

76th APS Airmen prepare cargo for Guatemala

by TSgt. Valerie Smock
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11/6/2012 - YOUNGSTOWN AIR RESERVE STATION, Ohio -- The 76th Aerial Port Squadron (APS) kicked off the season of giving by helping give back to those in need. Airmen, working hand-in-hand with Mission of Love Foundation, built pallets of cargo during the November Unit Training Assembly here, scheduled to be delivered to Guatemala the first week in December.

Mission of Love Foundation, a non-profit organization, was established in 1989 by founder, director and Youngstown local Kathleen Price. The idea for the foundation came after she visited Mexico and saw how much need there was.

This time around, the need is in Guatemala. Some of the items to be delivered include chairs, desks and tables, as well as clothing, school and medical supplies, and dental equipment. Nearly everything was packed up, including the kitchen sink.

"I think it's awesome," said Airman 1st Class Brittney Frazzini, cargo specialist with 76th APS. "It's a good way for us to help out other people."

Technical Sgt. Richard Stirzaker, cargo specialist with 76th APS, said the mission is two-fold; building pallets to ship to a country in need is not only for a good cause, but is also a great training opportunity.

Even though not every person at YARS had their hands in the mission, it's still a wing-wide event. There are many people who were part of the process, including maintenance, airfield management and many other offices.

"It gives people the opportunity to participate," said Master Sgt. Kevin Massie, superintendent and senior Air Reserve Technician with 76th APS. "We are using this opportunity in conjunction with people that need vehicle recertification, skill-level training, everything. It does benefit us."

The real benefit goes to the hands of the countries getting the help they need. APS has helped people in need on a number of occasions. The unit completed seven humanitarian missions between 2011 and 2012 in conjunction with two organizations including Mission of Love Foundation and MedWish International.

MedWish International is a not-for-profit organization committed to repurposing medical supplies and equipment with the objective of providing humanitarian aid in developing countries.

"At first it was about getting to know what the organization was all about," said Massie. "Now, I get it. It's for a good cause. When you say you move thousands of pounds of cargo, it gives you purpose."

Information on Mission of Love Foundation can be found at <http://www.missionoflove.org>.

Our Mission of LOVE volunteers Kurt and Tom

have an early Gift for the Mayan children who are orphans, blind, deaf, homeless, sick, and in need of a education of Tecpan, Guatemala, a school bus. Tom & Kathie Nelson bought the bus for the Mayans and Kurt Zabel will be driving the Maya bus to Charleston, S. C. from Youngstown, Ohio to the Air Force Base for transportation to Guatemala City, Guatemala January 13, 2013, via the Denton Mission of LOVE airlift on a C5 Hercules plane. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! to ALL who are making yet another SACRED Mission of LOVE a reality for the Maya children in need! web site / www.missionoflove.org



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



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

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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."

ESTABLISHED 1989



WOW! I can think of no other word to describe the Mission of LOVE mission trip put together by Kathy Price to Guatemala December 1-9 2012. Teams from Youngstown Ohio, Seattle Washington, Boulder Colorado, Orlando Florida, and Columbus Ohio merged together in Guatemala for an emotionally charged week of healing of the body, mind and soul. The predominately Mayan people received care by all involved for disfiguring and functionally impairing congenital deformities, and the hearts and souls of orphans were uplifted by a day of piñatas, pizza, a petting zoo, and early Christmas gifts. Pillows and quilts delighted these children. Elder Mayan women, many crippled from severe arthritis, having no or few teeth and numerous other ailments were given simple gifts including basic medications and a, bag of food, to make their lives easier. The smiles on the faces of all that received help were so powerful that it was matched by tears in the eyes of the true volunteers who provided the services to these people, some poor beyond belief.

Besides Kathy, team members from the states included Chuck Scheetz and Kurt Zabel who were principally in charge of logistics, Luana Rubin our photographer, Joyce Rush, Dakota Anselmo, Molly Chacon surgical assistants and awesome instrument technicians, Kristin (speech pathologist) and Shannon Sloan, Dr Todd Bolotin (emergency MD), Dr Carlos Ugalde (maxillofacial surgeon fellowship trained in cleft lip and palate repair), Maxillofacial surgeon Dr Guillermo Chacon and me. We were blessed with seeing the joy in the faces of parents, orphans and others, received blessings from a Mayan priest (you never know about that end of the world December 21 thing:)), and the orphans sang a Christmas blessing to us. I must admit the rush of emotion you receive is almost selfish in that nothing should feel that good.

There were many team members in Guatemala, and the principal ones were Dr. Bayron Gonzales, Dr. Freene and Dr. Claudia who all provided volunteer anesthesia services, Iso our phenomenal lunch provider, Doctor Claudia Moran, Edwin and Flor Marroquin our Mission of Love partners, Elmer our driver, and general surgeon brothers Edwin and Edgar Moran, amongst too many others to mention.

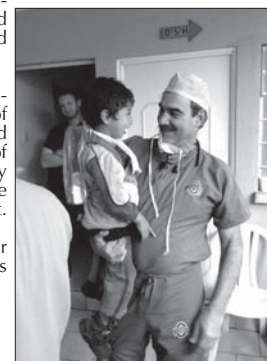
Dr. Edgar Moran deserves special mention. He is the equivalent of Kathy Price in that he is one of the hardest working and driven men I have ever met. I watched as he personally wheeled a patient into the operating room to expedite her care and comfort. He is a skilled technical surgeon, a brilliant thinker, and a good business man. However, his sound business principles are not used for personal financial gain, but to improve the lives of others. He has or is in the process of building a small zoo and park for children, a hospice for children, a restaurant to eventually help financially support the hospice, a women's center for the Mayan Women, and either a medical/ dental clinic or small hospital in an area away from the congestion of Guatemala City to help the poor already there and comfort dying children and their families away from the blight of the big city. He donated the use of his operating rooms the week we were there. The combination of Kathy and Dr Moran is unstoppable.

Guatemala is a hotspot for charitable and mission groups as their economy, technology, facilities and infrastructure cannot yet support the reasonable treatment of all of its people. The hope is that with our help at this time, they will be able to provide and afford enough skilled caregivers so that the need is not as great. Kathy has a true gift of making donations stretch as far as possible, so that every dollar given results in many times over in care. She does not take no for an answer, and is driven to help these children. I admire her tenacity. Without it and her, the Mission of Love would not exist.

Thanks to all of you who supported this "Mission of Love". All volunteers paid their own way, but money is needed for equipment, supplies, gifts, etc., so every dollar is very much appreciated.

Feliz Navidad!

Rick Scheetz, DDS MS FICD



Written by Mission of Love Volunteers • Winter • 2012



JANUARY
2012

*Digging holes
making re-bar,
forms for
foundation.*



MARCH
2012

*Painting, sanding,
welding posts for
forms at Way-bi.*



SEPTEMBER
2012

*Roof, drywall
DuRock, for
outside walls.*



Dear Kathleen and the Mission of Love Volunteers,

Attentively I am writing to greet you and also to thank you for the great work carried out for the people in need in the country of Guatemala.

