

Honduras Agape Foundation Board Meeting

July 1, 2009

Trinity United Methodist Church, Hope Missionary Sunday School Room

Attendance: Bill Bengtson, Allen Blancett, June Blohm, Ken Blohm, Karen Livingston, Ed Norton, George Sewell, Randy Shelley, Jerry Taylor, Tommy Thompson, Sam Turnipseed
Excused: Anne Buffington, George Dewhirst, Roxanne Turnipseed

1. Meeting Opened with Prayer by Jerry and Allen at 6:57 pm

2. Agenda Reviewed and Approved as Written—Allen

3. Consent Agenda—Allen (see Attachment #1)

MOTION: *Approve the consent agenda as written—Motion passed without further discussion.*

4. Status of Political Turmoil in Honduras; advisability of mission trip—Allen

Extensive discussion of the current situation in Honduras focused on ongoing feedback being provided to HAF officers and BOD members by numerous Honduran citizens, security personnel, government workers, and missionaries stationed in San Pedro Sula, Tegucigalpa, Quimistan, and other areas of the country along with the daily alerts issued by the US Embassy in Honduras requesting that US citizens defer all nonessential travel until further notice due to the continuing political instability. All of the counsel received by these reports has remained consistent in recommending that we not send down a team at the present time even though most areas currently remain calm. There are continued reports of road blocks and threats of violence between the two sides of the conflict should the ousted president decide to return to the country as planned on Saturday, July 4. In addition, with several crucial deadlines approaching on the weekend of July 4, international warnings of repercussions if the ousted president is not reinstated this weekend, along with reports of planned nationwide demonstrations on Sunday, July 5, the potential risk to our team members or those transporting them is believed to be increased. While the current risk appears to be small, the consequences that could result to our team from potential uprisings or threatened intervention from other countries during or immediately following the weekend are much greater. For this reason, the BOD voted unanimously to adjust the dates of the mission team from July 5-15 to July 10-20 to provide opportunity to more accurately determine the country's response and the resulting risk to our team members during the next two weeks.

MOTION: *HAF Board does not sanction trip until July 10. That decision will be reevaluated by the Executive Committee on July 7, and this committee will make the decision whether to sanction the trip on July 10.—Motion passed.*

5. Committee Reports—questions, motions, actions

a. Executive—Allen

Written report was distributed to BOD members for review, but without further discussion. Copies of a letter received from Arturo and Suyapa and previously read to the BOD were also distributed.

b. Nominating--Ed

Urgent need—HAF Treasurer to succeed Tommy

No candidates have yet been identified for this position. There is still one remaining opening on the BOD, so individuals not already on the BOD can be considered for this position. Ed Norton requested assistance from the BOD for identifying qualified and interested candidates.

c. Awareness and Development—Bill--No report.

d. Construction--George D. (See Attachment #2)--No further report.

e. Medical—June (See Attachment #3)

MOTION: *Explore other opportunities to utilize the hospital facilities during the July 20th trip. Provide the Board with feedback and recommendations at the August meeting. Motion passed.*

June commented on two former instances and a more recent instance in which Dr. Elsa was not allowed access to the Agape Clinic and had to conduct her regularly scheduled clinic hours at facilities other than the Agape Clinic due to the Agape Compound facilities being rented out to other groups for special events. For this reason, the Medical Committee is evaluating other possible locations for this clinic. One option being evaluated is the possibility of using space at the newly opened hospital for this service.

f. Evangelism and Nurture—Roxanne (See Attachment #4)--No further report.

g. Travel—Roxanne (See Attachment #5)--No further report.

h. Fundraising—Ken (See Attachment #6)

MOTION: *In 2010, have Board members obtain approval from their respective churches to sponsor a mission team and request their congregation to fund incidental costs (to be determined by Committee Chairs and the Team Leaders) -- Motion Amended.*

AMENDED MOTION: *In 2010, recommend that Board members invite their respective churches to sponsor a mission team and request their congregation to fund incidental costs (to be determined by Committee Chairs and the Team Leaders).—Motion Passed.*

BOD members discussed church sponsorship of mission teams as a way to financially support the work of HAF and encourage greater involvement by local church congregations. To accomplish this goal, BOD members were encouraged to actively participate by presenting to their churches specifics regarding projects to be completed, costs involved, and other ways to support the needs of the mission teams. Individual churches would not be expected to cover the entire cost of one particular trip, but would be encouraged to help according to their interest or ability. This approach has been very effective at one local church, but has required a proactive, creative approach by the involved BOD members.

i. **AP—Ken** (See Attachment #7)—No further report.

j. **QVS—Sam**

The Quimistan community is continuing to solicit scholarship funds. Sam informed us that he received word that one of the recent candidates for the program had to drop out after his parent's requested that he go to work to support the family instead of pursuing a higher education right now.

k. **Highway Ministry--George D.** (See Attachment #8)

Raising animals was mentioned again as a possible topic to be considered by the committee.

6. Unfinished Business

a. **Mission Trip Planning Update**—No further report.

July 5-15--George D.--No further report.

July 20-27—Ken (See Attachment #9)--No further report.

July 28-Aug 7—Anne (See Attachment #10)--No further report.

b. **Policy on transfer of funds to other NGOs in Honduras—Allen** (See Attachment #11)

The policy was briefly discussed and explained. In the original printed policy, the statement which reads, "Agreement is reached between HAF and the requesting organization regarding what is to be done with the funds. . ." the word "requesting" was corrected to read "receiving." In addition, clarification was made about the regulations concerning donations to US 501(C)(3) organizations versus disbursements to foreign NGO's or local Hondurans currently registered as HAF volunteers who disburse HAF funds designated for specific HAF projects. The specific requirements for disbursements to NGO's were reiterated as listed with special emphasis on the requirement that HAF control the use of funds and ensure that the purpose of the funds remains consistent with the mission and goals of HAF.

