

SEW HOPE

STRENGTHENING AND EMPOWERING WITH
HEALTH, OPPORTUNITY, AND EDUCATION

2008 Annual Report



Sharing the Hope of Shannon E. Wilson

SewHope

- SewHope is a not-for-profit 501 (c)(3) organization based in Toledo, Ohio.
- SewHope promotes spiritual growth, health, opportunity, and education for the underserved and largely indigenous people of the Petén, Guatemala.
- SewHope was founded in 2007 by Christians who were involved in short-term mission trips to Guatemala after they realized that long-term solutions were needed to address the many needs resulting from extreme poverty.



Mission

- The mission of SewHope is to enhance spiritual growth, health, opportunity and education in underserved communities of the Petén, Guatemala.

Goals

- Provide continuous access to primary, secondary, and tertiary medical care
- Specifically target the needs of women and children
- Improve the availability of nutritious food and adequate housing, sanitation, and clean water
- Provide education through the 12th grade
- Provide vocational training to teens and adults

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About Shannon

"SewHope" also signifies the hope of Shannon E. Wilson, a young physician who had an abounding compassion for the people of Guatemala and who participated in several medical mission trips to Guatemala. Her goal was to become a full-time medical missionary following the completion of her training in Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Texas. Before her dream could become fulfilled, Shannon died at the young age of 26. However, her enthusiasm and love for the Guatemalan people and her desire to serve them inspired the creation of SewHope and has remained an inspiration to our members.



“Guatemala was where I found my purpose. It was overwhelming. So many kids. So little equipment. Knowledge, even less. Spanish - none. All I had was my arms, my smile, my lollipops. Young mothers and swollen bellies. Abused and bruised bodies. My whispered prayers of hope that eventually, one day, I would be able to do something besides hand out cough syrup and antibiotics. In Guatemala I learned about patience. I can’t save the world. I can’t even save this person. I don’t have to - they only want a hug. They need HOPE. They need someone, somewhere to say, YES, you are worth my time, my expertise, my training, my God. Even though you have no money, you can have HIM and you can have me. CHRIST’S HANDS AND FEET. Finally, a meaning connected to those words. LET ME BE YOUR HANDS AND FEET. USE ME.”

- Shannon E. Wilson

SewHope 2008 Accomplishments

Administrative

- 501 (c) (3) Designation
- New website: www.sewhope.org
- 1st annual LEAP fundraiser
- Raised \$37,000 through approximately 89 donors
- Completed two mission trips (total 3 weeks) with 42 trip participants
- Hosted visit here by Bio and Derrida Ochaeta, SewHope's Guatemalan missionary partners

Medical

- Performed 12 major surgeries at Hospital Shalom
- Developed strong relationship with Hospital Shalom; Anne Ruch designated "International Medical Director" and hospital plans and strategies are being developed
- Staffed Clinica El Buen Samaritano medical clinic for three weeks
- Held six medical jornadas (day-long clinics) in outlying villages
- Cared for over 1,000 patients at the clinic and village jornadas
- Identified young Guatemalan boy with brain tumor and will bring him to U.S. for surgery
- Stocked clinic with year supply of medicine: anti-hypertensives, diabetes treatments, antibiotics, anti-fungals, and dermatologic lotions



- Painted and repaired clinic
- Provided gynecology equipment to clinic including Ultrasound, Colposcopy, and Cryotherapy plus medicines and supplies
- Guatemalan doctor began working daily at clinic with partial funding from SewHope
- Provided 40,000 de-worming treatments and administered same to 1,000 children and adults
- Distributed 60,000 vitamins to school children through schools
- Tested vision and provided 600 pairs of eyeglasses
- Developed partnerships with
 - Kids Against Hunger
 - Genesis Impresario microloan bank
 - Friends of Guatemala
 - Americares
 - King Pharmaceuticals
- Identified an American doctor and her husband, who is a pilot, for long-term mission work at Hospital Shalom and new medivac flight program at local airport
- Developed education program for UT College of Medicine students

Spiritual

- Distributed 500 Spanish bibles to members of communities, villages, patients, and families
- Prayed and ministered to patients, families, and medical staff at clinic and hospital



- Worked with teachers and administration at bilingual school on teaching skills, classroom management, and administration
- Acquired classic children's books in Spanish through Borders Books cooperative program for distribution to elementary schools in rural villages
- Held two Christmas gift-wrapping sessions at mall to raise awareness and funds



Water and Sanitation

- Began latrine program in rural village of Pueblo Nuevo. Ten latrines under construction.
- Water testing for coliform contamination performed in 20 homes and schools



- Donated \$7,000 to support students at "Paths to Life" Vocational Center, where young men learn carpentry, metal-working, and Christian life skills
- Provided \$400 worth of tools and supplies for the center
- Assisted with training at the center



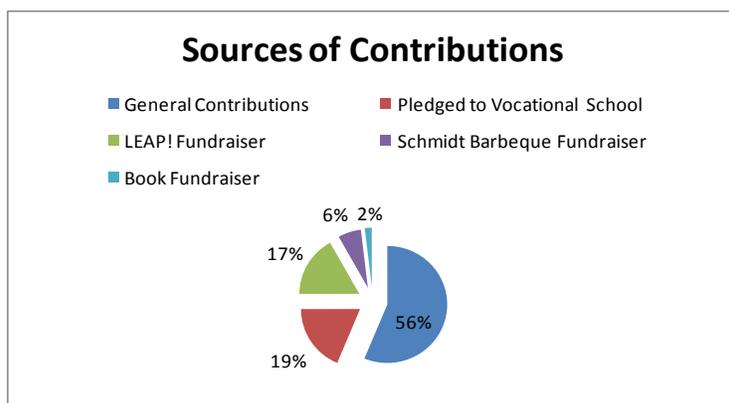
Summary of 2008 Activity

Revenues

General Contributions	\$ 20,000
Vocational School	\$ 7,000
LEAP! Party	\$ 6,300
Schmidt Barbeque	\$ 2,325
Gift Wrapping/Book Fund Raiser	\$ 700
Total Contributions	\$ 36,325

Expenses

Vocational School	\$ 7,500
Mission Trip	\$ 6,150
Latrines/Water Filters	\$ 2,500
Website Development	\$ 1,750
Surgeries/Hospital Shalom	\$ 1,500
Total Expenses	\$ 19,400



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