Thanks for the support you are providing to the population of Tecpan, Guatemala. People at the Finca La Giralda from the Barrio San Antonio and Xaya Road to the Mill of this town have benefited from the Mission of Love and are very grateful for the food supplies, walkers, canes, furniture, clothing, medicine, money, medical care and Servicing the children and elders with hearing aids. Thank you for assisting people with limited resources, thank you for helping the POOR, SICK, ELDERLY, and CHILDREN. Thanks for making the children from the Paxxil community happy and joyful.

Thank you Kathy for having such a big heart.

Paula Lopez Domingo
Maya Women of Guatemala

Giving and Receiving on this Mayan Mission of Love to Tecpan, Guatemala

Giving and receiving are two halves of the same circle. There are times when we are able to give to those in need, and there are times when should open up and receive the help that is offered. That is the spiral of life - the the breath going in and out - like each heartbeat - and like the turning of the seasons.

There were times in my life that I was very much in need of help, and fortunately I was able to open up and receive when others recognized my loss and offered to give. There are other times in life when I can respond and give when I see others in need. Some day I will need help again.

One thing I have learned is that it is equally important to know how to give, AND to be able to receive. When someone offers a gift, or a helping hand, we are completing a circle of healing by saying "yes".

When we are moved to give, and we follow our heart, we receive the greatest gift by giving selflessly.

I have seen this last week in Guatemala when a team of 13 people donated the gift of their time, and their caring, with no thought of compensation. The gift we received was that we felt more alive, more blessed, more appreciative of what we have in our lives.

The joy in the faces of the children and the elderly who received donated quilts, was the kind of priceless gift that is beyond words. I will never ever forget the tears of joy in the eyes of those who treasured the gift from a stranger.

Like Johnny Appleseed, we travel through life planting these seeds of love, and we can only dream of the orchards that will bear fruit for future generations.

I extend my deepest and most humble appreciation to Kathy Price for making this possible for the Mayan people of Guatemala, and I also thank the doctors, nurses and other volunteers who made this trip such an extraordinary experience.

Luana Rubin

***Kathy and Paula with some of the Mayan
recipients of Mission of Love Aid
while in Tecpan, Guatemala, 9/19/2012***



Kathleen M. Price
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Dear Ms. Price,

I am writing you on behalf of WAY-bi Foundation. WAY-bi is an organization amongst its mission is working to improve the living conditions of people with physical, mental, emotional and spiritual disabilities and is currently working programs that use dogs to assist on animal assisted therapies and assistance dogs for children with autism, blindness, etc.

Dogs that are used as assistance dogs are different to dogs used in animal assisted therapies since these first ones are donated to the patient and remain with their companion during their life span. These dogs require intense training for approximately 12 to 18 months. A training course that starts on January 2013 has the goal of training as many dogs possible to be donated in 2014 to several children in need.

Because of this we request your assistance in providing 4 to 6 dogs of the Labrador retriever (preferable yellow or black colored) or Golden retriever races that are currently 6 to 12 months old. These dogs are needed by December 2012.

Your help with these resources would go a long way to making the children's lives less troublesome and far more productive. We would greatly appreciate your donation. Thank you for considering our request. If you have any questions or need further information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Edwin Marroquin
waybi.fundacion@gmail.com



Dear Ms. Price,

I am writing you on behalf of WAY-bi Foundation. WAY-bi is an organization that is working to improve the living conditions of Tecpan community and is currently building the House of Dreams, a project that will shelter children with terminal disease diagnosis and their families.

Tecpan is a rural community of 81,100 inhabitants belonging to the department of Chimaltenango and is located 88 kilometers from Guatemala City. Its main economic activities are agriculture and tourism as in Tecpan is located the first Spaniard city named Iximché.

WAY-bi is primarily focusing its efforts on improving the living conditions of the children of Tecpan. Education and health services are limited and difficult to access. Most of the times, children have to walk 2 to 5 miles in order to get to the nearest school or health center, and climate is not always good. WAY-bi therefore asks for your help in providing an old school bus and ambulance that would be used to service these children in need.

Your help with these resources would go a long way to making the children's lives less troublesome and far more productive. We would greatly appreciate your donation. Thank you for considering our request. If you have any questions or need further information, please feel free to contact me.

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September, 2012

WAY-bi / Mission of Love

As if in confirmation of the synchronicity of life, two years have passed already from that "unique moment of God" when Kathy and her friends that conform Mission of Love came to our hospital (Metropolitan). They came to our country as on many other occasions with the good news for our children to help transform their lives through cleft lip and cleft palate surgeries. With such fortune for us that the site chosen by God, by life or however you may call it, was our hospital. With great enthusiasm and responsibility we accepted to accommodate our pilgrim brothers without knowing the impact this would cause on our lives and the spirituality it would raise that would then be the motor that began to make our dreams come true.

WAY-Bi and the "House of Dreams" became a reality. One of its objectives is to host terminally ill children, where they and their parents will be served in a peaceful place, surrounded by nature; to accompany them on this journey, full of tears, pain, and wisdom and above all LOVE. A second objective is to use the shelter as a refuge and place of therapy for children victims of violence and sexual abuse.

Without the intervention of Mission of Love led by Kathy this would still be a dream. We have been blessed this year with two marvelous groups of volunteers that have joined forces with WAY-bi volunteers to make great advance in the construction of the House of Dreams. We are few days away from the third miracle of construction that will occur once again in Tecpan, Guatemala. Volunteers are such a blessing to us; they sacrifice so much in order to be of service for the children in need and help us conclude this extraordinary project.

We have also performed two surgical journeys (cleft lip and cleft palate) and are near to hold the third on December with which over 100 lives will have been transformed. Also through the efforts of Mission of Love came a donation which was gathered entirely by them and brought to our country by the U.S. Air Force under the auspices of the Denton program. This gave birth to community programs such as the delivery of supplies (desks and computers) to village schools in Tecpan, food delivery to needed families and training and development of women potters and weavers.

Mission of Love also supports the work that is being done with animal-assisted therapy. There are more projects to be done like the construction of medical and dental clinics, schools to train assistance dogs, etc.

Mission of Love companions us on this journey and determinant thrust to fulfill what corresponds to us, which is to "SERVE".

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Dr. Edgar Moran



MISSION OF LOVE



This past January, I had the pleasure of travelling with fifteen other people from Ohio to Guatemala. We were all volunteers with the Mission of Love, a non-faith-based, non-profit humanitarian organization headquartered in Austintown. Our ultimate destination was the small community of Tec Pan, a town inhabited primarily by Mayans, which is forty miles from the capital, Guatemala City.