MOTION: *Accept the corrected policy as presented.*—**Motion passed.**

c. **HAF Registration as Honduran NGO—Allen**

Registration paperwork is to be notarized and submitted to the South Carolina Secretary of State, who will prepare the documents so that they are acceptable to Honduras. The documents will then be mailed to the attorney in Honduras who has offered to take the steps necessary to register HAF there as a nonprofit NGO. Honduras is a signatory to the Hague Convention, providing reciprocity between the two countries.

d. **Review of OASIS NGO Bylaws—Jerry**

It was noted that OASIS is not yet officially recognized by all parts of the Honduran government as an NGO even though the attorney for the NGO has assured them that all the necessary papers have been filed. The Executive Committee has reviewed the bylaws, but final comments still need to be submitted to Suyapa for review.

e. **Integrated Long-Range Plan—Jerry**

Committee chairs were reminded to submit their intentions and goals for their particular areas to Jerry within the next month so that Jerry and George Sewell can begin drafting a long-range plan for the Foundation. Included in this request are both short-term (2 year) and longer-term (3-5 year) goals. The desire is to have a draft plan completed around September, or at least in time for a fall visioning conference.

7. New Business—Proposed future actions

a. **Proposals Regarding Collaboration with New Hospital**

From Roxanne's note: (See Attachment #12)

MOTION #1: *That HAF desires to work collaboratively with "Centro Medico de Quimistan, Gracias a Dios". This does not constitute any agreement regarding any particular area of possible collaboration; it simply expresses our wish to continue communications with the possibility of reaching agreement on one or more specific collaborations in the future.*—**Motion passed.**

MOTION #2: *That HAF agrees to solicit donations of equipment needed by the hospital in Quimistan.*—**Motion tabled.**

MOTION #3: *That HAF agrees to begin recruiting medical practitioners for future medical brigades to collaborate with the Quimistan hospital.*--**Motion tabled.**

BOD members determined that it is too soon to pursue motions 2 and 3 and that further information and evaluation of partnership options are needed before we solicit donations of equipment or recruit medical practitioners. Some specific questions and issues raised included: 1. If HAF purchases equipment for use at the hospital and later builds its own free-standing clinic, will HAF be able to relocate that equipment or will it have to remain at the hospital? 2. Who will be in charge of writing up formal proposals and agreements between HAF and the hospital? 3. If HAF wants to continue to provide services free of charge, will we be allowed to do so in that facility? 4. Does the

medical committee assume responsibility for these issues or should a separate subcommittee be formed? For now, the medical committee will continue to explore options and opportunities and report back information and provide recommendations for addressing these issues.

b. Proposal on paying mileage reimbursement in Honduras--George D.

MOTION: *HAF will offer the current GSA mileage reimbursement rate when we use people's personal vehicles.—
Motion amended.*

AMENDED MOTION: *HAF will offer the current GSA mileage reimbursement rate when we use people's personal vehicles as approved by the Executive Committee.—Motion passed.*

BOD members discussed the pros and cons of using the mileage reimbursement rate as the standard policy to be used when reimbursing individuals who provide their vehicles to transport mission team members and to assist with HAF projects. Our previous practice was to pay for gas and, at times, some car repairs (i.e. replacement of tires, etc.) deemed essential to help insure the safety of our team members being transported in these vehicles. While the goal of the new policy would be to provide funds to cover gas expenses along with car maintenance costs in advance, concerns were raised that providing such funds would be no guarantee that the funds to cover necessary repairs would be saved and applied for this purpose. For this reason, the BOD decided that the Executive committee should decide when it is most appropriate to use the GSA mileage reimbursement rate versus paying for repairs at the point of need and reimbursing for gas in accordance with previous practice.

8. Next Meeting: August 19, 2009; Trinity United Methodist Church

9. Closing Prayer by Allen

10. Meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm

Consent Agenda

General Motions

- 1. MOTION: Approve the minutes of the May 20, 2009 meeting as written**
- 2. MOTION: Approve the 6/27/09 Financial Status Report as written**

Motions from Construction Committee

- 3. MOTION: All previous requests for assistance that were rejected or not acted upon but not formally acknowledged are to be considered resolved with no further action to be taken.**
- 4. MOTION: The HAF Executive Committee will receive all new requests for help, and will screen the requests and assign to appropriate committees as needed.**

