have the much-needed procedures done due to the lack of financial means. A simple knee scope costs \$3000, which may not sound like a lot to you, but for the folks we help this is four times what they earn in a year. ACL and shoulder repairs cost three times that amount and would be impossible to pay for. Witnessing

the gratitude of the patients is better pay for these team members than what they would earn if they had stayed home this week. Our church planting team follows up with each patient two to three weeks post-surgery by visiting each one of them in their homes. This is quite a project because it requires our team to cover a large geographical area in order to get to each person. Sometimes the patients are hesitant to give us their contact information, fearing we may be from the government and might demand some sort of payment. When they realize our sincere desire to check on them and pray with them, they are often moved to tears. They struggle to believe that there are people in the world who do things for others simply because they love as God commands. At Mission UpReach, we are honored and blessed when teams of surgeons come and impact the community in this way. Doors are opened and lives are changed.



The Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine (VCOM)

VCOM returned to western Honduras for the third time this year. This group from the Virginia campus focused its outreach to mostly children. In conjunction with our DESEO program, we strive to provide one medical checkup per year. Thanks to VCOM, we were able to serve 300 children with such checkups. They also spent one day serving 100 people in our local congregation. This experience provides exposure to unique pathology for the medical students and in turn blesses many in need. We so appreciate VCOM's trust and confidence in us as we provide the logistical support for their medical outreach.





DESEO Project is growing

One year ago we made a decision to begin a child sponsorship program. We have had this as a part of our vision for years but wanted it to be more than just financial support for children without a spiritual component or the personal connection. In conjunction with our DESEO program, we are able to provide each sponsored child weekly Biblical teachings, values training and more. A sponsorship ensures that we can continue to do the things we do in our DESEO program in addition to providing uniforms, shoes, socks, backpacks, and school supplies to children in need. A sponsor then has an opportunity to maintain a personal conversation with their sponsored child through our network. These children also get priority access to medical care and opportunities to participate in our annual Bible Camp.

We have successfully recruited 80 sponsors. We still have 24 children waiting for sponsors and have recently added 47 to the waiting list. We are working hard to promote this opportunity and would appreciate your help. Not only would we like to invite you to sponsor a child for \$38 per month (deseoproject.org), but we would like

to ask you to promote child sponsorships through your congregation. If you are willing to do that, we will happily provide you with brochures and banners and very clear instructions on how to promote our DESEO Project. Please contact Donna Waldron at donna.w@missionupreach.org for more information.





A note from Donna



It's hard to believe we are already in the last couple of months of 2019. This time of year is full of closure and new beginning for

us here in western Honduras. Our school year ends mid-November, which means our DESEO program as well as our deaf school, ESPERO are wrapping up and beginning to plan for 2020. We face the challenge of planning for the next year without knowing if we will have the

necessary funding for 2020. The demands to add more schools to our DESEO program, to add more grade levels to our deaf school, mean the need for more staff, which means more money.

Since we began Mission UpReach, in 2009, we have stepped out on faith, trusting God to provide as we grow. Since we live in a country where needs are endless, it's hard to find the balance of stepping out in faith to meet needs and accepting the limitations that God has placed on us. We ask for your specific prayers for wisdom and direction as we plan 2020 with vision and faith. We also ask that you pray for God to open hearts to our year-end fundraising plea that historically provides about half of our operational budget each year. And thank you, as always for your loving and generous support.

2019 Brigade Season

January 5-12	VCOM	Medical
February 9-16	Surgical.....	General and ENT
February 16-19	Pine Tree	School sponsorship
February 23-March 2	Tusculum Church of Christ (TN)	Medical
March 9-16	Belton Church of Christ (TX)	Youth-VBS
March 16-23	Lipscomb University (TN)	Medical
May 18-25.....	Oklahoma State (OK)	Construction
June 1-8.....	Snellville Church of Christ	VBS
June 8-15.....	Pine Tree Church of Christ	Medical/VBS/Construction
June 15-22	University Church of Christ.....	Medical
June 22-29.....	Burnt Hickory Church of Christ	Medical/VBS/Construction
July 6-13	Lexington Church of Christ	Medical
July 6-15	VCOM	Medical
July 20-27	University CofC Youth	VBS
July 20-27	Disciple Trips.....	VBS
July 27-August 3.....	Southside CofC (TX)	Medical
Sept. 28-Oct.5.....	Surgical.....	Orthopedic
Oct. 5-12.....	VCOM	Medical

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