

Dreams made into Possibilities

Guatemala
January 20, 2013

Three years ago, the day of "Possibilities" began. Yes, that's one of the lessons of life that Mission of Love led by Kathy has taught us since the first day we met. Our encounter for the first cleft lip and palate journey has led to series of events which Mission of Love has been the catalyst, let me tell you how. After knowing about the dreams we had to create a place for terminally ill children and their families, Kathy committed herself to put all her love and effort so that this project was done. This has already materialized through two airlifts through the Denton Program and the U.S. Air Force, which have brought corn, medical supplies, equipment for schools (desks, computers, office supplies), and construction material for what is now called "The House of Dreams". This aid has been sent to communities in Tecpan, Guatemala (mainly indigenous inhabitants), to the Metropolitan Hospital where we have already performed three surgical journeys, to Fundal (a foundation for children with deafness or blindness), to the Santa Apolonia and San Lucas hospices and to other people and places in need of clothes and food; all thanks to the love of the Mission of Love! Like every DREAM, when it starts to become true it is complemented with even bigger ideas and it grows to dimensions that our minds could not even imagine. This is how we now have the equipment for the dental and medical clinic and school bus for the communities of Tecpan, Guatemala.

As I told you, Kathy and her Mission of Love causes chain reactions; one is the birth of WAY-bi Foundation, which is a response to the need of all the actions described above. Now we can oversee the hospital, the community aid programs, the Dream House, and the animal-assisted therapy and assistance dogs program (Bocalan) that has arisen the past year. For the latter, we expect to receive 4 dogs donated by Mission of Love that are destined to serve as a therapeutic tool and support for users with physical disabilities (deafness, paralysis, autism, Down syndrome, etc.). At the beginning I mentioned "Possibilities" because I know that without God's teaching of "Believing" we would not be walking this road today. If somebody would have told us about the millions of dollars that all this aid represents we would probably have been afraid and full of disbelief. But now, we know that there are good souls that allow this to happen and we are taught to understand "how to do it", so that we can extend love to others in need.

I left the most important part to mention at the end. The body that gives life to ALL the Missions of Love: its "Volunteers". Their interest: to SERVE, their method: unconditional LOVE. THANKS to all those who we personally know and those who we do not. Without the work of those who gather donations, those who order, those who build, the contributors, surgeons, nurses, Air Force, the Denton program, and Kathy. Without the selfless participation of each of you we could not walk this road that has names and faces that have faith for a better life.



Eternal Gratitude!
Doctor Edgar Moran

"YOU are not here to save the world, but are here to touch the hands that are within your reach."

Our Mission of LOVE Foundation (since 1989) is a non-profit 501 13C organization consisting of ALL volunteers. We provide humanitarian aid to those in need worldwide and focus on providing basic human rights to the children who have none. We are backed by individuals, groups, local businesses, and the United States Military Denton Program. Our Mission of LOVE is the largest user of the Denton Program in the world. We have distributed millions of pounds of AID, via planes, trucks and containers throughout five continents of our world including our Native American Friends on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota and survivors of Natural Disasters in our country. Once our AID arrives, Mission of LOVE volunteers, both young and old, from all walks of life, are there to utilize the AID by building orphanages, schools, clinics, hospices, and homes while administering surgeries, cleft palate surgeries and giving medical treatment to the sick and those who are deformed since birth.

LOVE is patient and kind, LOVE is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. LOVE bears ALL things, believes ALL things, endures ALL things.



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LOVE will lead us on....

Looking back at the last year, our Mission of LOVE has accomplished those missions that no one else would dare to do, with so very little to keep our work of LOVE on-going for the indigenous of about serving the homeless, blind, orphaned, deaf, disabled, disfigured, and hopeless Indians of our society.

We, together have built a bridge of hope, love, and compassion, where thoughts to even begin this mindset was not attainable for the indigenous.

Our hearts and hands have had four Denton Airlifts this year for the community of WAY-bi, Tecpan, Guatemala to build a children's hospice, medical and dental unit. Thousands of pounds of medical, educational, and building materials, clothing were donated and delivered on planes and containers via the Denton Mission of LOVE program. Hundreds of Mission of LOVE volunteers joined forces with the WAY-bi Hospice Volunteers to nearly have a completed children's hospice, surgery was done on 27 children who were in need of cleft palate surgeries, over 1200 Mayan patients were seen and given medical care. Over 500 people were given handmade comfort quilts in Moore, Oklahoma after the largest tornado in history. Four Golden retriever pups were donated to Doctor Edgar Moran, for training via Bocalan for the deaf and blind. A trailer filled with 45,000 pounds of building material, windows, furnishings, and AID were delivered to Pine Ridge Native American Indian Reservation, while a home was being built for the Camp family. The list goes on and you can read more via our Mission of LOVE web site; www.missionoflove.org.

We receive No government grants or funding. What we have is what you, as our donors feel like contributing to our Mission of LOVE. Know that I do not have a secretary, office, billboards or banners to work off of. Our Mission of LOVE warehouse has been donated for free, in which I have no electric, heat, water or bathroom facilities. The building is God sent and I so appreciate having it everyday. The Corp of Engineers asked just how long I needed the building for our work of LOVE and my response was, "Till the day I die." Millions upon millions of pounds of AID has left our Mission of LOVE warehouse destined to five continents of our world, via boat, truck and planes. These donations were all donations in which I would go and pick up and deliver to my warehouse sort and palletize for the next container or airlift. So many of these donations would have ended up in the local landfill but we together are building community throughout the world. Everyday in every way, lots of work of love takes place at the Mission of LOVE warehouse and office in our home. WE have NO employees or expenses to maintain our warehouse.

Our plans for the upcoming months is to return to Moore, Oklahoma to begin the process of building homes for those who have lost a child and home due to the worst tornado in history. Continue our work on the Pine Ridge Native American Indian Reservation to build homes and hope. January 18, 2014 our Mission of LOVE medical team will be joining forces with Doctor Edgar Moran to do surgery on fifty children in need of cleft palate surgery and bringing a building team to WAY-bi to start on the dental and medical clinic where we have built the children's hospice, "House of Dreams". February 15 our Mission of LOVE building team will return to Tecpan, Guatemala to build a medical and dental office, build home for the Mayan Indians, and start building a pottery shop for the Mayan women.

I am sharing with you via our Mission of LOVE yearly newsletter some of the profound memories of our year of 2012. YOU truly have made a difference in the lives of so very many! I express my gratitude for your continuous belief, support, and love so that our Mission of LOVE can and will continue, unconditionally to the forgotten ones of our society, the indigenous.

Thank you!

Kathleen Price
Mission of LOVE ~ Founder & Director since 1989

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Mission of Love News

**"You are not here to save the world,
but to touch the hands that are within your reach."**

*Catch
the
Spirit
of Good News!*

our world. I am talking



Written by Mission of Love Volunteers • Winter • 2013



910th gives a lift to Mission of Love

November 26, 2013

By RON SELAK JR. , Tribune Chronicle | TribToday.com

VIENNA - One person’s trash, well, really is Kathleen Price’s treasure.

What others may see as surplus destined to be disposed of in a landfill, Price sees as collectible items that can do some good in places like Guatemala and other poor nations. So, pretty much every day she spends some time on the telephone making what she says are “calls of compassion” for the organization she founded, Mission of Love, to collect those items that might have otherwise been tossed in the trash. “We as a Mission of Love can literally build a community with our surplus supplies,” Price said.

The latest effort for the Austintown-based organization flew out Monday from the Youngstown Air Reserve Station, where reservists with the 910th Airlift Wing’s 76th Aerial Port Squadron have been preparing the cargo for its flight to the impoverished Central American country.