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Livingston, Secretary

Committee Reports Follow

Attachment #1
HAF Financial Status – through June 27, 2009

	March	April	May	June through 6/27/09	Sum since 10/1/08	Sum since 1/1/09
Beginning each month						
Cash on hand	\$ 94.94	\$ -				
Cash in Checking Account	\$ 10,981.33	\$ 5,775.95	\$ 5,425.06	\$ 15,520.86		
Cash in Vanguard Account	\$ 12,733.73	\$ 5,739.53	\$ 15,744.33	\$ 5,747.07		
Cash in Quimistan Bank	\$ 1,216.82	\$ 3,980.72	\$ 1,932.77	\$ 3,906.39		
Total Cash--Beginning Month	\$ 24,931.88	\$ 15,496.20	\$ 23,102.16	\$ 25,174.32		
Deposits to Checking Account						
Designated						
Agape Promises	\$ 150.00	\$ 852.00	\$ 976.00	\$ 558.00	\$ 17,374.50	\$ 3,740.00
Mission Trips	\$ 2,481.00	\$ 1,299.43	\$ 7,591.56	\$ 2,921.82	\$ 34,062.73	\$ 17,674.06
Home Construction	\$ -	\$ 4,025.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,134.41	\$ 4,134.41
School Construction	\$ -	\$ 3,800.00	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 12,300.00	\$ 6,800.00
Meds. Anti-parasites, fluorides	\$ -	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Adopt-a-Village	\$ -	\$ 625.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 875.00	\$ 2,615.00	\$ 2,115.00
Higher Education Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,126.00	\$ -
Children's Home Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 387.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 5,856.84	\$ 687.00
Highway Ministry	\$ -	\$ 140.00	\$ 1,225.00	\$ 285.00	\$ 1,650.00	\$ -
Benevolence Fund	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,523.00	\$ 350.00
Santa Clara ministry	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 262.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 8,652.00	\$ 752.00
Travel Scholarship Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ -
Undesignated						
General Donations	\$ 2,450.00	\$ 306.00	\$ 633.00	\$ 5,125.00	\$ 17,687.21	\$ 10,315.00
Newsletter Response	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,455.00	\$ -
Fundraising Campaign Response	\$ -	\$ 2,805.00	\$ 1,135.00	\$ 360.00	\$ 4,300.00	\$ 4,300.00
Misc.	\$ 94.94	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -	\$ 70.00	\$ (131.59)	\$ 1,885.15
Total Deposits	\$ 5,225.94	\$ 15,227.43	\$ 12,534.56	\$ 13,669.82	\$ 113,205.10	\$ 53,052.62
Disbursements from Checking Account and Vanguard Account						
"Nondiscretionary Recurring Expenditures"						
Agape Promises	\$ (2,557.56)	\$ (1,500.00)	\$ (1,796.00)	\$ (1,000.00)	\$ (17,289.52)	\$ (10,889.52)
Mission Trip Expenses	\$ (4,682.60)	\$ (406.78)	\$ (1,695.43)	\$ (5,224.34)	\$ (30,854.30)	\$ (16,310.21)
Medical Support (inc. Doctor & Nurse)	\$ (2,000.00)	\$ -	\$ (2,116.95)	\$ (980.00)	\$ (10,679.85)	\$ (8,596.95)
Dental Incl. Fluorides	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (3,699.50)	\$ (3,318.58)
Administrative Exp. Honduras	\$ (825.00)	\$ (1,000.00)	\$ (20.00)	\$ -	\$ (5,562.99)	\$ (4,817.99)
Administrative Exp. USA	\$ (29.65)	\$ (363.54)	\$ (51.25)	\$ (22.25)	\$ (1,864.98)	\$ (1,080.37)
Evangelism	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (204.08)	\$ (581.91)	\$ (1,020.10)	\$ (1,020.10)
Discretionary Expenditures						
Building Homes	\$ (2,000.00)	\$ (2,000.00)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (7,194.41)	\$ (4,044.41)
School Projects	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (3,800.00)	\$ -	\$ (9,653.51)	\$ (9,653.51)
Clinic Upgrades	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Community Projects	\$ (95.05)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (3,249.55)	\$ (395.05)
Vehicle Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (1,200.00)	\$ -	\$ (1,200.00)	\$ (1,200.00)
Highway Ministry	\$ -	\$ (300.00)	\$ -	\$ (1,140.00)	\$ (1,440.00)	\$ (1,440.00)
Misc. cost	\$ (401.46)	\$ (8.00)	\$ (400.19)	\$ 1,140.00	\$ (1,365.39)	\$ 110.33
Other Designated Funds						
Higher Education Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (904.86)	\$ -	\$ (1,445.46)	\$ (1,031.86)
Benevolence Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (1,480.00)	\$ (300.00)
Travel Scholarship Fund	\$ (600.00)	\$ -	\$ (250.00)	\$ -	\$ (850.00)	\$ (850.00)
Santa Clara Ministry	\$ (2,740.00)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (8,217.00)	\$ (5,367.00)
Children's Home Fund	\$ (1,500.00)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (2,000.00)	\$ (1,500.00)
Total Disbursements	\$ (17,431.32)	\$ (5,578.32)	\$ (12,438.76)	\$ (7,808.50)	\$ (109,066.56)	\$ (71,705.22)
Deposits to Vanguard Account						
Wachovia Checking to Vanguard	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 84,000.00	\$ 43,000.00
Interest Earned on Vanguard Deposits	\$ 5.80	\$ 4.80	\$ 2.74	\$ -	\$ 100.77	\$ 49.86
Disbursements from Vanguard Account						
Vanguard Wires to Quimistan	\$ (12,000.00)	\$ -	\$ (10,000.00)	\$ (5,000.00)	\$ (71,020.00)	\$ (48,000.00)
End of Month						
Cash in Checking Account	\$ 5,775.95	\$ 5,425.06	\$ 15,520.86	\$ 8,382.18		
Cash in Vanguard Account	\$ 5,739.53	\$ 15,744.33	\$ 5,747.07	\$ 18,717.07		
Cash in Quimistan Bank	\$ 3,980.72	\$ 1,932.77	\$ 3,906.39	\$ 2,766.45		
Total Cash--End of Month	\$ 15,496.20	\$ 23,102.16	\$ 25,174.32	\$ 29,865.70		
TOTAL OF DESIGNATED FUNDS	\$ 20,026.13	\$ 24,020.78	\$ 24,611.45	\$ 25,166.93		
UNDESIGNATED, DISCRETIONARY FUNDS	\$ (4,529.93)	\$ (918.62)	\$ 562.88	\$ 4,698.77		

Attachment #2
Construction Committee Report--1 July 2009
Submitted by George Dewhirst, Committee Chair

1. Activities in Honduras

- a. The home for the Guillermo Rapalo family is under construction and at last report was completed up to the top of the window.

- b. Repairs to Ms. Eloisa's kitchen are complete.
 - c. Construction of the classroom and kitchen/pantry in Santa Clara has begun and the foundations are complete.
2. Construction of the kitchen/pantry at Senora Ada Umunzor's kindergarten will begin with the early July trip.
 3. An Excel workbook containing a listing of requests for assistance has been updated with latest info and is submitted for the BODs review. It contains three worksheets, pending projects, completed projects and rejected projects. To my knowledge no action has ever been taken to respond to requestors whose request we have rejected or not act upon. Many of those requests are several years old and I do not have any documentation of the request other than the spreadsheet I got from Jerry Taylor when I became Chairman. **I recommend that all of these be considered resolved with no further action to be taken.**
 4. I had hoped to have estimates back on all of the pending projects but I don't. Therefore the committee has not been able to consider all of the new pending projects in order to make recommendations on them. In light of our current financial situation I do not believe that we are in a position to undertake any other new projects at this time.

Attachment #3
June 2009 Board Meeting
Medical / Health Committee

Provide medical outreach to the community

- In May the medical brigade of Dr Elsa, Nurse Edith and Maynor visited the small villages of Las Montanitas (35), Jicaro (29) and Nueva Esperanza (39).
- The team gathered data on the health problems of the patients in the 3 communities visited. The data is broken down by age group.
- Doctor Elsa continues to provide services at the Agape clinic. 79 patients were seen in May.. The team was unable to visit patients on 2 occasions in the period due to other activities occurring in the Agape compound.