Our goal was to begin digging spot footers at a location known as Way-bi (pronounced waybee), which is Mayan for "House of Dreams." This was beginning at the very ground level of construction of a building that will one day be a hospice for children. This was my fourth trip to Guatemala, and my fifth overall with the Mission of Love. I am but one of hundreds of Mission of Love volunteers who have left the comforts of home and traveled at their own expense to do hands-on construction work in Mexico, Guatemala, Jean Lafitte, Louisiana (following the devastation of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita), and the Pine Ridge Sioux Reservation in South Dakota. My other trips to Guatemala were to an orphanage on a river in the middle of a rain forest. If it sounds exotic, it is, but that is a story for another day. This time, our group found itself at a work-site in the mountains, 7,000 feet above sea level. It is really only natural that I would be part of the Mission of Love, since its director and founder is my wife, Kathy.

In order to tell you how I found myself on top of a mountain in Central America, I have to tell you a story that began a long, long time ago. When I was a junior at Cardinal Mooney High School, I fell hard for an older woman. She was a senior at Ursuline, our arch rival across the river. Even at that very young age I dreamed of law school. Kathy, the older woman, wanted to join the Peace Corps. The year was 1966, President Kennedy was only three years gone, and the memories of Camelot were still alive. Neither one of us reached our goals right away. The kids from Ursuline and

Mooney entered into a mixed marriage. I went to work on the assembly line at GM, and Kathy raised our four daughters. Our dreams were put on hold for a couple of decades.

We were married for twenty years before we finally traveled abroad, on a second honeymoon to Mexico. That is where Kathy saw how people so close to home lived a subsistence life. When we visited a Red Cross clinic that served an entire community, she found that we had more supplies in our medicine cabinet at home than the Red Cross doctor had in the clinic. Mexican children studied English with the dream that they might be chambermaids in the big hotels in Cancun. That didn't sit well with the lady that married me instead of joining the Peace Corps. That is when she started to collect relief supplies to send her new friends. That is when the Mission of Love was born.

Soon other people at home joined in and helped to find donated medical and relief supplies. Kathy then learned that a 501(c)(3) non-governmental organization could work with the United States Air Force to deliver those supplies to the rest of the world. She started to make that happen. Thousands of people have donated time and money to the effort. The donated supplies are kept in a warehouse provided by the United States Army at the Ravenna Arsenal until they are ready to be shipped. In the last twenty-two years, the Mission of Love has arranged for over seventy-five flights from the United States to people on five continents, including a delivery to Mother Teresa in India. Often, groups of volunteers will travel to sites to construct hospitals, schools, orphanages, and homes. As I mentioned, I have made three prior trips to an orphanage in the jungle and I am always amazed to find lumber and building materials from Ohio waiting for us on the ground when we arrive.

In 2011, Mission of Love made two trips Guatemala to provide surgery to children with cleft palates. American medical personal teamed up with local doctors to do facial surgery on forty-six children. One of the local doctors, Dr. Edgar Moran, donated the facilities of Metropolitan Hospital in Guatemala City for the surgeries. Metropolitan Hospital sounds grand; it is not. It is a small clinic in the inner city. There is room for twenty patients, and one operating room. You have to enter through a guarded security door. Yet even though Dr. Moran's hospital is not grand, his dreams are.

Edgar knows first hand of the high mortality rate for children in his country. He dreams of a place away from the city where desperately ill children can spend their last days. He is establishing the House of Dreams in the hills above the city where children can breathe clean air. There is a small farm nearby. Edgar dreams of having a place where

dying children can help care for a small animal, as much as they are able. After the child passes, the animal is given to the parents to help comfort them. Who wouldn't want to help a guy like that? That is how fifteen Ohioans found ourselves far from home, digging holes, bending re-bar and pouring cement to form the spot footers.

Our trip began very early on a cold morning as we met at the Akron-Canton airport for a full day's travel that would take us to Guatemala City. When we arrived in country, an old school bus was waiting to take us where we needed to go. I was waiting to board the bus when a young man who had both legs amputated scooted up to me. He was sitting on a piece of wood with wheels underneath and he pushed himself along with his hands. He was selling pencils that said "Welcome to Guatemala." He wasn't a beggar, he was a worker. He was trying to earn a living by selling souvenirs. He was very friendly and polite and of course our group bought lots of his pencils.

Our first stop of the day was to the hospital where we met Dr. Moran. The hospital itself is on a narrow street in the poorer section of the city. We were warned not to walk those streets without an escort.

After lunch, we went right to work, painting and repairing anything that didn't move. We worked the entire day, and then fifteen tired people rode our bus to our hotel where we looked forward to hot showers and a cold beverage. The hotel was very modern and nice, although there was a security gate and guards protecting the entrance. On this particular evening, there were also a number of Chevy Suburbans with blacked out windows parked in front, and guys in suits with shades and bad attitudes hanging around. It seems that the president of Columbia was also a guest that night and we stumbled onto his entourage. My guess is that they were also sporting uzis along with the attitude. I wonder what they thought about fifteen smelly and dirty gringos piling out of an old school bus inside their security perimeter.

Our second day in country we returned to the hospital to finish the work we had begun the day before. That evening, we were all invited to a dinner party at the home of Dr. and Senora Moran. I was anxious to go to this affair because I wanted to see the home of a Guatemalan professional. I expected to find a large spacious house. That wasn't really the case. Edgar, his wife Claudia, and their two teen aged children do live in a gated compound, but the wall around the home was topped with wire. Even the nice neighborhoods were dangerous. The house itself was more like a one story condo with neighbor's (Continued on page 5)

Journey of Miracles

September 2012

As has been since our first meeting with Katy and those who make Mission of Love, miracles before our eyes are always caused by the tenacity, determination and wisdom that comes from knowing. This time we saw another phase of the House of Dreams emerge; in spite of the difference of language (english/spanish) two worlds are united by the universal language called LOVE.

It is also indescribable to share the happiness and wonder of the children who were treated by doctors Frank and Sherry who tested and gave out hearing aids to children who had never heard before; some who were 5 years old and for the first time were able to hear!

Thanks to the timely intervention and tenacity the life of Odilia was saved. Children and families were benefited with food and affection.

Thank you Mission of Love friends! You help us build a building (House of Dreams) but more importantly you show the WAY-bi team the way to give unconditional hope to our children and the certainty of a better world.

Dr Edgar Morán

LOVE

There is no difficulty that enough love will not conquer; No disease that enough love will not heal; No door that enough love will not open; No gulf that enough love will not bridge; No wall that enough love will not throw down; No sin that enough love will not redeem...

It makes no difference how deeply seated may be the trouble, How hopeless the outlook, How muddled the tangle, How great the mistake, A sufficient realization of love will dissolve it all... If only you could love enough you would be the happiest and most powerful being in the world...

Emmet Fox





The last miracle (yet not the least important) I can mention is having one week of continues great weather and sunny days that went even against the meteorologist forecast. These days where so beautiful that one could question if somebody had "ordered" them to God? (Tom thought I was the one responsible, but it wasn't me honestly) Weather was perfect for all that we did during this extraordinary week; it only got rainy until we were on the bus ready head back to Guatemala.