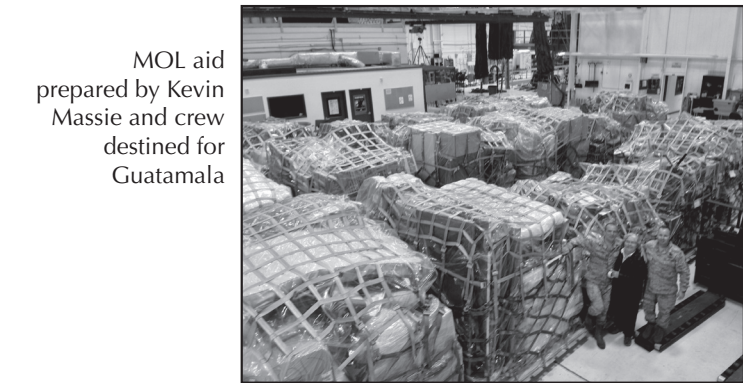


Kevin Massie preparing to load C17 MOL Cargo

in the world. The next trip should include a school bus, ambulance and four pallets of goods that could not be sent on Monday. Senior Master Sgt. Kevin Massie, superintendent of the 76th Aerial Port Squadron, said about four cargo trips a year are made from the air reserve station through the federal program.

“It’s awesome, we always look forward to these,” Massie said. “We do several a year and it’s a good time. Especially seeing Kathy Price from a Mission of Love. There are not too many people in this area that put in the time that she does for a good cause.”

The training experience for squadron members, Massie said, is “huge” because the reserve base does not have an active mission and cargo movement is limited, unlike Dover Air Force Base in Delaware and Joint Base Lewis-McChord in Washington, which deliver supplies to Europe and Asia. “You can’t put a dollar value on, in my opinion, all the training that revolves around these missions,” Massie said.



MOL aid prepared by Kevin Massie and crew destined for Guatemala



The figures for the donation are remarkable: 14 pallets containing 62,000 pounds of humanitarian supplies, flown more than 2,700 miles to Guatemala on a C-17, a colossal plane that stretches nearly 175 feet.

The shipment contains medical and educational supplies that Mission of Love volunteers in Guatemala will receive and distribute to Metropolitan Hospital in Guatemala City “There are so many hands and hearts that are making this mission of mercy possible,” Price said.

The Mission of Love transports the items through the Denton Program, which lets private U.S. citizens and organizations use space available on U.S. military cargo planes to transport humanitarian goods. Price says the organization is the large user of the program



Senior Master Sgt Kevin Massie and Kathleen Price



Paula speaking about the Mayan site of IXIMCHE

Kathy,

I thank God for meeting people as good as you. On behalf of the blind of the Chirijuyu village, the men, women and children of the different neighborhoods and communities in the municipality of Tecpan, Guatemala I deeply appreciate the assistance provided by Mission of Love.

Thanks for the food for the blind, for the medical journey men, women and children, and for helping the Santa Apolonia Orphanage to paint their dining rooms.

Thank you for taking into account the indigenous population of Guatemala. Sincerely, Paula Lopez

Mayan Woman of Guatemala



Kathy Price, Patricia Hammond and Paula



Erin Keich, Bob and Kathy Price with Paula

CULTURAL VALUES - Patricia Catches The Enemy

A glance back in history reminds me of one of the most important and only one of many cultural values that we are missing today. It is by far, not only a lesson but a way of life that we need to re-energize and empower ourselves to take up that sacred value, to look around beyond ourselves to see who amongst us needs our help the most, and to step forward to reach out to help accomplish that need. After all, that is the lesson that is either not in use anymore or people just don’t care anymore. Whether it is your father or mine, the REAL cultural value of any nation is working together for something that will last for generations. In this case, a HOME, for a family. Especially, in this era of technology where we become dependent on oil, electricity, ipods, via satellites and no one knows his neighbor any more. We are living in a cement jungle.

As an example, my father was a real good man, honest, hard working and devoted to making a better world for his people. I grew up in a world of poverty but we had food on the table each day, we had a house built with hand-hone logs by men of a generation when people worked the fields of hard labor, construction by back bending efforts and not by machinery or computers. Yes, we were poor but we were happy because at that time we were not dependent on electricity or propane or oil for heat in the winter and for sure we were not dependent on money for our livelihood. Those days are gone, but they left us a legacy which I believe is still in existence today, although it is a silent movement. A movement that incorporates all of that sacredness of the past which molds who we are today, in the present. For those of us who have the compassion of a people (no matter what culture) in our hearts, for the many who come to help us accomplish this need to house our families, you might run into one of us on the streets, at the airports or even at K-mart, wherever or however, we are a silent movement because we don’t get a lot of accolades or awards from the federal government; we shy away from any ties that may hinder our work to reach the poorest of the poor in this land of plenty.

I am the daughter of Petaga Yuha Mani, or better known as Pete Catches in the non native world. He and my mother have left this precious gift of working together. I have seen them as teachers, they lived their teachings which their parents and their parents before them passed down to me. Now,I carry that fire, so as they lived so must I, because that is the way it is. What goes around comes around!

And so in keeping that fire of love or Mission of Love, I speak on behalf of Mission of Love, isn’t that what we are here for?

We don’t come to “re-Christianize” you or adopt ourselves into your culture but we come to put our hands out to you and your families because we saw that you needed a house to raise your children and we work with you side by side so your little ones will see us working together for your benefit and mine, across politics, across bureaucratic barriers, across cultural misgivings and misunderstandings, so that in working together, we both benefit and realize that your pain is mine, and what good we do for one another, we to, are carrying on the CREATORS’ best and therefore saving our world.

Patricia Catches The Enemy
Lakota Oyate



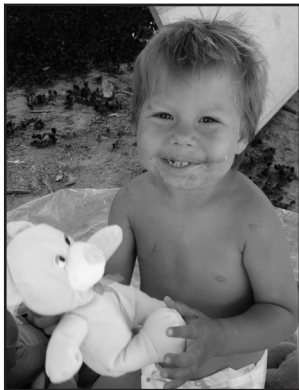
May 14, 2013

Hau Kathleen,

Lila pila miya (much thanks) for compassion and for being a woman of action. Our family is currently living in a very small 30 year trailer house, which we are thankful as it is a roof over our heads. However, it is in no way suitable for residential living, but is much rather a temporary shelter to prevent us from homeless. As you may be aware, the Oglala-Sioux Tribe actually took a reservation house on a flatbed to Washington, DC last month to show the federal government and American citizens the status of deplorable housing conditions here on the Pine Ridge Reservation. This demonstration of need reflects the insufficient funding the federal government provides to our people. According to their numbers, there are currently 6,000 families in need of housing. This may not improve for years with the governments recent budget cuts, which sadly, impact our people more than most as we are already in the poorest county in the nation.



My wife, our small 2 year old son, our 6 and 10 year old sons, and our 16 year old high school son live cramped in this small one bedroom trailer house that was not built to endure the extreme winters and summers here on the plains. I believe it came from the south of the country through some donation program. The house has two working electricalplUGINS, and no running water.



We have built a 30 x 40 foot foundation on our land and we have friends and relatives ready to help build for the dates June 4 through the 12. We lack the expertise of electrical and plumbing etc but we can lift things, swing hammers, and do the work as directed by the experts.

We are so happy you are helping us with this act of love Kathleen. Lila pilamiya, we so look forward to seeing you and your friends/helpers again!

Victorio Camp, Resident of Pine Ridge Indian Reservation
Manderson, SD 57756

Kathy Price and the Mission of Love....

Words simply cannot express the gratitude that we have. You have returned hope to our hearts and joy to our family. When we first met we were in disbelief that we could build our own home that this could actually become a reality, and yet here it is a home... our home... the home that LOVE built. Our family came together and built this home with the compassion of you Kathy and all of your hard work. Our sons and daughters now have a place to call HOME someplace to come and visit and feel safe and happy. The boys we still have at home are so excited to have their own rooms and own space in this beautiful home that we have built. Honestly Kathy... We didn't think this day would come that there would be a house where once was nothing but grass and choke cherry trees. Yet when we look outside there it is, our beautiful home coming together before our eyes. It makes us get a lump in our throat and tears in our eyes to see what all of your hard work and our hard work has built. Not to mention the much needed lumber that was donated so that Owe Aku can FINALLY get some much needed office space. Thank you Kathy from the bottom of our heart and with everything that we are... May the spirits bless you and keep you safe, happy and healthy for many years... and may the blessings you give to others be given back to you tenfold... Bless your heart Kathy...WE LOVE YA!!!!