Dental News

- The Starkville dentists plan to treat patients in Quimistan and Pueblo Nuevo. Pastora Julia advised Roxanne that the activity is a go with the leaders of the Agape church.
- The portable dental machine was brought back to the US for servicing by the Eberhards. The plan is for the July 20th team to return the machine to Honduras.
- We have provided Bill Bengston with photos and an article for the local newspapers.

Fluoride / deworming

- In January three of the VBS locations received fluoride and deworming treatments. No additional treatments had been administered until the June team activities. There continues to be some confusion regarding the level and extent of the government's funding for deworming treatments. Roxanne has worked with Maynor to get the program back on schedule. Reporting on this activity will be initiated next month.

Lowering our cost of medicines

- Dr Elsa and Maynor have identified fluoride and deworming meds available locally. The plan is for Karen to evaluate these alternatives. Assuming effectiveness of these meds, they offer benefits among which are: supporting the Honduran economy, elimination of shipping, purchasing as needed vs. in bulk.
- Maynor has provided a list of the top 10 meds in terms of overall cost. Volumes are now included on the list.
- The congregation of First Pres Aiken has contributed \$558 to cover fluoride and deworming for 800 children.

Bio Sand Filters / Water testing

- Testing the water in the 6 villages is underway. The instructions for use of the kits have been translated. The local team continues to learn how to use the kits and interpret the results with Allen's support.
- In May Karen reported that Samaritan's Purse backed out of the Santa Clara project after the Canadian office reported that the contamination level was below their required level for intervention
- As a follow up we requested the accept/reject criteria from Samaritan's Purse to facilitate a smooth path in the future. Attached is their response.

From: Carolina Sanchez [csanchez@samaritan.org]
Sent: Tuesday, June 02, 2009 6:34 PM
To: kenjune@bellsouth.net
Cc: 'Brad Phillips'; 'Misael Baquedano'
Subject: RE: Santa Clara Water Filter Project

Hi Ken and June,

Thanks for your email. Sorry for not reply to you earlier but I just came back to the country.

I am aware of the conversation that Brad and Misael in Honduras had with Arturo in his office couple weeks ago, where they explained to him why we are not choosing this community, and I will be happy to explain to you this situation here.

Before we select a community for the biosand filter program, we do a presentation where we explain what this program is about and what are the requirements and the criteria selection the need to met, in order for the BSF to hit the best effectiveness. The next thing our local team does is take a sample of the water that the community is drinking to the lab for a biological contamination test. Just until this result is done, we can decide if exist a necessity for the implementation of the program.

As far I understand, the local team didn't promise anything to the community in that first community meeting, but told them we need to get the results for the water test first.

Here is our criteria selection to accept a community:

- Access to a source of water all year long
- Sources of water reliant on highly contaminate rivers, hand dug or shallow wells, superficial waters. (rain water or springs are not priority)
- A community that doesn't have running water at home or water that comes from the city already with a pre-treatment or any other water structure.
- A community that doesn't have water with industrial contaminants or chemical components
- The minimum of total contamination of number of fecal coli forms present should be around 150

0-10 = Reasonable quality

10-100/150 = Low contamination

100-1000 = Dangerous

> 1000 = Very dangerous

Saying this, when is low contamination the BSF technology is not the best and the cheaper choice. We recommend chlorination, sedimentation or ceramic filters for a household. The BSF was design just for water with a high contamination of fecal coli forms and also cannot take any water with Clorox or high metal components, because the biological layer will have problems growing. Also, for very poor communities who have a high percentages of diarrheal diseases, especially in children under 5 years old.

We cannot force this technology because at the end the effectiveness will not be the best if the beneficiary doesn't follow the technical standards and requirements. As much dirty the source of water is, as much of virus and bacteria will die.

I apologize for Arturo and the community leader this situation wasn't clear from the beginning but in this case we need to honor our donors who support this program and trust us to place the filters where it is most need it. We would like to reach the communities in Honduras that are in the worse water contamination conditions.

The test we got from Santa Clara already suggests a chlorination treatment and also the results showed that this water has industrial components. They don't need the BSF technology.

Also, this project in a general prospective looks simple but is very complex. An implementation of this technology without a full supervision, a further evaluation and monitoring after installation during the first year, plus a good health and hygiene program will not be sustainable long term. I can say that this is just a tool that God gave us to have a specific reason to go into the beneficiaries houses, and help them to improve their health but also share the gospel with them. We want to be excellent when we do things for God but in the same way, we need to be excellent in the way we use the resources He is providing to us and keep the credibility about the vision of this program.

Please let me know if you still have any other concerns. I will be happy to assist you.

Thanks,

Carolina Sanchez Sotomonte
Regional Manager - Latin America
Household Water Program - Projects
Samaritan's Purse Canada
csanchez@samaritan.org

Eye clinics

- Given the planned opening of the hospital in Quimistan we asked Maynor to consult with the doctors to determine if we could use the hospital for eye clinics. The doctors have agreed.
- The new hospital opens up several opportunities as were highlighted in Roxanne's report.

**Motion: Explore other opportunities to utilize the hospital facilities during the July 20th trip.
Provide the Board with feedback and recommendations at the August meeting.**

- A team has been developing the eye training video (Tommy, George S, Ken and June). Hopefully we'll have a piece to share at the Board meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Ken and June Blohm
June 27, 2009

Attachment #4

Hola de Quimistan para boletin de comite evangelic.
(I know but at least I am trying☺)
Update from Quimistan for Evangelism and Nurture Committee
June 22, 2009

From July trip report

Project #2: VBS and AP Program

VBS – The team led the Salvation Bracelet curriculum for 100+ kids and shared lunch with them at the home of the Thomsens. These children are a part of Martha's ministry. Team members also led the Salvation Bracelet curriculum for children in Banderas and gave the kids the tote bags (donated by Aiken Elementary).