Other great things were accomplished during this week. The walls of the House of Dreams emerged, we shared a fiesta with children from Paxixil school and several families where benefited with food supplies.

I want to say thank you a million MISSION OF LOVE! It was great working with you and being of service to this mission in a simple and SACRED manner!

Sincerely yours,

Edwin Marroquin



Frame work Way-bi House of Dreams



Jeff with his girls Brittany and Mele

UPCOMING EVENTS 2013

February 1, 2013

Way-bi Tec Pan, Guatemala

May 1, 2013

Way-bi Tec Pan, Guatemala

June 21, 2013

Pine Ridge Native American Indian Reservation

September 9, 2013

Pine Ridge Native American Indian Reservation

December 1, 2013

Cleft Palate Surgeries, Guatemala



LEGALINES - MARCH/APRIL 2012

JOURNEY TO GUATEMALA

By MCBA Member Bob Price

condos nearby in a row. The home was very nice, but not on the scale of homes that I have visited of some my American physician friends. Besides our large group, Edgar and Claudia's relatives were invited, so there were about thirty people all I together. We sat at a long table under a tent in the front yard. Despite the fact that it was mid-January, the weather was temperate and we all enjoyed each other's company under the stars. There were only three interpreters among the thirty of us, but the conversation flowed. The evening ended too soon, and we headed back to our fancy hotel, because the next day we were headed for Way-bi, and the hard work was about to begin.

The bus ride from Guatemala City was only about forty miles, but it was scenic as well as instructive. The city is in a basin, surrounded by mountains and volcanoes, and we were constantly climbing as the bus left the urban environment and went into the steep hills. The roads were winding with many switchbacks as we continued upwards. Along the way we passed men riding on horseback and women in traditional Mayan dress walking the roads with baskets balanced on their heads. We passed through the small town of Tecpan, with its narrow streets and bodegas. The contrast between the city and the country side was stark. The short trip was better than a year in geography class.

Finally we arrived at our ultimate destination, Way-bi. The bus pulled into the parking lot of a modern restaurant where we would enjoy many meals together. We climbed off the bus and the fun really started. We were already high in the hills, but we had to climb another three hundred feet up a dirt path to the building site. Our job this trip was simple. We were assisting Guatemalan workers dig very precise holes in the ground, approximately two feet by three feet and three feet deep. This was pick and shovel work, but as you reached the bottom of the narrow hole, you had to climb in to remove the dirt with your hands. While some volunteers were digging, others were using hand tools to bend re-bar into forms used to reinforce the concrete that would be pored into the holes to form spot footers. Once the holes were dug, and the re-bar placed, we mixed concrete by hand by adding water to concrete mix that was carried up the hill in wheel barrows. The water was toted by hand in buckets. Once the concrete was mixed, it was then poured into the holes, again

using the wheel barrows. Simple? Not so much at 7,000 feet. Breathing was a chore. The boss was a Guatemalan man named Juan. He didn't speak a lick of English, and our Spanish wasn't so hot either. That didn't matter, because he led by example. He would grab the first shovel, or bend the first re-bar. We watched, and we learned, and we all accomplished what had to be done. Juan was one tough hombre, and we did get the work done because we didn't want to disappoint him. We had helpers too. While we were digging, or mixing cement, or hauling buckets of water up that hill, the person next to you was either Edgar, or his wife, or one of their kids. This guy is the chief of surgery at the hospital, and he was swinging a pick. Everybody was anxious to finish the job, and nobody wanted to stop work, one afternoon, we had to. Kathy made us do it. She had planned an afternoon of fun with the children of Tecpan. It was a fiesta for the kids, complete with games and pinatas. So our guys and girls came down from the hill and played with the kids for a few hours. Each child was given a little bag of candy. This was like Christmas morning for these beautiful children. Kathy knew exactly what she was doing because it was like a hot lunch for the soul. These volunteers in their dusty work boots laughed and played with the kids all afternoon. When we climbed back up the hill to resume work, our spirits were refreshed.

The last day finally arrived. The holes were dug to exact proportions, the forms had been shaped by hand and set

into the holes, and the concrete had been mixed, poured, and now it was curing. We cleaned and gathered our tools, and all of us, began to walk down that steep hill. Halfway down, we stopped, somebody wanted to take a group picture. That is when the emotion broke, and people started to say what was in their hearts and on their minds. Juan, the tough hombre spoke last. He said thank you. He told us that he could not believe that Americans would give up much and work hard to help children in a far away country. He asked us to please return. And then, the tough hombre wept.

We will return. A United States Air Force C-5A will depart the 910th Air Reserve base in Vienna, Ohio. It will be loaded with building supplies, medical supplies and school supplies destined for Guatemala City. Dr. Edgar Moran will be waiting to receive the supplies which will then be distributed to Metropolitan Hospital, Way-bi, and a school for blind children. Three months later, Mission of Love volunteers will again travel to Guatemala to begin the second phase of construction on the children's hospice. The work will continue.

For more information about the Mission of Love, please visit the website at missionoflove.org, or you can contact Kathy by e-mail at:

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MISSION OF LOVE and WAY-bi VOLUNTEERS, JANUARY 2012

September, 2012

Another incredible week has ended that proves how sacred missions of love take place.

During this past week I was witness of several miracles that occurred, and I would say, even the week before. The first that I recall is related to the road up to the House of Dreams @ WAY-bi. One week before the MOL volunteers came, we had a road that was “unworkable”; full of limestone rocks mixed with black soil and rain which gave us mud that was un-walkable.

The second miracle I witnessed was regarding the materials that where to be used to continue the construction of the House of Dreams. Since the airlift which contained the “siding” and other material got delayed for October, I was very concerned on how we would work for a complete week with limited resources. Nevertheless Katy once again kept her word of making this mission of love a success. She and the volunteers “made it happen” and we were able to get all the materials needed for the outer walls, the interior walls and the roofing; (I do have to say un-loading that amount of materials wasn’t that much fun on our first night @ WAY-bi, but it was great relief and it help to build the TEAM spirit!)



Hitching A Ride

910th Airlift Wing helps humanitarian mission to Guatemala

March 17, 2012

By JOSHUA S. FLESHER - Staff reporter, Tribune Chronicle |

The 910th Airlift Wing is helping a local woman and her volunteers transport supplies to Guatemala. Kathleen Price, founder and director of Mission of Love, based in Austintown, has spent the past two months gathering donations, food and equipment that were loaded onto a large C-5 Galaxy aircraft on Friday and destined for the Central American country.

"We have 10,000 pounds of corn donated from Lutz Farm in Warren. With this corn, the natives can make tortea's for their families," Price said Friday as she walked along the row of pallets, packed and prepared for shipment.

The total weight of the donations gathered by Price was 85,000 pounds, taking up 32 pallets.

"We have construction material to build, material to service the Metropolitan Hospital and educational supplies to service a blind school," Price said.