In awe, Vic Camp giving a Blessing of Gratitude

Mission of love is awesome...

WELCOME TO THE HOUSE THAT LOVE BUILT..... the CAMP family lives, loves and laughs here.... with all our heart....Vic and Rayette Camp



Vic Camp, Kathy Price, Hobert Spotted Bear, Son, and Alex White Plume

Charleston reservists score with humanitarian aid mission to Guatemala

by Senior Airman Bobby Pilch
315th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

2/5/2013 - GUATEMALA CITY, Guatemala -- The National Football League wasn't the only organization busy this Super Bowl weekend. Reservists from the 300th Airlift Squadron here traveled more than 2,700 miles to deliver about 77,000 pounds of cargo to a children's hospice facility in Guatemala Feb. 3.

The mission involved a C-17 Globemaster III aircraft delivering a donated school bus and supplies through the efforts of the Mission of Love Foundation, a non-profit organization based in Austintown, Ohio. It is estimated that more than 3,500 people from the rural area of Tecpan, Guatemala, will benefit from the donated school bus, food, clothing and medical supplies.

Missions like these are made possible by the Denton Amendment, a state department program allowing the Air Force to delivery donated humanitarian aid on a space available basis.

"We could not do it without the Denton program," said Kathleen Price, founder and director of the Mission of Love Foundation. "Through the Denton program and U.S. Air Force, our hands are extended worldwide." The mission involved a C-17 Globemaster III aircraft delivering a donated school bus and supplies through the efforts of the Mission of Love Foundation, a non-profit organization based in Austintown, Ohio. It is estimated that more than 3,500 people from the rural area of Tecpan, Guatemala, will benefit from the donated school bus, food, clothing and medical supplies.



Santa Apolonia, Guatemala

Dear Mission of Love,

Hereby we send you kindly greetings of peace and well-being, on behalf of the Sisters of Santa Maria de Guadalupe's home, wishing that our great God spills many blessing upon you.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude for the opportunity you have given us, by taking them to the farm, a pleasant and opportune place to make them happy.

Thank you for sharing your time and space, because you created very special smiles in every one of the children, they felt very important thanks to your very opportune details. Since the moment the bus arrived for their transfer, the welcoming you gave them, the piñatas, the gifts given them to every one of them, accompanying them on their way back, setting up the Christmas tree and ornaments, all of these were very special moments that without a doubt they will never forget.

All of the donations and experiences we received are of great blessing in the lives of our children and of the homes, thank you very much for everything.

May God spill many blessings upon you and may you always be welcome in our home.

Sincerely,

Hna. Dora Alicia Garcia Gutierrez, Director - Hogares Santa Maria de Guadalupe



"A Letter that Doctor Richard Scheetz sent to his colleges and patients"

Dear Friend:

I am asking for your support for a very special project. Some of you may have received this request last year, and I truly appreciate the overwhelming support that allowed this project to be so successful for our 2012 medical mission trip.

I will lead the team of volunteer doctors (including 2-3 other oral and maxillofacial surgeons) and assistants in 2014. This will be the third year of doing these surgeries on the children in need. From January 18-26 of 2014, a completely volunteer medical mission sponsored by "Mission of Love" will care for as many as 50 young individuals with cleft lip, cleft palates, and other related facial deformities in Guatemala City, Guatemala. Some of these families travel 3 days by walking, bus, and whatever means they can to receive care they could not otherwise afford in this impoverished nation in Central America. These are beautiful, appreciative people who do not complain and truly deserve to have their faces changed to change their lives. The surgeries are performed in a hospital converted from a hardware store, and is lacking in many simple things which we consider absolute necessities in our country.

The team will consist of multiple individuals who will pay their own way, and we are not asking for help for us personally. However, the cost of medical equipment and supplies, drugs, anesthesia medications, local nursing staff, feeding and housing patients and their families, etc. is substantial, and I truly would appreciate any financial aid you are willing to supply. Cindy and I will personally match any donation of each \$50 with \$10 up to a total donation of \$60,000 combined (i.e., \$50/\$10, \$1,000/\$200). This will not only assist this facial surgery project, but other related projects in Guatemala and other areas (including the US) supported by Mission of Love. These projects include an orphanage, completion of the children's hospice project and seeing-eye dogs all in Guatemala. In addition, it will support a Native American Housing Project in South Dakota and other projects to assist other indigenous people throughout the world. Please see their website, missionoflove.org <<http://missionoflove.org>>, to see the stories where they are changing lives every day!

If you would be so kind as to let me know if you donate to their website, missionoflove.org, and the amount, we will be sure to match your donation appropriately. In addition, please feel free to forward this email on to others to help the cause.

If you prefer to send a donation via mail instead of using PayPal, please send to:

Mission of Love
2054 Hemlock Court • Youngstown, OH 44515

ALL donations are tax deductible and our 501 3C number tax exempt number is 34-179-1626.

Please visit their website to view progress of ongoing projects funded by donors like you! www.missionoflove.org

Sincerely yours,

Richard E. Scheetz, Jr., DDS, MS



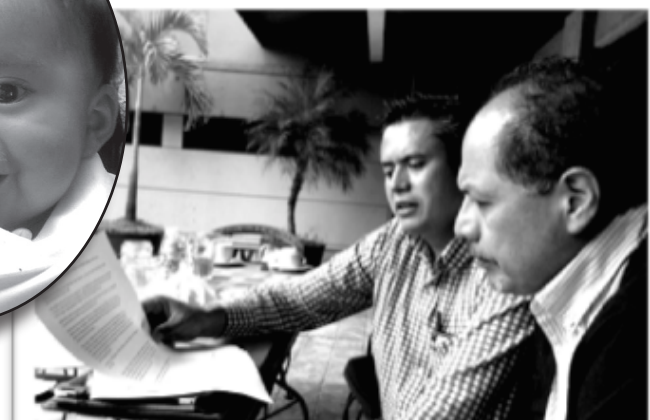
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Paula, Edgar, Claudia, Flor and Edwin visiting the Mayan Blind Family



Doctor Edgar Mován and Edwin Marroquín preparing for our Medical Mission

ALL hands and hearts on deck via our Mission of LOVE / Lakota; "Raising a Lakota Roof Project, Pine Ridge, S. D."

Good morning,

We will soon be ALL together in order to start our "Raise the Lakota Family Roof Project, ONE Lakota HOME at a time project." The need has been forever in order to have Lakota Families in a HOME to call their own, on their own land. Everyone knows and wants this project to succeed.