AP Program –The team visited the classes at the kindergarten and then everyone came back to the ranch. The team performed a skit for the children- Parable of the Sower. The AP children performed a skit- Parable of the Talents- and sang for our missionary group. Following which we all shared a meal.

HAF Flyer

I brought 500 copies of the flyer and they are being kept in the HAF office. We did hand them out when the medical brigade visited Banderas. Maynor and Edith were both pleased to have them to utilize. Andrea Pena is making some corrections to the translation for the next printing.

Club Desafio

I have been in email contact with Eduardo Sabillon, the coordinator. He and the team will be in the area in late July as the event will be held on August 7th. He has my phone number and plans to call when he arrives in country.

Invitation received:

On July 11 at 4pm, the Quimistan Pastor's Association is hosting an evangelistic crusade here in Quimistan and the team has been invited. This is the event to which Pastor Zaldivar had asked us to partner, but due to the size and unfamiliarity, the committee declined. Hopefully, at least part of our team can attend to gain further knowledge and understanding for future collaboration.

Guillermo's Home Pounding: Waiting for home completion prior to presentation.

Future mission teams:

July 5- 15 is on target for the plans set in May as they will hold VBS for the Hwy. Ministry children on July 12th.

July 20-27 – I received from Pastora Julia a positive response to this group providing VBS for the Agape Church children. I am awaiting the date from the team leader to pass on to Pastora Julia.

July 28- Aug. 7 is on target for the plans set in May for a day in Santa Clara.

Respectfully submitted:
Roxanne Turnipseed

Attachment #5

June 10-20 Trip Report

Honduras Agape Foundation Mission June 10- 20, 2009

[Team: Ardyn Melnyk, Cecelia Newman, Brian Eberhard, Beth Eberhard, Annalise Eberhard, Christa Eberhard, Donald Josey, Eric Lambert, Lila Smith, Lauren Norton, Sam Turnipseed, and Roxanne Turnipseed]

Project #1: Santa Clara

Guillermo's House – The work consisted of carrying bricks and roof tiles from the factory up a muddy hill to the house, and assisting the masons with brick laying- passed bricks, mixed cement, and built relationships. By the last day, the brick level was up to the top edge of the windows.

Classrooms and Cafeteria – We dug trenches for the cafeteria, unearthed rocks and boulders, and toted them to the foundation site, filled the trenches with said rocks and boulders, aided in mixing concrete and filling the trenches with concrete, leveled the ground to prepare for the laying of the floor, and carried 502 large red bricks up the same above mentioned muddy hill to prepare for construction of the walls.

Garbage Clean-up (x2) – Along with local missionary, team members participated in garbage clean-up-to encourage cleanliness to promote health and well-being walking the streets of Santa Clara with sacks and picking-up garbage and going house to house to collect trash and provide families with 'new' garbage sacks. (To provide an alternative to throwing garbage in the streets)

Fluoride and De-Worming (x2) –Team members visited local schools and provided treatments and shared an inspirational message.
Planting Beans – Team members assisted locals and planted thousands (?) of bean seeds in a rocky field. Despite the rain which

nightly washed away many of the seeds, by the end of the week we were able to see the first ones sprouting up through the soil- it takes five days for a bean seed to sprout.

Relationship Building – The team worked to share our love for the Lord with the people of Santa Clara through working alongside them, playing soccer, playing educational games, coloring, and taking part in meals

Project #2: VBS and AP Program

VBS – The team led the Salvation Bracelet curriculum for 100+ kids and shared lunch with them at the home of the Thomsens. These children are a part of Martha’s ministry. Team members also led the Salvation Bracelet curriculum for children in Banderas and gave the kids the tote bags (donated by Aiken Elementary).
 AP Program –The team visited the classes at the kindergarten and then everyone came back to the ranch. The team performed a skit for the children- Parable of the Sower. The AP children performed a skit- Parable of the Talents- and sang for our missionary group. Following which we all shared a meal.

Project #3: Fluoride

When visiting the school in Banderas, the team members also provided fluoride treatment.

Project #4: Highway Ministry

One team member accompanied Maynor and Gloria to feed children of the Highway Ministry. About 30 children were in attendance.

Project #5: Wood-working

Brian, with a bit of help, built a desk and bench which was stored in the HAF office.

Project #6: Quimistan Scholar Program

Denis joined our group for dinner, and joined the youth in games of soccer and volleyball. He stated his extreme gratitude for the opportunity he is receiving.

Activity #7: Five team members accompanied Dr. Elsa, Maynor, and Edith to Banderas to observe a medical village visit.

Approximately 50+ patients were seen. Maynor took a water sample for testing.

Activity #8: Dr. Gilberto Turcios Rivera provided a complete tour of the new hospital.

Activity #9: Team members attended worship at both Los Cosecha Iglesia and Agape Iglesia.

Activity #10: We received an invitation to a ceremony at the Mundo Infantil to honor the completion of the kitchen to which five team members attended along with Sr. and Sra. Thomsen. A program was given; a ribbon cutting ceremony was held; and a meal was shared.

Transportation: Was wonderful! We were able to fit the entire team into the bus, and used the local missionary’s truck to transport coolers and supplies. The driver, ‘Freddy’, was both kind and careful, and by the end of the trip, became one of us. One of the team! We felt very safe and put complete trust in him. We are very grateful that God provided such a wonderful man for us.

Food/ Laundry: We were provided three meals a day. They were flexible and graciously catered to our dietary needs. The women provided a bagged lunch each day. They cleaned our rooms daily, and washed and folded the laundry. They went above and beyond their roles, and made every effort to ensure our comfort! They were so wonderful to us; we made them a chocolate cake on the last day.

Translators:

- a) Pablo: accompanied the group, on the day of rest, to the waterfalls, to provide security and translations. He assisted with the woodworking project and helped us with the Quimistan Scholar dinner party.
- b) Andrea: assisted with VBS and the AP kids get together.
- c) AA: ensured our safety and security while working in Santa Clara. He translated for us both in Santa Clara and in Banderas, as well as, provided his vehicle for extra transportation. God truly used him to make the trip as successful as it was.