Price said 18 volunteers with Mission of Love will embark on Wednesday for Guatemala, where they will help unload the C-5 and make sure things get where they need to go.

"We will be continuing to build WAY-BI, which is Mayan for 'House of Dreams,' a hospice home for children dying of cancer," Price said.

It took 17 trucks to get all the donated items into the base, where members of the 910th lent their training to the worthy cause.

"You realize how much work she puts into it to fill a C-5," said Tech. Sgt. Brian Mitchell of Jamestown, Pa. "Obviously the cause means a lot to her and the people who come with her."

Members of the 76 Aerial Port Squadron, also based in Vienna, helped as well.

Shipping through the Air Force is made possible through the Denton Program, which allows private citizens and organizations to use space on military cargo planes to transport humanitarian goods.

Bob Elston of New Middletown will make the trip with Price to Guatemala, where he's been several times. "The sense of gratitude you get from the natives just for used clothes and toys, things otherwise destined for our scrap yards or landfills," said Elston, who will be making his fifth trip to the country.

"The folks down there are so needy that they just delight in just about everything you can give them that will make their lives a little more pleasurable," he said.

Price's appreciation for the help given to her cause by the 910th is endless.

"None of this could have been done without the folks here," Price said. "We've had 53 mission out of here and they are the best family I know. Without them this could not be accomplished. I'm very grateful for them."



NEBBI, UGANDA - Maternity Hospital

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Showers Foundation Health Center

May 10, 2012

Kathleen M. Price
Director and Founder
Mission of Love Foundation
2054 Hemlock Court
Youngstown, Ohio 44515

Dear Kathleen,

The Showers Foundation Health Center wishes to acknowledge and thank you very sincerely for the donation of medical equipment worth thousands of dollars to the Showers Foundation Health Center. Your incredible donation will increase our ability to render more and better services to the poor and vulnerable of our society and it is truly in line with our mission to provide our community with the most needed basic medical and outreach services.

As a community health center, Showers Foundation Health Center is committed to providing quality care to our patients, regardless of ability to pay, as well as offering education on HIV/AIDS, malaria and other preventive measures. We provide an array of services for all including the elderly, women and children. Our ability to provide these many services cannot be possible without the support of our community and generous friends like you.

Thank you for your thoughtful support and donation. Your donation makes you a great partner in our mission to provide the best healthcare to a deserving community for whom decent healthcare is not even an option. I truly appreciate your donation.

Sincerely,

Godfred F. Ocun, AJ

Rev. Godfred F. Ocun, AJ
Founder and Executive Director.

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Dear Kathy,

What an extraordinary week! Thank you so much for letting me go with the Mission of LOVE community! This was such an amazing opportunity and I cannot wait to go back to the reservation real soon! It is remarkable how much time and dedication you put into the Mission of LOVE. You are truly a hero to many people on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, in Guatemala and to me. You have taught me that anything is possible, and that although I cannot change the world I can make a positive difference to many families, and I will! It was truly an honor to meet you and have a friend and inspiration like you! I miss Hobart and everyone else at the res so much! David White-Bull told me how lucky he was that we entered his life, but I also feel extremely lucky to have met him, his family, Hobart and all the others. I was happy to paint , and help rip the shingles off the roof of the White-Bull's new house, and look forward to doing even more next time I'm there! Thanks again! I will see you at the warehouse!
God Bless!

Alia Yossef ~ Mission of LOVE Volunteer 6/12 Pine Ridge Native American Indian Reservation, South Dakota

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

April 18, 2012 • Mission Of Love
Kathleen Price • 2054 Hemlock Court • Youngstown, Ohio 44515

Dear Mission Of Love (Kathleen Price),

My name is David White Bull Sr. and I am a member of the Oglala Lakota Nation on the Pine Ridge Sioux Indian Reservation. I want to say it was nice to meet you last year and see all the awesome work that Mission Of Love has accomplished for the Lakota people. I have a family of 7 living in a one bedroom apartment in the town/district of Porcupine. (Please see attachment of pictures) I have been trying to get a home for quite some time, but have ran into roadblocks and obstacles. Anywhere from finding a lender, a contractor, or dealing with our programs that are suppose to complete our environmental an archeological, so that I may begin the construction part of the homebuilding. I have a big family so having enough money to complete a home has been a financial constraint. This is why I am writing you, so that your program can find it in your heart to help another family such as mine that is doing all they can to make it. We are a clean and sober family that practices our spirituality and culture. We are hard workers and do our best to see our children succeed in school and sports.

**Lila Wopila,
David White Bull B.S.W.**



Dear Kathy and Mission of Love Volunteers,

After meeting all of you this past Saturday and hearing about what you do, I can't stop thinking about you. All of you truly feel the touch of the Spirit in your hearts and lives. You all embrace the love of God and share His love with so many. It's amazing that you give your time and efforts so willingly to clear out a school to benefit so many around the world. Lives are enriched and changed for the better because of each and every one of you.

You just know that need has no shame and that those who need should never be made to feel shame. You know that we are not better, we are just more fortunate. I often wonder if we think we're entitled because we have so much and take so much for granted. After all we have running water, lights at the flip of a switch, etc., etc., etc. But just maybe we have to do more, give more because we have so much. Meeting all of you was such a blessing. I have so much to think about.

We can't wait to see all of you again when you return from Guatemala. Travel safe.
God bless all of you,

Margaret and Joanne

(Margaret and Joanne donated school furnishings and educational supplies from Saint Mary and Joseph School in Newton Falls, Ohio. With these donated educational supplies we were able to airlift the AID via the Denton Program to service five schools for the students who had no supplies, let alone a desk to sit on. Thank you Joanne and Margaret to responding to our plea of compassion for the children in need.)

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MISSION OF LOVE

JRI, INC.

"Providing world class solutions to everyday problems"

7 March 2012
Col Reinhard L. Schmidt
Commander
910th Airlift Wing (AW)
Youngstown Air Reserve Station (ARS) • 3976 King Graves Road, Unit 10 • Vienna, OH 44473-5910

Colonel Schmidt

Our company, Joint Relief International, Inc. (JRI, Inc.), is contracted by United States Transportation Command (US-TRANSCOM)/J3 to manage the movement of humanitarian cargo approved to move through the Defense Transportation System (DTS) via the Department of Defense (DoD) Denton Program. The Denton Program, US Code, Title 10, Section 402, allows approved Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO) to move their donated humanitarian goods on a space available basis to a designated NGO in a developing nation.

As the transportation manager for the DoD Denton Program since 1999, our company has had the privilege of working with the Austintown, OH based NGO Mission of Love. Mission of Love founder and director, Ms. Kathleen Price, has utilized Mission of Love and the Denton Program as a tool to help impoverished families in numerous overseas locations like Honduras, Belize, Guatemala, Peru, Haiti, and Afghanistan. Mission of Love has been the largest customer of the Denton Program with a total of 52 approved missions since the 1990's.