I would like to share with you some of the families that our Mission of LOVE building team has serviced in the past ten years via homes, school, hospice, Chamber of Commerce, Jane Goodall's Roots and Shoots Program, Wounded Knee Visitor Center. SOME of the names are; Hobart Spotted Bear, Daynetta Bald Eagle, Henry Red Cloud, Albert Red Bear, Mary and Varden Fast Wolf, Leonard Little Finger, Donnie Shockey, Kevin Poor Bear, Francine Little Bear, Darrell Janis, Delane Stands, Gary Rowland, Patricia Hammond, David White Bull, Richard Broken Nose, Yazzie, Raphael, Jimmy, Sandy, Joe American Horse, Bull Bear Family. Know that on our past Mission of LOVE building trips to Pine Ridge, the Mission of LOVE building volunteers all paid their own way, took vacation time and worked sun up till sun down in order to create a home, school, business etc. for the Lakota Nation. At each project there was never any outside Lakota help, only the Mission of LOVE Volunteers. At this time we need to have ALL the past recipients of a Mission of LOVE home or building partake in giving back to the Camp Family Home at hand. I would like to have Vic Camp's home built in five days so that we can then start the process of another Lakota home for someone else in need. We can only do this if we work together for the same common cause and that is the Sacred Lakota Children. The jealousy, envy, hatred has to be buried so that this "Raise the Lakota Family Roof Project can and will continue and that we can lead by example. This Mission of LOVE / Lakota " Raise the Lakota Family Roof Project " has expenditures of \$18,000 so far for the Camp

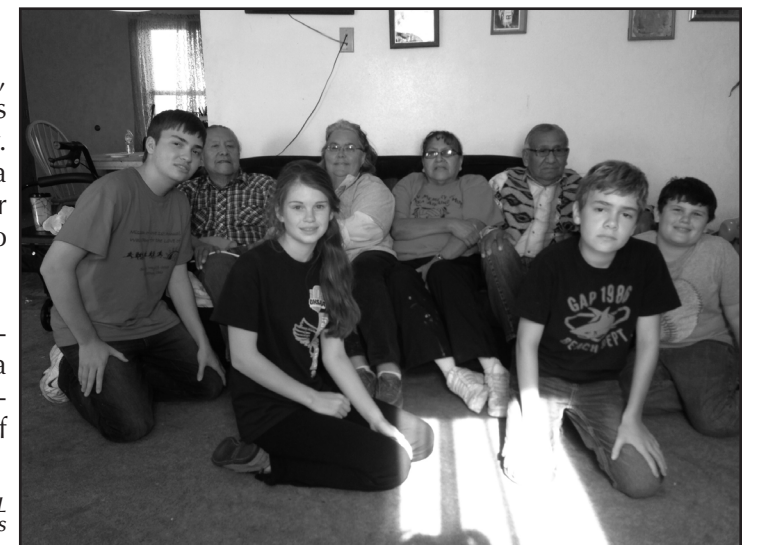


Kevin Poor Bear, Hobart Spotted Bear, Josephine Standing Soldier with MOL volunteers

Family. If people cannot come and help build, hold a hand, make soup, share some fry bread please ask your friends to donate to our Mission of LOVE via our web site; www.missionoflove.org <<http://www.missionoflove.org>> via pay-pal. Have the donors specify that their donation is for " Raise the Lakota Roof Project " so that this will lead to building more Lakota Homes, together.

" With Lakota Children, you need Lakota Homes, With Lakota Homes you create Lakota Community, with Lakota Community you can teach the Lakota traditions, Lakota language and share the Lakota Love to ALL in need in honor of your ancestor's. "

Leonard Little Finger , Linda Bull Bear, Richard Broken Nose, with MOL volunteers sharing Lakota stories



Money, building materials needed for Mission of Love home

AUSTINTOWN, OHIO

Kathleen Price, whose Mission of Love Foundation helps people and communities recover from hurricanes, tornadoes and other natural disasters, is like a force of nature herself. The foundation and its network of friends put things back together one person, one family at a time, says Price of Austintown. Residents of Moore, Okla., which was devastated by a killer tornado May 20, are the latest Mission of Love beneficiaries.

Price recently returned from Moore where she and Luana Rubin of Boulder, Colo., distributed 400 handmade comfort quilts, made by people in the Mission of Love network from all over the United States and other nations, to first- responders, mothers, teachers and children who lost their homes. Former Youngstown resident, Paula (Demechko) Langston, who lived on Taft Avenue on Youngstown's South Side and moved to Oklahoma in 1980, received one of the quilts.



In a card thanking Price, Langston said: "I lost my house in the tornado and was honored to pick out a beautiful quilt for my family. We will cherish it forever, knowing the time and love someone put into making it. I was touched that you're based in Youngstown." Price said she met with the teacher who had her 23 students under desks, holding hands, singing and praying while the tornado passed. These and other children survived because of teachers who gave of themselves unconditionally, she said.

"It was one of the most humbling and emotional days of my life," said Price, whose Mission of Love has, over the years, distributed more than 10,000 handmade comfort quilts around the world to people devastated by tornados, hurricanes, earthquakes, war and tsunamis.

Price teams up with Rubin, who owns a busi-ness, eQuilter, that sells fabric to quilters around the world who then make quilts to be distributed to disaster victims. The focus of the Moore mission was to make sure that people who lost a child and a home, and first- responders, received a comfort quilt.

Jefferson Parish officials lend helping hand to Oklahoma tornado victims

Debris still prevalent in Moore, Oklahoma after the May 20 tornado that killed 23 people and injured more than 300. Jefferson Parish Council Chairman Chris Roberts and Jean Lafitte Mayor Tim Kerner are volunteering with Mission of Love, an Ohio non profit, that provided help to the Lafitte area beginning in 2005 after Hurricane Katrina. By Andrea Shaw, NOLA.com | The Times-Picayune

When Jean Lafitte was struggling to rebuild from Hurricane Katrina, the non-profit Mission of Love came to help. Since the 2005 storm, the Ohio-based group has returned to the lower Jefferson community several times to rebuild houses and to provide financial aid and emotional support.

So this week, Mayor Tim Kerner and Jefferson Parish Council Chairman Chris Roberts are returning the favor by joining the group in Moore, Okla. They're helping residents rebuild their lives after the May 20 tornadoes.

Since Sunday, Roberts and Kerner have been volunteering in Moore. They were scheduled to wrap up their work with Mission of Love late Tuesday. "Just our way of paying back for what they have done for us," Roberts said.

The tornadoes killed 24 people and registered as an EF-5, the strongest ranking on the Enhanced Fujita scale. Winds were measured at 210 miles per hour as the twisters devastated buildings in a 17-mile path.

On its Facebook page, Mission of Love recounted its relationship with Jean Lafitte. "Mission of Love, with the ongoing support of eQuilter, went down to the coast of Louisiana and identified Lafitte as a town that desperately needed help. MOL rebuilt several homes there, handed out your donated quilts and relief supplies to people who had lost everything, and earned the undying appreciation of Tim and the whole town," the non-profit wrote to its supporters.

"Now Mayor Tim is meeting us in Oklahoma to help us to help those who lost homes and loved ones. He has been through that loss, and has come through to the other side, and can lend a hand from the other side of the abyss."

The group planned to distribute comfort quilts made by supporters from around the world. "It feels good for both of us to be here and give back to others facing similar challenges," Chris Roberts



Mayor Tim Kerner with Luana Rubin, Kathy Price and a Moore, Oklahoma resident receiving a comfort quilt in her time of need.



Mission of Love / WAY-bi / Metropolitan Hospital medical team servicing the children in need

April 2013

The gear parts of God's plan, by Dr. Edgar Moran

Every time there is a chance to meet Kathy Price one must be awake since she always brings gifts of knowledge and huge learning through unconditional LOVE. One week that seem like months of effective work, hospital visit for list of needs, construction at Way-bi with Mission of Love volunteers and the voluntary participation of Tecpan community; adults and young people who worked on digging ditches, construction, arranging of warehouse, cleaning and walking the farm animals. Much of this work fruit of the trust built up by the selfless work of Edwin and Flor.

Visiting the orphanage in Santa Apolonia and having a party for the children.



Dr. Edgar, Edwin and Kathy with Roy and his parents and Social Worker preparing for Roy's upcoming January 2014 surgery. Roy was born with no chin.

Patient



Roy believing that his surgery will help him thrive



Community visits, patient care, home improvement, delivery of food to over 300 families; and the first Way-bi outdoor movie.

Personally I could not be in most activities, because my place in the gear at this time is yet another, I rejoice when I see the photographs of each event, each face that humanizes us and blesses us.

Edgar



Doctor Edgar and Tom giving Juan a gift of a wheel chair in a Mayan Community

House of Dreams, Mission of Love pediatric hospice, opens in December Local foundation's humanitarian mission sends more than 30 tons of supplies

By William K. Alcorn, alcorn@vindy.com

VIENNA, OHIO

Pallets containing 65,000 pounds of educational, medical, building and other supplies are on their way to Guatemala through the efforts of the local Mission of Love Foundation and the Air Force Reserve.



