

Mission UpReach Newsletter

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DESEO Project celebrates birthdays



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Brigade season winding down



Snellville Brigade

The Snellville Church of Christ from Snellville, Georgia brought 24 of its members to Honduras. They came with many extra suitcases filled with decorations and crafts for children. This group decorated our church building with the theme of the movie “Encanto” and set up stations for the children to enjoy. We bused in 100 children each morning and a different group each afternoon to experience the fun and love. This group prepared backpacks full of useful and fun treats to send home with each child. The children left with huge smiles on their faces. This group spent their last day spreading joy in Corquín, a nearby town where Mike and Kris Bridges work with their team. The energy they poured into the planning and implementation was impressive. We feel so grateful for their generosity and devotion to loving on the children we serve.



VCOM Brigade



The Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine (VCOM) has finally returned after about three years of no visits due to the complications of the pandemic. This time they traveled with a group of 47, including preceptors and students. The students who participate are first and second year med students who are getting some hands-on experience in treating patients. The students assess, diagnose, and propose a treatment plan to their preceptor. The preceptor uses the opportunity to teach and redirect as needed. It's a great experience for the students, not just the cultural experience, but also the learning opportunity. This team was able to treat 100 patients per day and finished their week treating about 30 children in a crisis care center in town. We love our partnership with VCOM and look forward to hosting them several times per year moving forward.





Basketball Clinic

We were thrilled to host Scott Galloway and Bobby McVey in July. They came to teach basketball training skills to our DESEO team and conduct a camp for children. They also spent their evening teaching our deaf students basketball. These two men started early and ended late each day. Scott has been a part of our basketball league from the beginning. We greatly appreciate his dedication and the time he has given to help us continue to improve this vital program. Bobby McVey has also been with us from the beginning, both helping with basketball but more importantly designing, formatting, and mailing out this newsletter each month! He has been a great help in many of our graphic design needs throughout all these years.



Pine Tree Brigade

We ended our “summer” brigades by hosting the Pine Tree Church out of Longview, Texas. The Paris Church of Christ joined them this year along with a few others from surrounding churches. The group consisted of 64 people. They had a team working with our DESEO program, conducting a VBS in schools, and teaching basketball skills in the afternoon. There was also a team that focused on a construction project in one of our schools. They were able to complete a cesspool so that the school could have functioning bathrooms, as well as pour a concrete floor for one of their classrooms. The impact of the project will last for many generations. The biggest group conducted a medical brigade in a community by the name of Candelaria. This community is the focus of our church planting team for a future church. The group provided medical consults, medications, eyeglasses, and much needed dental work. They also took photos of families, printed, and laminated the photos for the families to take home. The medical and dental needs were great, but the thing that brought the most joy was the gift of the family photo, something most families rarely have the resources to purchase. Their medical brigade saw 1079 individuals. We have a special place in our hearts for the Pine Tree Church of Christ. They have been with us, financially and personally, since the beginning.





A note from Donna

As we wrap up our summer brigade season, I feel incredibly grateful to those who made the sacrifice to

come and serve with us here in Honduras.

This summer alone we served more than 3800 people with medical consults, eye checks, and dental work. Several vital and important construction

projects were completed, and many children were served with a fun and exciting VBS. It's hard to explain the impact these things have on the people we serve and the communities we work in.

Doors are opened by the love expressed, whether through medical attention or making the children happy. Measuring this by numbers seems insignificant considering the impact these efforts have had and will have for much time to come.

So, to all the 270 servants who came to Santa Rosa de Copán this year, we thank you!

2023 Brigade Season

Brad Russell Group	February 25-March 4.....	Medical
Belton Church of Christ	March 11-18.....	VBS
Country View Family Farms/	March 25-April 1	Construction
Clemens Food Group		
Robison Family.....	May 27-June 3.....	Construction
Blacksburg Church.....	June 3-10	Construction
Southside Church, KY.....	June 10-17.....	Medical
Southside Church, TX	June 17-24	Medical
Disciple Trips team.....	June 24-July 1.....	Medical
Snellville Church of Christ	July 1-8.....	VBS
VCOM.....	July 8-15.....	Medical
Pine Tree Church of Christ.....	July 22-29.....	Medical/VBS

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