

## **DONATIONS FOR HONDURAS**

Since 2005, I have been blessed to lead missionary trips to Honduras, where our teams travel by four-wheel-drive trucks and on foot to reach the most remote, mountainous areas of this beautiful but impoverished country. What began as a simple sister parish relationship in 2000 has grown into a comprehensive mission that provides essential healthcare

services, humanitarian aid, and life-saving surgical procedures to underserved communities throughout Honduras.

Now here at Queen of Apostles, we have an opportunity to participate in this life-changing work. It's time to gather items from around your homes for our brothers and sisters in Honduras.

## Here's what we need:

- New or used shoes for children and adults
  - New or gently used clothing (no winter clothing) for children and adults
  - Toys without batteries (cars, trucks, dolls, stuffed animals, etc.)
  - · School supplies
  - Medical supplies (walkers, crutches, wheelchairs, over-the-counter medicines and vitamins, supplies for medical clinics, etc.)
  - · Pots, pans, kitchen utensils and silverware
  - Plates and cups (no glass or fragile dishes)
  - Towels and bedding
  - Tools (hammers, drills, paint brushes, etc.)
  - Baseball caps and other similar caps for children and adults



If you or any organization you're affiliated with would be willing to donate items, please bring them to the Queen of Apostles Parish Office or contact me to arrange pickup no later than October 10th. Volunteers will begin sorting and packing these items into banana boxes during the first days of October. Everything collected will be delivered to the Salvatorian Mission Warehouse in New Holstein on Monday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, where items will be loaded into a 40-foot container bound for Honduras for our February mission trip. Keep saving your items because additional containers will be sent in the upcoming year!

Remember, it's as simple as cleaning out your closets, drawers, or storage spaces. You don't need to purchase anything new. Those extra items lying around your rooms and basement could become treasures that touch the heart of a brother or sister in desperate need. Your simple gifts become instruments of God's love, reaching across borders to bring hope, healing, and dignity to people who have so little but give so much in return.

Fr. Grea