Kathy and volunteers spending a day of loading and unloading aid city.

The House of Dreams, built over the last 18 months by Mission of Love, is scheduled to open next month, said Kathleen Price of Austintown, founder and director of the Mission of Love Foundation.

Some of this shipment to Guatemala is building supplies, such as linoleum, needed to finish the House of Dreams, a place where children can come with their families. Each child will receive an animal that will stay with their family when the child dies, Price said.

The Denton Program allows private U.S. citizens and organizations to use space available on U.S. military cargo planes to transport humanitarian goods such as clothing, food, medical and educational supplies and agricultural equipment and vehicles to countries in need.

Mission of Love is the largest user of the Denton Program in the world, said Price's husband, Atty. Robert Price, who goes on missions with his wife. Other members of the 15-member Mission of Love team bound for Guatemala on Jan. 18-26 to perform cleft-palate surgery on 50 children are Kurt Zabel and Charles Scheetz, both of Boardman; and Dr. Richard Scheetz of Columbus, formerly of Boardman. Zabel and Charles Scheetz handle logistics, and Dr. Scheetz, Charles' brother and one of four physicians on the team, is an oral and maxillofacial surgeon who treats diseases, injuries and defects in the head, neck, face, jaws and the hard and soft tissues of the oral (mouth) amaxillo facial (jaws and face) region.

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Kevin Massie and Kathy with crew at the Air Force Reserve Base preparing aid for Guatemala

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Tornado survivor comes for a quilt and gets the promise of a new home

By Arianna PickardThe Norman Transcript

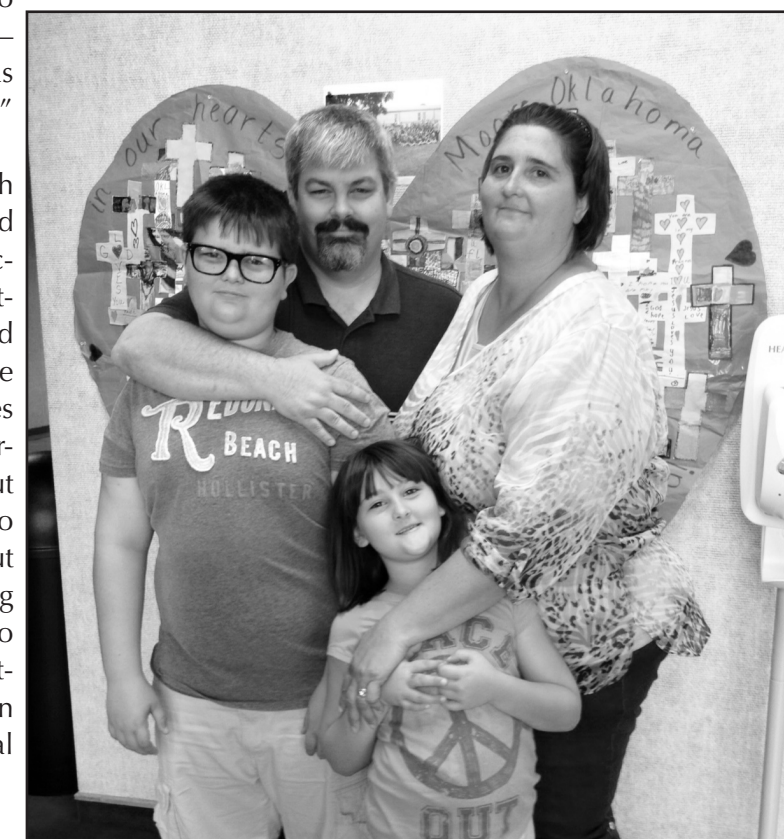
NORMAN — Danni Legg was one of hundreds of May 20 tornado survivors who picked up donated quilts at Moore City Hall on Tuesday and Wednesday. But unlike others walking in looking for quilts, Legg, who lost her house to the Moore tornado, walked away with the promise of a new home. Legg lost insurance on her house after hail storms came down on Moore in April, although she didn't realize the house wasn't covered until it was completely destroyed by the tornado a month later. She's been staying in a shelter in Edmond for the last several weeks with her two surviving children.

She lost her 9-year-old son, Christopher, to the tornado when he left his classroom at Plaza Towers Elementary School to comfort a friend. Not only did Legg lose her son, she lost all his belongings, and like several tornado survivors, went to Moore City Hall for a quilt. But after listening to her story, Kathy Price and Luana Rubin decided to give Legg more than just a quilt.

Rubin from Boulder, Colo., owns eQuilter, a business that sells fabric to quilters around the world who then make quilts for her to distribute to disaster survivors. The day the tornado hit Moore, Rubin started getting calls from quilters asking what they could do. After a month, she collected 400 handmade quilts and teamed up with Kathy Price, founder and director of Mission of Love Charities, Inc. in Youngstown, Ohio, to drive the quilts to Moore.

The quilts were made for those who lost loved ones, lost their homes or are teachers at damaged schools. By noon Wednesday, 300 quilts had already been taken. "Because they're all handmade, it's really just an expression of love to whoever receives it," Rubin said. Many quilters even left personal messages on the backs of their quilts to comfort the survivors. "The comfort that one of those quilts brings is just incredible," Price said. But when Price learned of Legg's loss, she knew a quilt wouldn't be enough. She decided to do everything in her power to get Legg a new home. "I can't imagine not having a home after having a loss of child," Price said. Legg will be the first Moore tornado survivor Mission of Love has helped build a new house, but Price plans to help as many people as she can. "We need hundreds — we're just a grassroots organization, but we have to, as a community, start with one," she said. "Let's just do it."

Price is concerned by organizations taking too much time to help survivors find new homes or have gathered vast amounts of money and only distributed a small fraction so far. Quick and simple, Rubin and Price's strategy when a disaster hits is simply to call each other and say "OK, what are we going to do this time?" "Because we work with so many of these disasters, a lot of times a month later, it's onto the next disaster and they forget about the people, but we have not forgotten about them," Rubin said. Despite their help, nothing is going to fill the void left by Legg's son. "I don't really care about money right now. I lost my son. I don't really care," Legg said. Those who lost loved ones, who lost homes or who are teachers at damaged schools can pick up any left-over quilts from Stitching Post, 316 N. Broadway Ave. in Moore, for tornado survivors to pick up, and additional quilts will be sent to that location.





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July 10, 2013

Mission of Love Foundation
2054 Hemlock Court
Austintown, OH 44515

Dear Kathleen, Dani, Luana, Karen, Stacy, Linda and Terri:

I would like to express not only my appreciation, but the appreciation of the many Moore, Oklahoma tornado victims. You came from far away to share your love and concern and the warmth of your beautiful quilts.

I just wanted to share a short story of how your love will impact just 1 family here in Moore. Three years ago I sold a City of Moore cemetery lot to a man named Ronnie Blvens. Ronnie's wife died of a heart attack at the age of 40 in her back yard. Ronnie was left with 3 boys to raise and care for. Over the past 3 years he has been making payments for the 3 of them to have a cemetery lot by their mother. He is a self employed tile layer and his home was very underinsured. Ronnie plans on rebuilding back in the Plaza neighborhood because of the family memories there. He is going to build it back himself with the help of friends that he has met in the construction business.

Thinking of the loss his 3 sons have sustained, I carefully picked out a quilt for each son. Another wonderful gift to his family will be a \$100.00 gift card for each child attached to each quilt. The \$100.00 gift cards were donated by an organization from Louisiana.

Because of your organizations love for others, I feel like God has planted a seed in this family's life that they will always remember.

THANK YOU LADIES FOR COMING TO MOORE, OKLAHOMA AND SHARING YOUR LOVE AND TALENTS.