Facilities: Sister Martha’s facility was far more than we could have expected...couldn’t even tell we were in a third world country. The grounds were beautiful, clean, and well-kept. The living arrangements were spacious and comfortable. There was a volleyball court/ soccer field for our use. We had Sister Martha and Gary over for dinner, and gave them a small gift, before leaving.

Overall, ‘twas a great experience. Great people, great places, great food. Thanks to the foundation for allowing us to take part in such a mission. Thanks to Roxanne for coordinating the effort.

Written by Ardyn, Cecelia and added to by Roxanne.

EXPENSE REPORT

DATE	LIMPERA	US\$	RECEIPT?	EXPLANATION (IF NEEDED)
6/10/2009			no	tip in Atlanta airport

		20.00		
6/10/2009		20.00	no	tip in San Pedro Sula airport
6/10/2009	1,400.00		yes	petrol for truck and van
6/10/2009	800.00		yes	transportation fee to Q from SAP airport
6/11/2009	80.00		yes	ice
6/13/2009	500.00		yes	petrol for van
6/15/2009	700.00		yes	petrol for Thomsen's van
6/15/2009	234.00		yes	plastic bags for VBS, toiletries
6/15/2009	303.00		yes	first aid supplies
total	4,017.00	40.00		
	US\$		LIMPERA	
	500.00	Beginning balance		
	(100.00)	exchanged at SAP airport	1850	
	270.00	trip fee paid by Ardyn		
	(250.00)	exchanged into L at bank	4723.77	
	(40.00)	total from above	-4017	total from above
	380.00		2556.77	
6/22/2009	400.00		2000.75	
difference	(20.00)		556.75	~\$29.50US
	29.50			
	409.50			
ending balance	9.50			

Attachment #6
Fundraising Report
June 2009 Board Meeting

Fundraising Letter

Contributions Received through June 27, 2009

Number of Contributors: 51

Total Amount Received: \$7200

- General Fund \$4450
- Construction 25
- Adopt a Village 1750
- De-worming / Fluoride 150
- Highway Ministry 100
- Agape Promises 400
- Tranquilidad 25
- Oasis 200
- Dump Ministry 100

Thank you notes are being sent for recent contributions.

Cookbook

Letters will be sent to the Board, missionaries from the past two years and AP sponsors requesting they send their favorite recipe. In addition, we are requesting their second favorite in case we have a duplicate, or need additional recipes. During the FPCA mission trip, we will be working with the "ladies in the kitchen" in Quimistan to get their favorite recipes also. We hope to get 25 – 30 recipes from them.

We will need some help in organizing and proof reading the recipes when they begin to arrive. Volunteers are needed!!!!
We need a name for our cookbook. Put your thinking caps on and send all suggestions to Roxanne and me.

House Tour

No progress to date.

Pecan Sale

Vanna and Roxanne suggested we explore the sale of pecans, which has been a successful fundraising event in Vanna's church. Additional details will follow.

No response from the contact person at Vanna's church from my inquiries. Will keep trying.

Holley Heating

Will send out an all points bulletin in early July to Board members and everyone else I can think of. Request you do the same!!!!

Junior Women's Club

Last year, I volunteered to send a request to the Junior Women's Club for 2009 funding. I requested \$500 for the Adopt a Village program. I am pleased to report they have sent us a check for \$200. Every little bit helps.

FPCA Intergenerational Trip

As part of our efforts to obtain funding for projects we are doing during our visit, e.g. for fluoride, de-worming, the benches and desks as part of the Adopt a Village initiative, we have started a campaign to solicit funds from the congregation. To date, we have received over \$2400 to support these activities.

This approach may be valuable for all mission team trips. It is an easy way to get all of the congregations to participate in each of our mission trips. We can ask each church to sponsor a mission team and fund the cost of the incidental projects during the trip, e.g. VBS materials, fluoride and deworming supplies, tools needed for construction, building desks and benches, etc. It does not have to be a total team from any given church.

Motion: In 2010, have Board members obtain approval from their respective churches, to sponsor a mission team and request their congregation to fund incidental costs (to be determined by Committee Chairs and the Team Leaders.)

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Blohm
June 27, 2009

Attachment #7

Agape Promises Program
June 2009 Board Meeting

May Statistics

- Children in Program – May 16 44
- Child dropped Bible study attendance 2009 2
- Children added 2

Children in program June 26 44

Potential sponsors have been identified for the 2 new children.

Maynor reports good utilization of the office computer by the AP youth.

First bimestre grades have arrived. Maynor treated all 7th graders with 100% passing grades to dinner at La Canchita

Plans are in place to have a roundtable with senior high AP students in July to obtain their feedback on the program.

Respectfully submitted,
Ken and June Blohm
June 27, 2009

Attachment #8

Highway Ministry Committee Report--1 July 2009

1. Activities in Honduras:

- a. The Friday feedings of Highway Ministry children have been restored following the discovery of a communications problem and the establishment of the Highway Ministry Committee. Meals are fully funded with over \$1K in the account.
2. During the upcoming trip I will try to determine a path forward for this ministry including:
 - a. Investigation of the availability land where families from the Highway might be able to start gardens.
 - b. Investigations of job opportunities for these people
 - c. Investigate the availability of land to build homes for the most needy of these families
 - d. Testing of water available to families and if necessary investigate use of Bio-Sand filters to provide clean water.
 3. Sam Turnipseed and Mike Hughes have volunteered to serve on the committee.

Very Respectfully Submitted,
George Dewhirst

Attachment #9
FPCA Intergenerational Mission Trip
June 27, 2009

Below is an update on the latest happenings with the FPCA Intergenerational Mission Trip:

- Lenaya Raack will not be joining the team on the advice of her Doctor. Catherine Vandegrift, who was next on the waiting list, has joined the team.
- Detailed info on participants was forwarded to the Travel Coordinator and is being updated for Catherine.
- Allen Blancett and Bruce Eberhard have volunteered to drive the SAPC van and trunk vehicle for the team. Thanks to both for this generous donation of their time.
- A preliminary detailed work plan has been prepared.