Ms. Price has originated a majority of her Denton shipments with the 910th AW. With the assistance of the professionals in the 76 Aerial Port Squadron (APS) and 910th AW Operations Group (OG), she has been able to continue this **important humanitarian mission**. Over the last five years, 910th AW personnel have been responsible for initiating the movement of a total of 329,625 pounds of humanitarian goods on 111 AF 463L pallets and 2 emergency vehicles to Honduras, Belize, Guatemala, and Peru. Mission of Love's current shipment to Guatemala will support a Mayan children's Hospice; supply educational supplies to the a school for the blind as well as other schools; and furnish the Metropolitan Hospital where cleft palate surgeries are donated to the local Mayan children. All of the work in Guatemala will be completed by volunteers from the United States.

Our company hopes that the relationship between the Mission of Love and the 910th AW continues for many years. The superb efforts of the 910th AW go a long way in supporting the DoD Denton Program and our U.S. National Security Policies. The exceptional performance and due diligence of the dedicated individuals of the 910th AW reflects highly on the capabilities of the U.S. military and the U.S. Air Force Reserves. We have been honored to work with such highly qualified professionals in your organization.

Best regards,

James C. Ward
Colonel, USAF, Ret.
Vice President, JRI, Inc.



Poland, Ohio teens get to know first Americans

By J.T. Whitehouse , Town Crier, June 2012

The Mission of Love completed a successful trip to the Pine Ridge Reservation the week of June 14 and for three Poland residents, it was an eye-opening experience.

Diane Yossef of Poland, went on the trip with her two daughters Alia, 14, and Selena, 16. It was the trio's first trip to Pine Ridge and actually came about after a television special.

"I watched a 20-20 special last October about the Native Americans and it shocked me," said Diane.

On June 14, a group of volunteers headed to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation to help build homes and make repairs for several Native American families. Pictured after the construction of a teepee are, in front, Donnie Shockey of Pine Ridge, Bev Strollo of Austintown, and Keegan McGregor of California. In the back row are Diane Yossef and Alia Yossef of Poland, Hobart Spotted Bear, Selena Yossef of Poland, Nancy Schrader of Austintown, Peg Elston of New Middletown, Edward Keich of North Jackson, Alex White Plume of Pine Ridge, and Kathy Price, Mission of Love director.

After watching it she heard about Kathy Price of Austintown, and her Mission of Love that has been helping the Native Americans by building homes and creating communities. Diane got in touch with Price and made arrangements to go on the June 14 trip to Pine Ridge. She also scheduled it for her daughters.

Before leaving on the mission trip, Diane read up on the Lakota Native Americans and thought she knew about them. After the first day in Pine Ridge, S.D., she found a story that was a real eye opener. With close to an 80 percent unemployment rate and a life expectancy in the 40s, Diane said she was shocked.

"I saw so many young children living in dilapidated trailers," she said. "I wondered how they got through the harsh winters. I guess most people don't know about it or they say, 'Too bad,' then turn away."

Diane's oldest daughter Selena said on the first day they drove through the bad lands, that it looked like a different world. When she saw the living conditions that the Native Americans had to deal with every day, she was shocked.

"It wasn't at all what I expected," she said. "It was hard to believe it was just two hours away (by plane). You don't think something like that actually goes on in America."

Selena's younger sister Alia also said the trip was an eye opener. She said after all these people have gone through, they still accept the Mission of Love volunteers with open arms.

"Even with the past and all the white people had done to us, we were still accepted," Alia said. "I definitely want to go back."

Alia's one special memory was when the group accompanied Hobart Spotted Bear to the gravesite of his wife. Alia said it was a very special and a sacred moment.

The Yossefs all plan on a return trip next year to help build more homes. In the meantime, Price is putting together another trip in August hoping to help the family of David White Bull Sr. Presently, his family of seven are living in a one-room trailer. Like most Native Americans, he wants to have a home for his family, but there is a lot to go through and little hope.

"I have been trying to get a home for some time," he told Price, "but have run into roadblocks and obstacles."

He said it is hard to find a lender and contractor, and to deal with programs that are supposed to handle the environmental and archeological studies that would permit a new home to be constructed. He said it is hard for a family who is trying to do things right to get the basics they need to live a decent life. His children are ages 12, 8, and 2 for the boys and ages 6, and 5 for the girls. He lives with his wife and grandmother.

"We are a clean and sober family that practices our spirituality and culture," White Bull said. "We are hard workers and do our best to see our children succeed in school and in sports."

Price put together a list of items the White Bull family needs including pants size 12, 10, 7 slim, 6 regular, 5 junior, and 7 junior. Shirts size 12-14, 10-12, 3T, 6-7, and 11-13. They also need what most Americans take for granted, including a washer and dryer, beds, furniture, a refrigerator, and household appliances.

Price said along with the list of items, Mission of Love needs funding to purchase the materials to build the new house. She said it takes around \$10,000 to provide a finished home that will be built in one week. For information on the mission to Pine Ridge, visit the Mission of Love website at missionoflove.org.



Photo Special to Town Crier

910th aids Mission of Love

By ASHLEY NEWMAN
Tribune Chronicle

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VIENNA — "This is a story of love ... A love story. It's truly a Mission of Love, our organization and our foundation."

That is the way Kathleen Price described the organization she founded, Mission of Love, on the eve of the group's latest ambitious project.

Price and other volunteers were on hand Friday after at the Youngstown Air Reserve Station when the 910th Airlift Wing loaded 60,000 pounds of humanitarian aid onto 19 U.S. Air Force pallets and into a C-5 Galaxy cargo plane.

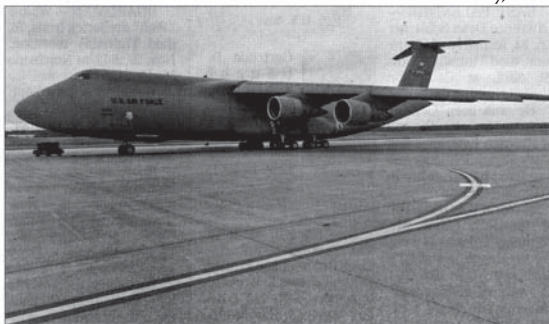
The cargo includes building materials, medical supplies, school desks, chalk boards and other materials. The destination of the humanitarian aid is Guatemala, more than 2,700 miles away, where Price and a group of volunteers from the medical community will be waiting.

"We are going down mainly to work on building a children's hospice," Price said. "Three years ago, we met Dr. Edgar Moran, who offered his hospital in Guatemala for us to arrange surgeries in. With that, he took me to the site of his dream."

Moran's dream was to build a place in Guatemala for sick children. Once back in the United States, Price put the wheels in motion with her group. Now she can begin to see the light at the end of the tunnel.

"We are now working on the interior," she said. "We hope to have it open in March. Dr. Moran is calling it his House of Dreams."