Linda Stewart
Linda Stewart
Deputy City Clerk

House of Dreams, Mission of Love pediatric hospice, opens in December Local foundation's humanitarian mission sends more than 30 tons of supplies

Volunteers pay all of their own expenses on the mission trips, Atty. Price said. Kathleen Price, who calls herself the "Queen of Trash," said much of the supplies she sends on Missions of Love are surplus and used items that otherwise would end up in a landfill.

Price says when she hears of a school or nursing home closing, she asks for items that are going to be discarded, such as school desks and chairs, cabinets and hospital beds. They are taken by volunteers to the Mission of Love warehouse at the Ravenna Arsenal, where they are sorted and packed for the next mission to someone or someplace in need. "We get no grants or government money. It's all grass roots ... all volunteer. I put out the word via the Mission of Love network of friends, and it happens," said Price.

For example, Charles Scheetz owns a medical supply business, Source Products Ltd., and said many of his vendors donate equipment and supplies.

The Mission of Love also provides important training opportunities to 910th personnel, as well as an "awesome experience helping a good cause," said Air Force Reserve Sr. Master Sgt.

Kevin Massie, superintendent and senior air reserve technician with the 76th Aerial Port Squadron. "We don't do a lot of cargo movement here, so it is good training for us," said Massie, of Boardman, originally of Poland.

"This is not just my mission. In life, it's everybody's mission to extend a hand to people in need. We couldn't do it without the volunteers and donors," Price said.

For information about Mission of Love, or to donate money or volunteer, go to www.missionoflove.org and click on "Donate Online Now" or "Volunteer: Lend a Hand."



Mission of Love volunteers loading and unloading aid from Tod's Hospital, Youngstown, Ohio



Chris, Andrea, Darrel, Joyce, Kathy, Michelle, Jeff volunteering at MOL warehouse



Crew from Lewis-McChord delivering MOL aid in Guatemala

OUR DESTINY IN LIFE IS TO BE OF SERVICE

Guatemala, February 2013

I think every human being realizes at some point in life that one of their purposes in life is to serve others. To serve and help the people in need, be it: the children, the poor, the elder, and the abused. Some people take their entire life to figure this out and others catch the idea pretty young in their lives. Personally, I have been blessed by meeting Mission of Love which is led by Kathy Price and conformed by an extraordinary group of volunteers. They together have taught me in only one year this valuable lesson of life.

I have had the pleasure of spending yet another week on a Mission of Love! A week were incredible events have occurred such as receiving four lovely Golden Retriever puppies that will SERVE blind and autistic children. Then we received the 3rd airlift through the US Air force, the US Aid department and the Denton Program that brought a school bus, 12,200 pounds of corn, candies, light fixtures and several materials that will SERVE the Mayan communities of Tecpan and the House of Dreams !

But the week did not end there. We then inaugurated a school program called “Todo Amor” (All Love) that SERVE special (down syndrome) and regular children in the same classroom to help them learn and socialize as any other children would. We opened a temporary medical clinic that SERVED over 500 patients (children, adults and elders) giving them needed medical attention and medicines that are hard to find.

As you would think, all this alone is plenty of work for one week but the Mission of Love and WAY-bi volunteers had much more work on their hands. We visited a family in Chirijuyu were 12 out of 35 members of a same family where blind and where in need of medical attention and a way of earning a dignified income. We SERVED them with medical attention, food, corn and the promise of helping them set up a small business they can do by themselves to sustain the family economically.

We also visited 150 first and second grade students from Paquip village and SERVED them with a traditional Guatemalan Fiesta.

Later that day, we visited the Santa Maria de Guadalupe orphanage in Santa Apolonia and SERVED children by painting their dining rooms and by sharing love and joy through a delicious dinner.

Well, even more was done this week! The original mission was to advance on the construction of the children’s hospice (House of Dreams); and of course we did advance immensely on the construction. The concrete slab for the secondary building was finished, the roof was installed and the aluminum stub for the outer and inner walls where put up! Lots of work for the terminally ill children was done.



Edwin and Kathy preparing to distribute 10,000 lbs corn, donated from Lutz Farms, Warren, Ohio



Student volunteers preparing a Fiesta for the Mayan children



Mayan men



Kathy and her friends going to the Mayan site “IXIMCHE”



Childrens home



Classroom playtime at the “All Love” School with MOL volunteers



Laurie Flowers R.N. with the children at the “All Love” School



The importance of building community – Mission of Love

by Edwin Marroquin

Another fantastic week of service has ended. From April 23rd to May 1st my family and I had the opportunity to share another Mission of Love. We joined Kathy and a small group of volunteers in Guatemala City; and with joy and huge enthusiasm of serving God's most precious gift (the children and people in need) headed off to Tecpan to start a new mission of love and compassion.

The previous week I had met with local community leaders (COCODES) to ask for their help in continuing the construction of the House of Dreams. With no clear answer from them I had no idea of what to expect when we arrived with Kathy to

Tecpan. In my heart I just hoped that the plea of help that I had shared with them had been understood by the leaders and that the community would acknowledge that no project (of any type) can "survive" (long term) if we ALL don't work together.

To my complete surprise several community volunteers joined Mission of Love volunteers from day one of God's work. Men, women and even youngsters joined, hand in hand with Juan and his crew and help at the construction site, the temporary warehouse at WAY-bi, at the orphanage in Santa Apolonia and in visiting families in need. Some volunteers helped for a couple o hours; others help all day long for several days in a row.

This Mission of Love was just AWESOME! Not only because of all that was done (Susane Boone describes it best on her letter) but because of being able to work besides my people. Working together as a community (with the community), for the community! Indescribable! I consider that nothing is more important than having a sense of ownership and self pride of what is being created here in Tecpan.

I would like to thank the small group of volunteers that accompanied us on this latest mission; but I also want to thank all the volunteers of previous missions of love and to all the people and companies that make these missions of love possible. We will continue to work together in order to have the Grand Opening of the House of Dreams on October 2013. I hope you can all share this important milestone with us.

Eternal gratitude, Edwin



Tom, Susan, Kathy attending to a dying Mayan Women



Students from High School helping build



Mayan elders helping build the hospice

THANK YOU MISSION OF LOVE FOR ANOTHER EXTRORDINARY WEEK OF SERVICE!!!

Eternal gratitude, Edwin



Gratitude

After many things to thank Mission of Love and its leader (forger) Kathy, I can not find a better description for what you make us feel than "GRATITUDE"; and many other feelings and values like hope, joy, trust, humility. Today, another successfull airlift that was sent through the Denton program which brings us closer to the realization of a dream, to touch the hands of those who need it, as she (Kathy) and her volunteers do. Thank you.

For me it is a double feeling because this could not be done thanks to the unconditional surrender of the Marroquin Gálvez family, thanks Edwin. Through them people like Juan and Byron to name some have joined with the conviction to serve. This is the wave which is being generated: Mission of Love more and more people willing to give LOVE.

Doctor Edgar Moran, WAY-bi House of Dreams , Founder / Director



BUILDING BRIDGES, GUATEMALA

by SUSAN BOONE



The April Mission of Love journey to Guatemala was my first visit to that country. As I sit down to write, there are just not enough words to describe the amazing adventure with Kathy Price and Tom Nelson from MOL, Dr. Edgar Moran, director of Way-bi, and Flor and Edwin Marroquin, who are the connection to the Guatemalan people. These amazing people truly represent the heart of God to the people they serve.

It is impossible to give all the details, so I will just relate some of my observations as I followed behind Kathy, watching and learning. Our first day was spent in the hospital in Guatemala City where Dr. Moran works. We were there to assess the needs that MOL would supply for the hospital, and the wish list was long. Scrubs and sheets drying on a line outside were a visible indication of broken washers and dryers. A broken autoclave sat in the hallway, and there were no pillows for patients' beds. As the list grew, so did the smiles and hugs as old friends throughout the hospital ran into Kathy.

