

The Healing Hands Foundation

Healing the world, one person at a time.



Dr. Anne Gaddy providing medical treatment to a Sierra Leonean boy about to undergo surgery for a bone infection.

The Second Sierra Leone Mission Giving Hope to Thousands of Sierra Leoneans

Our 45 volunteers traveled over 8,000 miles this summer, procured in-kind donations worth over \$2,000,000, and performed 45 surgeries in a country overwhelmed with health and infrastructure problems. According to sobering statistics from NationMaster.com, a person in Sierra Leone has a 50% chance of making it to the age of 40.

In the words of one volunteer, "There is so much work to be done in Sierra Leone, that coming home was difficult. I never felt a more urgent need to help people in such dire circumstances. Returning next year is one of my goals for this year."

Sierra Leone has six dentists to treat 6,000,000 people. The Healing Hands dental team comprised of Dr. Ossie Cameron, Dr. Carol Morales, and Dr. Fedra Whitting performed 617 dental procedures that included 287 extractions. In a country where there are 3 doctors for 100,000 people and there is limited access to antibiotics, not having an extraction can lead to a life threatening infection.



Dr. Ossie Cameron performing extractions in Freetown, Sierra Leone.



THHF 2011 Sierra Leone Team



The Healing Hands Foundation Makes An Impact In Guatemala.

While in Guatemala in November of 2010, the organization performed 45 major surgeries, nearly 200 dental procedures, 300 medical consultations and donated nearly \$100,000 in medical supplies. The team of 29 volunteers also donated toys and clothing to an orphanage. Examples of the interventions by The Healing Hands surgeons in Guatemala include cleft lip and palate repair so that children can eat and speak normally, release of restrictive burn scars allowing patients to once again move the restricted extremity, and repair of congenital malformations of the outer ear so children are able to hear.

"These people have absolutely nothing -- these kids have absolutely nothing. It's a life changing experience to help them." Dr. Dylan Stewart, Volunteer Pediatric Surgeon



Preparations before surgery to release a restrictive burn will allow this young woman full movement of her arm.

A happy patient after reconstructive ear surgery, with Marco Avila, Executive Director of THHF.

TEAM GUATEMALA

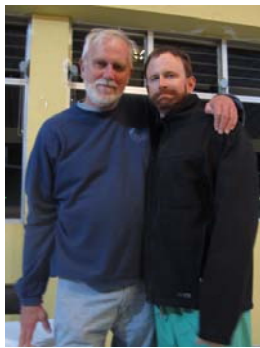
The Healing Hands Foundation has made the trip to Patzun, Guatemala two years in a row. Each year our team grows! We have developed partnerships with our colleagues at Corpus Christi Hospital and are committed to returning there for years to come. Special thanks to Steven Gandara, his family, and friends for coordinating the logistics of our trip and for founding The Healing Hands Guatemala to support our efforts helping the people of Guatemala.



Spotlight on Our Volunteers

The care and passion of our volunteers is what makes The Healing Hands Foundation stand out as an amazing group of individuals. Our volunteers go above and beyond working nine to five to make each mission a success. Their spirit is contagious.

One of the co-founders of THHF, Dr. Dylan Stewart, easily spread his passion for volunteering to his father, Dr. James Stewart, who volunteered for his first medical mission last fall when he traveled with the group to Patzun, Guatemala. Both Dr. Stewarts will be returning together again to Guatemala this fall. Dr. Dylan Stewart is a pediatric surgeon at Johns Hopkins Hospital Children's Center. Dr. James Stewart is a family practitioner from Charlevoix, Michigan.



Father son team, Dr. James Stewart and Dr. Dylan Stewart.

THHF Continues to Help Serve

For three consecutive years The Healing Hands Foundation has sent volunteers with Mercy Medical Foundation to Cali Colombia. Results of the last two missions are below:

	2010	2011
Total Medical Volunteers	152	134
THHF Volunteers	26	5
Total Visits	4,660	2,877
Total Surgeries	634	372
Total Procedures	845	430



THHF Featured on NBC Nightly News with Brian Williams

Our team of 16 volunteers was featured after our joint medical/educational mission with The Madieu Williams Foundation. On this trip we assessed the needs in Sierra Leone and planned for future missions. The medical team met key leadership personnel at Connaught Hospital and Princess Christian Children's and Maternity Hospital. Doctors performed several surgeries, including fixing deformities, complicated C Sections, hysterectomies, and myomectomies. The dental team performed over 230 dental procedures. An educational team worked at The Abigail Butscher School training teachers and assisting in the classrooms.

Many thanks to Each One Reach One, Direct Relief International, CitiHope, and PBI Restoration for donations and support over the year.



THHF Volunteers sending a container with supplies valued over \$2,000,000 to Sierra Leone. Thanks to the generosity of PBI Restoration in Cockeysville, MD for donating the loading dock and volunteers.

We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give. ~Winston Churchill

Upcoming Events

November 3-12, 2011 - Mission to Patzun, Guatemala

October 2011 - Planning Trip for Mission to Dominican Republic

October, 2011 -Golfer's for Charity Golf Outing

March 8-16, 2012 - Cali, Colombia Mission

Spring 2012 - Annual Gala