The team held the third meeting on May 18th. Updates on administrative details were covered. Holly and Allison broke the team into small groups. In the groups we shared concerns and hopes for the trip. Additional volunteers were recruited for postings to the blog.

Members of the congregation have volunteered to write letters to the AP children. Our goal is to let the youth know there are many who care for them and pray for them.

The next team meeting is June 28th. Dr Cozad, our Sr Pastor, will be speaking to the team on spiritual reflections on the mission. We plan to build Salvation bracelets as preparation for that activity in Honduras.

Chris and Joe Kupcha are teaching weekly Spanish classes for the team. We continue to give thanks for our teachers.

School supplies have been donated.

The Mission Committee and the Session approved asking the congregation for funding for fluoride and deworming meds and construction materials for desks and benches for the schools in Las Montanitas and Teoxintales. Through the generosity of the congregation, over \$2400 has been collected. This is enough to cover the deworming and fluoride for 800 children as well as more than 24 desks and benches. The transfer of funds to HAF for these activities and the team expenses will be organized next week.

Bruce and Brian Eberhard built a model of the desk and bench that has been on display in the narthex. Brian built a model while in Quimistan. This has provided valuable learning for the desks and benches the subsequent teams will build.

Information on the trip is on the Missions bulletin board and in the weekly e- newsletter.

Please check the blog for updates. We continue to ask for your prayers as we prepare for the trip.

Respectfully submitted,
Ken and June Blohm
June 27, 2009

Attachment #10
FPC Starkville Team Plans
Submitted by Anne Buffington

Important dates to remember:

Sunday, July 26th: Commissioning at FPC 11:00 service

Sunday, July 26th: Packing Party in FPC Fellowship Hall. (Everyone is responsible for packing one trunk of donated items.)

Monday, July 27th: Leave FPC parking lot at 5:00 pm for Jackson. Richard Mullenax will take us in the church van. We may need one extra car. Let me know if you plan to take a car. I have reserved 6 rooms at the Sleep Inn on Lakeland Drive. I got a great rate of \$61.00 per night.

Jim/Anne, Richard and Melanie, Marquita/Kay, Jay/Cameron, Anna Marie/Jeff, Wesley/Jack,

(I think Justin will be meeting us in Atlanta)

If you want a room of your own or your family will be with you, let me know so that I can make arrangements. You will be responsible for paying for your room. Obviously, these assignments are not set in stone! You can sleep with whomever you want!!!

Our plane leaves at 5:20 am on Tuesday July 28th.

Those leaving on the first leg of the trip: Jim McBride, Anne Buffington, Melanie Mullenax, Anna Marie Foster, Marquita Beaty, Kay Black, Jeff Foster, Wesley Ferguson, Jack Smith, Cameron Beaty, Jay Cook

Will meet Barb Mahannah, Donna McBride, Joey Sanders, Kandace Estes and Justin Estes in Atlanta

Tentative Schedule:

Tuesday July 28th:

Settle in at Martha's

Wednesday July 29th:

Construction in Santa Clara

Dental Crew in Agape Clinic

Fluoride Treatments and Deworming

Thursday July 30th:

Construction in Santa Clara

Dental crew in Agape Clinic in am and Pueblo Nuevo in pm

Fluoride/Deworming

Friday July 31st

Construction crew

Dental Crew at Pueblo Nuevo (Crew will also distribute toothbrushes and give lessons on dental health)

Purchase coffee and bread and assemble gift bags

Attend Friday night dinner: Ministry on the highway

Saturday August 1st

Entire team will go door to door for evangelism event in Santa Clara

Afternoon community evangelism event in Santa Clara: Cameron will preach, live music, movie will be shown too

Sunday August 2nd

Part of our team departs: Marquita, Kay, Anna Marie, Wesley, Joey, Jack (They will leave on the noon plane while others will be coming in.)

Those arriving are: Avent Clark, Meredith Buford, Lewis Buford

Monday August 3rd

Construction

Visit elementary schools to do Bible skits/snacks

Activity with Santa Clara teens. Making Tie-dye t-shirts

Tuesday August 4th

Free Day/Field Day?

Wednesday August 5th

Construction

Elementary schools to do Bible Skits (am)

Eye Clinic (pm)

Thursday August 6th

Construction

Eye Clinic

Ceremony to open the classroom and cafeteria in Santa Clara

Friday August 7th

Leave for San Pedro Sula

The schedule may change many times before we even get there, but at least you will have an idea of what we will be doing.

Our 2009 team is divided into two groups:

Tuesday July 28th - Sunday August 2nd

Jim McBride, Anne Buffington, Melanie Mullenax, Barb Mahannah, Donna McBride, Kandace Estes, Jeff Foster, Justin Estes, Cameron Beaty, Jay Cook, Kay Black, Anna Marie Foster, Wesley Ferguson, Joey Sanders, Jack Smith, Marquita Beaty

Sunday August 2nd to Friday August 7th

Avent Clark, Meredith Buford, Lewis Buford, Jim McBride, Donna McBride, Anne Buffington, Barb Mahannah, Melanie Mullenax, Kandace Estes, Justin Estes, Jay Cook, Jeff Foster, Cameron Beaty

Fees Involved:

Remember that the cost of the trip is \$26.00 per day payable to the Honduras Agape Foundation. Please mail your check as soon as possible. Mark on your check that it is for the FPC Starkville trip.

Travel insurance is required. If you did not purchase it through Delta, you may purchase it through MEDEX. It is \$4.00 per day. Our church will pay for it, and you can reimburse FPC.

If you are a first timer, please complete the application which can be found on the Honduras Agape Foundation website. Also, get your shots!

If you have questions, please feel free to email me at annebuffington@yahoo.com or call me at 323-0781 or 418-2522.

Thanks!
Anne

Attachment #11

Proposed HAF Policy Statement Regarding Financial Disbursements to 501(C)(3) Entities in Honduras

Background: Questions have been raised about whether and how HAF will transfer funds to any of several charitable entities in Honduras. Some examples are the Red Cross of Honduras, which has the bank holding account for our QVS donations; Club Desafio, which has requested and received funds from HAF in recent years in support of a youth challenge program for the local colegio in Quimistan; MINISTERIO OASIS JUVENIL, the NGO in Santa Clara whose president is Suyapa Perdomo; and Tranquilidad, the entity presently pursuing establishment as a children's home NGO in the U.S. and in Honduras.