The second day we left the big city behind and headed for Tecpan. There I watched Kathy, Dr. Moran, Edwin and Flor build bridges. No, not with steel, nuts and bolts, but with love and intentions to connect a community. The intent was to give them pride and ownership in the new hospice and dental clinic that was being built high above the Way-bi complex by Dr. Moran and MOL. By connecting with Mayan friends who are leaders in their community, Kathy soon had the word out that volunteers were needed.

Some men came with shovels and hoes, and a teacher even brought his class for a day of community service. I called it service, but it was really hard work. The boys pushed wheelbarrows full of dirt as others dug and leveled the ground by hand, pounding it smooth for the concrete that was to be poured for the floor of one of the last rooms. They helped the crew mix the concrete by hand. The women came with brooms and baskets and cleaned the completed areas. They helped cook for the volunteers and workers, and the following days they worked in the storage area on the farm below the hill where MOL shipments and supplies were stored. The girls and women cleaned, sorted, and organized.

Through word of mouth, everyday the number of volunteers grew, and so did the smiles and community spirit. The daily luncheons at the Way-bi restaurant were a great time for the people to rest, laugh, and enjoy each other. Volunteers and some of the staff at Way-bi accompanied us throughout the week. We piled 13 people in a 7 passenger van and often had multiple vehicles, visiting families, partying at the orphanage, and going on a trek to the Ruins of Iximche for a Mayan ceremony and community bonding. This was also a big step for the cultural bridge building between the peoples of the neighborhoods.

By the end of the week there was a visible shift in the community, and the smiles and hugs were infectious. We topped off the week with a fiesta at the farm. Our expectations were more than met when over 300 people showed up to celebrate. Children played on the trampoline, slides, and playground equipment that had been donated by MOL. They got to see all the animals at the farm and were delighted with the candy in piñatas, favors, hot dogs and chips for dinner, and then popcorn with an outdoor movie. Some of them had never seen a movie before that night. Even the women squealed, laughed and scrambled for the candy when the piñatas were broken. Each family was given a bag of corn that the volunteers had prepared and another bag containing rice, beans, coffee, soap and other valuable commodities from MOL.

I casually mentioned the orphanage, but I have to talk about one of the highlights of the week. What beautiful children! We had games and face painting, multiple piñatas, food, and again, popcorn and a movie. We gave 13 gallon pressure cookers to the sisters for cooking, and one of the Way-bi staff fixed the stove that kept blowing up. We stopped by the orphanage again the next day to drop off other things that were on the sisters' wish list, including corn. I will never forget the gate closing behind us, and we were separated by the high chain link fence. My heart melted as one of the little boys reached his small fingers through the fence to say good bye to me.

My heart melted many times over those 8 days. A family pulled up in a truck one day and one of the men inside was paralyzed from the waist down from an accident four months before. Long story short, he didn't go to the hospital because he had no money. Kathy immediately gave him a wheel chair and adult diapers, and a call was made to Dr. Moran. 4 days later, Dr. Moran and his wife Claudia drove an hour from Guatemala City and accompanied us as we drove down a dusty, window-rattling, bumpy road, and took corn, blankets, and towels to every member of the man's extended family. We watched as Dr. Moran knelt down in the dirt yard to examine the man in his new wheel chair and

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Guatemala, May 8, 2013

FOR ALL THOSE ANGELS SENT FROM GOD, THAT IN A DIFFICULT TIME PROVIDED A RAY OF LIGHT AND HOPE ACROSS MOMENTS OF DARKNESS TO PARENTS THAT HAVE THE BLESSING OF HAVING CHILDREN WITH DIFFERENT CAPACITIES

Special thanks to WAYBI Foundation (Se Vale Soñar = Your allowed to Dream) for opening the doors to the little school TODO AMOR that never hesitated to integrate special children and have given their full support with equipment, furniture, cleaning utensils, support material, but above all the most important thing: great love and patience. In short everything necessary and more for the development and learning of our children, support for which they have never asked for any compensation, something that as parents we appreciate and thank wholeheartedly.



Time after my daughter Andrea who has Down syndrome and her classmates of the little school TODO AMOR joined the foundation; I received an invitation to volunteer on an activity with children with blindness and deafness, in which without a doubt I participated. That day I had the pleasure of meeting Edwin and Flor (his wife), people that might be common for anyone but for me and my family are special people; people who go above and beyond every day. Surely God has given them the task and gift of helping others. That day God blessed me through these two angels by giving me the opportunity of a job as a seamstress. Honestly work could have not come at a better time because we were passing through a very difficult economic situation. God never makes a mistake, he knows how and when to send his angels to remind us that we are not alone, that he never forgets of us.

Creating places like WAY-bi foundation give us hope for our children. Because of misinformed people, but also indifference to cases like my daughters and many others, parents lose hope at some point that our children might have the opportunity for a better future. In Tecpan, there was no place that provides specific and comprehensive care for children with Down syndrome. It was by Dr. Renato and several loving people that made this kind of help possible. When the foundation came into our lives it shifted 360 degree for the better. Thanks to therapy and equipment with which the little school TODO AMOR has now Andreita can jump. Many will say this is something little, but for me as a mother it is like a dream fulfilled.

That flame which was fading was lit once again. Filling us with hope and dreaming that sometimes, in the not too distant future our children could be independent, to fend themselves and to be useful to society. That their disabilities as many people call them are not a barrier but an opportunity. We all know that no one is eternal and if at any time we are missing they can move forward with the help of God and angels like you, who we now know exist worldwide. People, who have a different vision of life, filled of love and hope.

Soon, I presented the first bags for the foundation. But the help did not end there. On another occasion I was able to help as a volunteer and this time I had the opportunity to meet another outstanding person named Kathy. Kathy could not speak our language (Spanish), but she spoke the most important language; the language of the heart. To Kathy language was no barrier, nor the difference in races. For her, the most important thing is to help and give us support. Thank you very much for the job opportunity that you gave me.

When I say that the foundation is a blessing I not only mean because of the support they give to the children but also the creation of jobs for parents and people who need money for their families. I know that as a human being I can never repay much, but I know God will do it. They gave me by far the greatest of joys by making me feel productive.

Another major obstacles that we have faced as a family of a special girl is not only her but also me as a mother that many times I have been in difficult situations suffer seizures, coupled with my heart problems have been exhausting not only spiritually but economically.

We have faced difficult situations as a family and couldn't get a job because of the schedules needed to care for children. We do not wish anything for free, since we know that work dignifies the soul of any person and only the fact of feeling useful and productive is a gift that I cannot pay with anything other than work and unconditional support.

In closing I would like to give infinite thanks to all those who have made possible all these blessings, Dr. Moran and his wife and the other people I mentioned above because they are people who have families, sons, fathers, brothers, friends and in some point have sacrificed part of their lives to give joy to strangers, but especially to these little angels in need.

Thank you for your sacrifice, work and dedication which you make day by day without rest or profit. My deepest desire and from my whole family is that God will bless each of you and each member of your family. My friends, I will not tire of giving thanks for the time and patience you give us.

May God fill your homes, and your lives with joy and infinite blessings!

*With love and gratitude.
Yours truly.*

*Astrid Garcia
Barrio Patocabaj, Tecpan, Chimaltenango, Guatemala*

We also had a “Fiesta” with children from El Mirador School. 210 children visited WAY-bi farm and enjoyed piñatas, playing soccer, etc. We also had hotdogs and toys for them.

All week was great! People were so grateful with the help that Mission of Love and Way-bi gave them. Plans for next year include building medical and dental clinic so that attention to the community can be on a permanent basis.

On their behalf we say THANK YOU
... for another MISSION OF LOVE!

With love and eternal gratitude. Edwin Marroquin, Director
WAY-bi Children’s Home



Mayan children enjoying their fiesta



Bryon, Paula talking with the Mayan women



Paula, Kathy, Edwin making plans



Flor, Edwin and Kathy with a Patient in need



Preparing for our Mayan Medical Mission

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BUILDING BRIDGES, GUATEMALA

by SUSAN BOONE

talk to him. Thanks to him and MOL, the man will have a CAT scan to assess damage and possibly potential surgery to correct or preserve function.

