

Mission Honduras is an annual student-run service trip to San Pedro Sula and the mountain villages of Honduras. Our group of thirty-five students and our priest works with the Misioneros de Esperanza of San Pedro Sula to have a lasting impact on the people of Honduras. Though we are an extension of the Catholic Center, we are open to members of all faiths; what matters most is that everyone is passionate about serving others.

For the 2010 mission trip (May 10, 2010 to May 20, 2010), we have decided to build a new health clinic for the mountain villages. Should we succeed in raising all of the necessary funds by the end of February as planned, construction of the clinic will commence when we go during Holy Week (our Spring Break). We will help then and when we go back in the Summer, then they will finish the clinic after we leave.

In the area of the mountains where we do our work projects, there are thirteen "aldeas" (small villages with anywhere from twenty to fifty families), yet there is only one health clinic between them. To make matters worse, only seven of the aldeas are within a two-hour walking distance of the clinic. The other six, with about one thousand people total, do not have access to even the most basic health care since the trucks that make trips up and down the mountain rarely visit them and it is too far to walk. We will build the health clinic for these six aldeas and provide health care to their people who desperately need it.

We need your help to succeed in building the health clinic. Our research and projections estimate that the project in total will cost \$20,000. The construction of the clinic will cost \$15,000. We will have two nurses that will make \$150 a month, so paying them for a year of work will cost \$3,600. We will raise the money to pay the nurses' salaries so that the health care will be free for everyone. The remainder will go towards providing medicine and supplies for the clinic over the course of the year. We do not plan on just constructing a clinic and hoping they can continually supply it; with the help of our Honduran associates, we will ensure the people always have what they need.

We work year-round to raise the necessary funds and collect the donations to support our mission trip, but we have never attempted to raise money on such a large scale. Whether you can donate clinic supplies or make a financial contribution, we would greatly appreciate any support you can offer. With your help, we can bring these people the access to health care they desperately need.

Thank you for your consideration. If you would like to learn more about our mission trip, feel free to call or email me anytime (337-256-3515 or trinaldi@tulane.edu), or check us out at missionhonduras.tulane.edu!