U.S.-based vs Foreign NGOs: The IRS regulations of interest here specifically refer to money transfers to foreign entities. An NGO in Honduras which is also registered as an NGO (i.e., a 501(C)(3) organization) in the United States does not present a problem. Once we confirm such a connection for such an organization (e.g., Club Desafio or Red Cross of Honduras), our disbursement of funds to the organization is allowable if it conforms with our stated policy.

IRS Publication 526: Charitable Contributions implies in a roundabout manner on page 7 that a donor's contribution to a foreign charitable organization can be considered tax-deductible if the donation is made to a U.S. organization [e.g., HAF] that transfers funds to the foreign organization [e.g., Red Cross of Honduras] if the U.S. organization controls the use of the funds or if the foreign organization is only an administrative arm of the U.S. organization.

A reasonable interpretation of that provision is that HAF can transfer tax-deductible funds to a 501(C)(3)-equivalent NGO in Honduras as long as we control the use of the funds.

Statement of HAF policy:

The Board of Directors of the Honduras Agape Foundation may authorize the disbursement of funds to a charitable organization in Honduras ("NGO") if all of these requirements are met:

- HAF has a copy of the legal documents verifying that the organization in question is recognized officially as a tax-exempt charitable organization in Honduras.
- Agreement is reached between HAF and the receiving organization regarding what is to be done with the funds to assure that they will further charitable goals.
- The designated purpose of the funds is within the bounds of the HAF mission and goals statement.
- HAF 'controls the use of the funds', such as, for example:
 - HAF treasurer will have online access to the bank account of the NGO receiving and disbursing the funds
 - The NGO will maintain financial records showing the amount and reason for expenditures, and will make those records available for review at the request of HAF
 - The NGO has a 'track record' of evidence showing consistency in ministry activities in line with HAF goals
 - The NGO provides evidence of completed actions, such as photographs, videos, etc.
 - The NGO exhibits openness of all operations, broadly inclusive in benefiting the needy

Attachment #12

Report from Meeting with Doctors from Gracias a Dios Hospital, Quimistan
June 21, 2009

Luncheon meeting initiated by Dr. Turcios, et. al.

In attendance: Dr. Turcios, Dr. Elsa, and Dr. Tino, Martha (serving as translator), Roxanne (Ardyn and Cecelia).

Topic: Future collaboration between “Centro Medico de Quimistan, Gracias a Dios” and HAF.

Status of hospital – The grand opening ceremony was held yesterday, June 20, 2009. Patient treatment will begin in the new facility as of June 22, 2009.

Assessment of equipment:

Operating Room – Have one OR table (without arm board and stirrups); ventilator; monitor; suction machine; one set of instrumentation.

Need sterilizer, prep sink, arm boards, stirrups. Would like to have additional equipment for second OR room; and three more sets of general instruments; and a GYN set up.

Post Anesthesia Care Room – Have monitors, stretchers, and two defibrillators. Need an adult/child ventilator for PACU.

Emergency Room – Need defibrillator so as not to need to move the ones from PACU.

Dental Room – Have two dental chairs. Need a 2 HP compressor.

Ophthalmology Room – Have no equipment.

Pediatric Ward – Have no equipment.

Nursery – Have one incubator.

Labor and Delivery Room – Have a GYN chair for examination but need a table for deliveries.

Methods of collaboration:

1. Donation of equipment:

They have a company with whom they have worked to successfully ship equipment from Miami directly to Quimistan. The equipment arrived in a timely manner, safe, secure, and undamaged. The name of the company is Rapid Cargo (I think.) They shipped eight boxes of equipment for \$3200. (I am not sure of the size of the ‘box’ but think they mean cargo boxes b/c the equipment they have come from Miami.) They stated if we are able to get equipment donated, they would do all they can to pay the shipping fees.

We discussed the dental and ophthalmology equipment HAF currently has along with the large supply of lenses. When I asked if we could place our equipment in the facility to be used by our teams, they were agreeable but wanted to know if the equipment could be used by others who are qualified.

I asked if when we have brigades, would we be allowed to import patients from the villages that we currently send Dr. Elsa to visit and received a positive response.

2. Medical brigades:

When asked, they state they will be ready to receive brigades by July. Through further discussion, I learned the following:

If a surgical team comes, it would be best to have an anesthetist or anesthesiologist as part of the team due to the language difference. If however, the team did not have one, they would recruit one to work with the aid of a translator. They could provide the ancillary staff for the OR and PACU if the team did not have them but again in the OR, bilingual or English speaking staff would make for easier surgery.

I suggested that the surgeons would most probably like to work with a Honduran surgeon so as to share and educate them in techniques.

Points of further discussion:

1. Payment vs. non-payment for services rendered: They state that although the hospital is a for profit hospital, they charge on a sliding scale rate based on the patient’s resources and that no one is turned away. If a medical brigade came and donated their time and talents, the patient would only be charged for the supplies used and days of in-patient care. I asked if a surgical team came and brought suture, bandages, etc. would that reduce the cost to which they responded affirmatively.

2. Establishing schedule for services: I told them we would need them to triage and schedule the patients in need of treatment prior to the team’s arrival explaining that if a physician closes his practice, comes and does not have patients on whom to work, he or she will not return.

3. Licensing requirements: They state the US practitioners could bring a copy of their licensure but would be covered under the Honduran's licensure.

4. They asked if we needed to draft an agreement. I told them that the next BOD meeting is set for July 1; that I would write up a report of our meeting to send to the BOD; and at the meeting, discussion would be held regarding the foundation's desire to work collaboratively. Once I had heard back from the BOD, I would let them know the decision. At that time, we could evaluate the need for a formal agreement.

As I will not be present at the meeting on July 1, 2009, I would like to offer my opinion that HAF do all it can to solicit the donations of the needed equipment and begin recruitment of practitioners for future medical brigades.

Respectfully submitted,
Roxanne Turnipseed