I watched that humble doctor, a beautiful man, assess a 4 year old child with a deformed jaw. The bone did not develop, so he has no chin, and he is barely able to open his mouth. At 4 pm, Dr. Moran still had two surgeries to do that day, but he took an hour out of his busy schedule to help a child that could never pay. He carried the child, talked to the parents and social worker, and through interpreters, talked to an American doctor who will be performing surgery on the child in December. Through months of coordinated efforts between Kathy, Dr. Moran, Edwin, other doctors, and the social worker, this child has a chance for a normal face.

Other events that stand out in my mind during our trip include the privilege of being invited into the home of a dying mother and grandmother. Although Kathy had never met them, her friend asked us to go in to pray for the old lady who was dying of cancer. It was a dark, cylinder block room, with many family members standing tearfully by. They were very grateful, and it was very touching for us to be included in that circle. She died later that evening and we were invited to the funeral on Friday. We walked with some of the ladies to the graveyard and watched as the band played, which is one of the customs of the country. What a cherished opportunity to witness their culture and to be included!

My heart was touched by Walter, a blind man that Dr. Edgar hires to work and live on the farm. When we walked by one day, there he was on the children’s playground equipment on his hands and knees, cleaning the slides. Walter also went with us when we visited a blind family so that he could be an inspiration to them. When Kathy met him, he didn’t even have a cane, but she supplied one for him. He is now taking computer classes.

Other things that caught my eye and heart was helping the lady volunteers fill five pound bags of corn from the 50 lb bags that MOL had supplied. Of course, corn was spilled as they scooped it out of the bags, but I watched as every kernel was hand picked off the floor and saved. Nothing is wasted there. I also watched as a little old lady volunteer finished her meal one afternoon. It was spaghetti day. She took what was left on her plate and wrapped it in a towel and put it in her basket. The same thing happened another day, and I made sure to ask her if she wanted seconds. When she said yes, other volunteers giggled when I gave her more rice and meat. I just winked at them, and we all knew that she had plenty to eat that night.

Another afternoon after lunch one of the ladies had an interpreter to tell us that she cannot see God, but she knows He is there because of what she had seen happen with Kathy that week. But we didn’t need an interpreter at the fiesta when a little girl was praying before the meal. She was thanking God for everything and she finished by saying, “Thank you Senor for the gringos!” And I also say, thank you, God, for Kathy Price and the MOL, and the awesome opportunity to meet and serve the beautiful people of Guatemala. It was an honor to help build those lasting bridges of love.

Mission of love experience

It is the first time that i have been in a mission with this amazing organization Mission of Love. For me it was one the greatest experience that I lived until these days, it was tough experience emotionally for me on the medical team seeing all the people problems that I had been blind and it was so close to me, it help me open my eyes and give some kind of purpose for my professional career to become a great professional so I can help them. I am really blessed to be able to be next to all the great people of Mission of love because without them it would be impossible to help and give all the love that was given this week, they make all these dreams come true. My best gain was to see how you Kathy and all the team are making my dad’s dream come true, he has been committed since I have memory to help people and it’s really amazing to see all his hard work and sacrifices shape in to this big dream of love that he had. He is my hero. I really want to be in another mission of love.

Love,
Andres Moran

Andres Moran with his father, Doctor Edgar Moran and Doctor Kathie Nelson, Laurie Flowers RN, Erin Kathleen Keich and Kathy Price evaluating a child with spina bifida. The Dad was in need of a stroller to help transport the child.





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Have you ever felt sick? I bet it has been awful. Have any of your kids been sick and you have felt useless and frustrated without knowing what to do or how to treat them? I personally have experienced this and bet you have too. Then just imagine how it would feel if not only you (or your children) were sick and you had NO money or means to pay for a doctor or for medicine that was needed? or if there weren't any medical attention available for miles? This might not be a reality where you live but it is for several Mayan communities in Tecpan, Guatemala.

This past week we were able to make a difference for the Mayan communities of Tecpan. A wonderful group of people (all volunteers) from Ohio, Canada and Guatemala joined hands to be of service for those in need.

It all started when all the Way-bi volunteers helped to convert a simple room into 4 temporary clinics with examination table and all. It followed when Mission of Love volunteers arrived with several bags filled with all types of medicines; from ibuprofen and vitamins to antibiotics. Together we sorted and organized all the medicines in cabinets.



Mayan patients waiting to be seen by the Doctors and Nurses

The first day (Sunday) 87 patients were checked. But the next day (Monday) doctors received and checked over 126 patients; it was overwhelming.

Each day began with so much enthusiasm to be of service for the people in need. Sometimes we encountered people that suffered from malnutrition because they lack of food on a regular basis, such as Mercedes; the most beautiful petit 72 year old lady from a nearby village. Without doubting the Mission of Love volunteers bought some food bags and gave them to her. That day Mercedes left WAY-bi with medicines for her illness, food for her stomach but best of all love in her heart!

Even though this week was planned to be a medical journey, other positive things occurred. We had the visit of two groups of women. A group of women potters from Santa Apolonia (a town near Tecpan) wanted to show us their handcrafts and ask for our help. They have a piece of land which has been granted to them by their local major but need help in the construction of a building that will allow them to produce and sell their goods. We hope to be of service in helping them with construction materials or manpower to get this project up and running. In the meantime we bought



Photo time when we arrived at WAY-bi

Later that afternoon the word that there was a medical journey began to spread out and several people started to appear. Volunteers were organized so that attention to the people was the best we could give. Some volunteers were in charge of giving numbers out to keep order. Others were responsible of filling each patient's form with basic information like: name, age, contact information, weight, blood pressure, etc. After some minutes of getting organized the medical journey began! Patient after patient was received by the doctors who needed translators to understand what locals were telling them.

WORK was awesome and fun! Just observing how doctors, nurses and volunteers worked together to serve people of all ages. Babies, young children, young adults, adults and elders were all treated with love, respect and compassion.



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all the handcrafts they had and will sell them at WAY-bi restaurant and hopefully keep an ongoing business to help their families.

We also visited a co-op of mushroom producers that have members from 4 villages of Tecpan (San Lorenzo, Chirijuyu, Chimazat and Balanya). They work together to offer, produce, sell and distribute different types of mushroom. In both cases we agreed to give a helping hand and want to include them as suppliers of WAY-bi. We also bought \$100 of mushrooms to the women and will try keeping a constant monthly order.

Not all moments were happy. We also had some difficult and sad moments. The two moments that defined my week

where a) visiting a poor family's home and b) meeting Susana that need more complex medical.



Edwin, Kathy, Flor, Dr. Kathie, Tom, Eileen, Laurie, Frankie, Laurie, Susan servicing over 500 Mayan Indians in four days @ WAY-bi Tecpan Guatemala.

In the first case, we were led by our good friend Byron (a local from Tecpan). Together we visited a family that lived near a mountain cliff. Seven children and their parents lived in a room no larger than 3 x 4 meters; beds, kitchen and everything all together in deplorable conditions. Even though they lacked the basic living conditions the children seemed well taken care of. Mom told us that she had to leave her seven children alone because she had to work to help her husband with an extra income of less than \$3 (Q.20) Mission of Love and Way-bi agreed to pay her a weekly wage equivalent to her current "job" so that she could stay home and take care of her children instead. These kids need a loving mother at home!

On the second case, we met Susana who was checked by the doctors and needed further assistance at a hospital. Unfortunately, there is no hospital that could take care of her needs (ultrasound and surgery). The ambulance came and drove her to Chimaltenango (35 miles away) to a "regional" hospital. There she was asked to go and get an ultrasound and blood test to a private laboratory (unbelievable). There were no ambulances so she had to ride a "tuc-tuc" All this trouble because the "regional" hospital had none of these services available. Even with the tests done the doctors gave her some IV fluids and sent her home a couple of hours later. She had to come back next week to get a scheduled operation.

