

*St. Francis Parish Advent-Christmas theme 2008 is:
There is Room at the Inn!
"We can do no great things. Only small things with great love."
Mother Theresa*

Assist our St. Francis Parish Mission
at the nursery and elementary school near the garbage dump near
San Pedro Sula, Honduras!

We need your help to collect the following items:

- 1. vitamins** (children's and adults);
- 2. new or gently used children's clothing** (size 1 year - 14 year-old) **& shoes**
(prefer close toed, tennis, soccer cleats – new or clean used shoes welcome)
(The climate in Honduras is hot and tropical, similar to July / August weather in Ann Arbor.);
- 3. school supplies** (paper, notebooks, pens, pencils, washable markers and crayons.);
- 4. RID and/or NIX** (anti-lice shampoo);
- 5. baby formula such as Simulac, Isomil, etc.** (for dehydrated babies in the health clinic.);
- 6. toothbrushes & small travel-size tubes of tooth paste.**

Please bring back your collected items by Sunday, Jan 11, 2009.

Drop-off is on the table outside the Religious Education Office located in the School.



Are you curious about our mission trip? See the information on the backside.

Mary Wakefield and Cherie Holodnick of St. Francis Parish had the life-changing opportunity to participate in a medical mission to San Pedro Sula, Honduras with Central American Ministries (CAM) in September 2008. We were a group of 19 ages 23-78 and served 1000 individuals. CAM was founded by Father Vettese, a Jesuit priest from Ann Arbor. This not-for-profit organization is devoted to improving living conditions for people living in garbage dumps in Guatemala, El Salvador and Honduras by providing housing, education, health care and loans.

The school, "Escuela Republica de Mexico," serves 500 children, between its infant center and grades K-6 school whose parents make a living recycling from San Pedro Sula's garbage dump. The families in this village earn their living by sorting through the garbage for recyclables or other items that they can sell. The average daily wage for their efforts is about 2 Lempira, or 40 cents. Their homes are made of corrugated tin and other materials they find in the dump. There is no running water or flushing toilets. Most cooking is done outside over open fire pits. Electricity is supplied to the area but few families are able to afford the luxury.

During the three days of the clinic, the group provided medical and dental care for the children of the school and their families. Over 1000 people were evaluated, countless teeth were pulled and 100 glasses and multitudes of medications and vitamins were dispensed. Due to the limited time and lack of supplies only simple medical care was provided. At least for a short time their sufferings were eased, their concerns met and they knew they were not alone in this world.

We are planning our next mission trip with Central American Ministries (CAM) to San Pedro Sula, Honduras, to build a needed play structure at the school.

For information or to join us on our mission trip, contact Scott Wright 734-821-2121.

You need not speak Spanish to go on this mission. See info at:

www.stfrancisa2.com/socialministry/cam/

Whatever your abilities, there is something you can do, are you being called to do "small things with great love"?

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