"Anything we can do for the children, especially the children that are dying, that's our responsibility. Who is closer to God than the children? That's mainly



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This U.S. Air Force C-5 Galaxy cargo plane was loaded Friday at the Youngstown Air Reserve Station with 60,000 pounds of relief supplies for Guatemala that were organized by the Mission of Love foundation, to be delivered by the 910 Airlift Wing.

what this cargo and this trip is about."

Price will begin her flight to Guatemala today and she has organized a team of 16 doctors and medical people.

"We are also going to be meeting with a lot of volunteers there, too," Price said. "We couldn't do it without them."

While the majority of the cargo is building material for the hospice center, Price said other basic necessities are included.

"The stuff that we take for granted in America simply don't exist in third world countries," she said. "This is all surplus supplies that would normally go to our landfills because we no longer need them. Meanwhile, for a place like Guatemala, it is worth its weight in gold."

"There's also clothes in there and shoes for children."

Price began her charity work 24 years ago when a vacation to Mexico led to a trip to Red Cross.

"I sat in need of antibiotics and I noticed the Red Cross official had less on her shelf than I did for my family of six," Price said.

Upon her return, Price set the wheels in motion for what would ultimately result in the Mission of Love Foundation. The

group has completed seven humanitarian missions between 2011 and 2012 alone.

"You know these folks are literally walking with no shoes, living with no food, with their only hope that Mission of Love can say yes for their child," Price said. "We have to make sure that everything is on that plane and everything will be at the site, because they don't have these supplies there."

The Mission of Love takes advantage of the Denton Program, a federal commodity transportation program which allows private U.S. citizens and organizations to use space available on U.S. military cargo planes to transport humanitarian goods.

According to Price, the Mission of Love is the largest user of the Denton Program in the world.

Price's organization is also backed by individuals and local businesses.

"The people that have the donated items will go through the Denton Program and get approval for whatever they want shipped," Air Force Reserve Master Sgt. Kevin Massie said. "Once they find the nearest military base, they ship the things through. With Kathy being close by with the Mission of

Love, we are able to accept their stuff in, make sure it is air worthy and ship it out."

Massie, 37, is the superintendent of the 76th Aerial Post Squadron, stationed at the Air Reserve Station. He has worked with Price and the Mission of Love many times in the past, shipping cargo around the world.

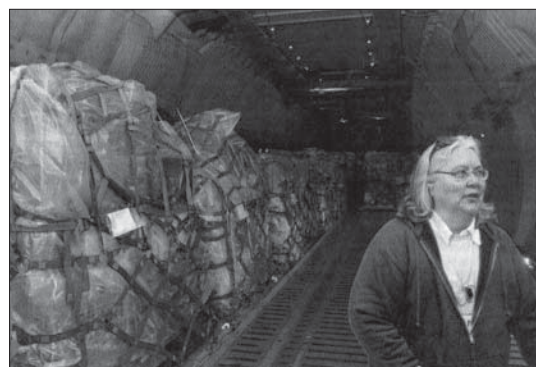
"Kathy is a really amazing person," Massie said. "There are not a lot of people out there who can do what she does. She and her organization go out there, and they get the stuff donated to them."

"I know this stuff makes a huge difference on the other end. We don't see that part of it here, but we all know how important this is."

Price's message is a simple one: give back when you are able.

"If I could teach the people here how blessed we are. It is time now to go and reach out," she said. "The people I see here are not starving like those in other parts of the world. They are not lacking the medical care like the people I see. We have to get out of that comfort zone and say it is not just about helping people here. We are all a part of the world, and we have to start expanding our horizons."

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Valley volunteers take much-needed supplies to Guatemala in a ...

WILLIAM D. LEWIS/THE VINDICATOR

Kathleen Price, director of the Mission of Love, stands in the cargo hold of an Air Force Reserve C-5 transport plane at Youngstown Air Reserve Station, Vienna. The plane, one of the largest in the Air Force, is carrying more than 60,000 pounds of relief supplies collected by the Mission of Love, a nonprofit organization based in Austintown, to communities in Guatemala.

December 1, 2012

MISSION of LOVE

By ED RUNYAN
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VIENNA

THE NUMBERS associated with the Mission of Love trip taking off this morning from the Youngstown Air Reserve Station are astounding, as they always are — 60,000 pounds of aid on 20 huge pallets, 16 medical volunteers providing 45 children with surgeries to correct cleft palates in Guatemala.

And the huge, C-5 Galaxy Air Force cargo plane carrying the aid — nearly 250 feet long — is amazing just to see.

But equally moving are the emotional reasons people such as Chuck Scheetz continue to participate in Mission of Love, the 23-year-old organization run by Kathleen Price of Austintown that delivers aid to impoverished people

“IT'S A LOVE STORY. THEY'RE LACKING BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS.”

KATHLEEN PRICE, Mission of Love

around the world.

In a video on the www.missionoflove.org website, Scheetz is shown on a trip in October 2011 to Guatemala City, where MOL volunteers provided surgeries to correct cleft palates, a birth defect.

"We've been blessed this trip," Scheetz said. "We've helped so many children. I think there were 28 surgeries — children you don't recognize after. It's been amazing," he said, his voice trailing off.

Pictures on the website show how deformed the children were before the surgery.

Price says the children born with a cleft palate "can't thrive" and are

treated as outcasts.

On Friday, after the aircraft at the air base had been loaded, Scheetz said last year's trip made him realize how little medical care the people of that region have compared with us.

"When I got there, there were 30 people there with cleft palates," he said of the hospital in Guatemala City. "I had to go into another room and cry," he said. "I couldn't believe the [hospital facilities]. It was the worst of the worst in the United States, and it was one of the best hospitals in the city."

Inside the huge belly of the plane Friday, Price described the new and

used items being shipped to the Mayan people of Tecpan, Guatemala.

There were 30 mattresses going to a hospital and a hospice that the Mission of Love will finish building on this trip.

There were pallets of equipment from two dental offices that closed in Warren and Boardman, including X-ray machines. Mission of Love is constructing the two dental offices in Tecpan on this trip as well, Price said. The trip will last nine days.

"They have no dental care at all. They get a bacterial infection and die," Price said.

There were educational supplies from the recently closed St. Mary and Joseph School in Newton Falls. Those will supply five schools in Guatemala,

including a school for the blind.

Other pallets contained handmade quilts, stuffed animals and clothes that each patient will take home.

"It's a love story," Price said of why she and the others collect and deliver

supplies to places such as Guatemala. "They're lacking basic human rights."

Price spends months collecting the items — many of them used — that get flown to the area in need.

"We're such a throw-away society," Price said. "They

don't call me 'the queen of trash' for nothing."

Master Sgt. Kevin Massie of the 910th Airlift Wing of the reserve station said the approximately 10 Mission of Love missions that have flown from the air base in recent years provide

military personnel with "training for our guys."

But it also feels good to help people in Guatemala "who really need it," he said.

3rd Mission of Love – Cleft Lip and Cleft Palate Surgeries December 2012

On December 1st a sequence of events started that made an impact on our lives, the arrival of the second air shipment from Mission of Love, humanitarian help that means hope for many lives. And just like that a period of life-transforming miracles started with which also came a group of doctors, friends and volunteers to start the third medical mission for Cleft lip and Cleft palate at the Metropolitan Hospital.

When trying to describe life-giving missions like these words fail to explain what the soul goes through. We started by evaluating 27 beautiful human beings that generously gave us the opportunity to transform their faces. This also allowed us to transform not only their parents' lives and spirits, but ours as well; now I can understand how the pain of the living God redeems souls.

From the 27 evaluated patients 22 were operated in five long and demanding days of surgery. Three extraordinary and generous surgeons and anesthesiologists demonstrated their incredible abilities with the help of a group of nurses and volunteers that provided love and support.

To observe the great transformation of their little faces was priceless, and even though the pictures reflect the effort put in it, the true value is in the privilege we had of watching and living this experience.

I was very fortunate to have been able to share day by day with this extraordinary group of human beings, healers of bodies and souls. Thank you for those children that will now be able to eat without a problem, talk fluently, and be understood. Thank you for giving their parents peace to sleep knowing that their children will now have a better life. I don't want to limit myself to thank only those who names I know, because I'm aware that a lot of people have silently contributed to make this miracle happen. Thank you to all.

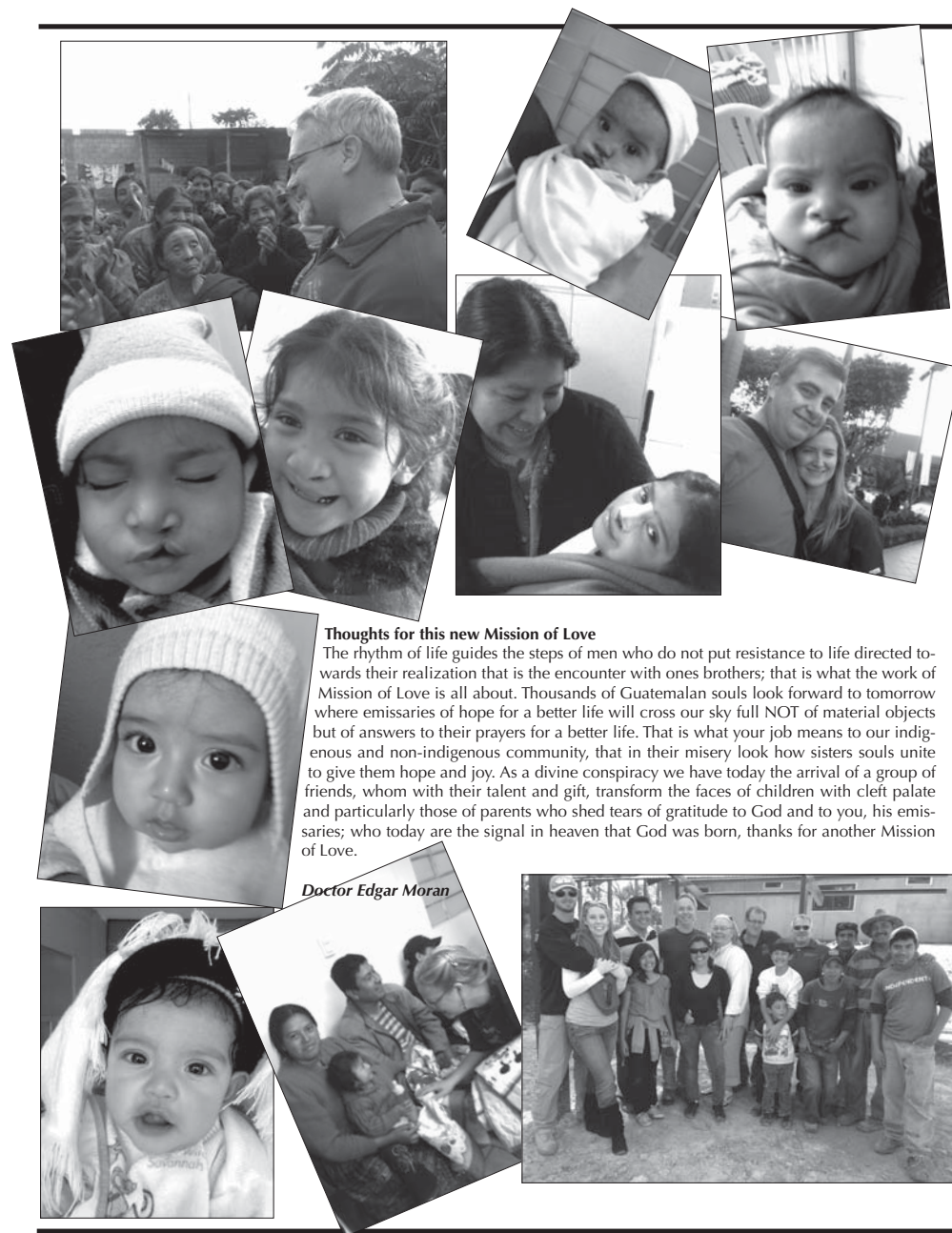
As tireless creators of the Kingdom, on Saturday they went to Tecpan, Guatemala. Rural community that has been receiving assistance from "Mission of Love" through the friendly arm of Way-Bi Foundation. They were able to participate in many activities like a Mayan Ceremony, watch a video that summarized their weekly activities, have a tour through the areas built by "Casa de Sueños" (House of Dreams) and have a "piñata party" with the children of the orphanage. They were also able to have a reunion with native craftswomen, to whom the Santa Apolonia's municipality, through the mayor's wife, made a written commitment to deliver them land for their association.

At the end of the day, we headed to the orphanage with the purpose of decorating it for Christmas. Again we were reminded of how the true meaning of Christmas is sharing. To finish the mission, they decorated and lit up the Christmas tree, followed by singing Christmas songs and ask for blessings and protection, through all this they gave us the best gift someone could give, LOVE.

Dr. Edgar Moran



Mayan orphans enjoying a fiesta with
Mission of Love/Way-bi volunteers



Thoughts for this new Mission of Love

The rhythm of life guides the steps of men who do not put resistance to life directed towards their realization that is the encounter with ones brothers; that is what the work of Mission of Love is all about. Thousands of Guatemalan souls look forward to tomorrow where emissaries of hope for a better life will cross our sky full NOT of material objects but of answers to their prayers for a better life. That is what your job means to our indigenous and non-indigenous community, that in their misery look how sisters souls unite to give them hope and joy. As a divine conspiracy we have today the arrival of a group of friends, whom with their talent and gift, transform the faces of children with cleft palate and particularly those of parents who shed tears of gratitude to God and to you, his emissaries; who today are the signal in heaven that God was born, thanks for another Mission of Love.

Doctor Edgar Moran