



## Mission Member's Experiences

**By Hilda Rossi:** On April 6th. I left for Guatemala to prepare for the arrival of CCAMRE humanitarian mission members. Nineteen volunteers left the comfort of their home to start the journey to help others. The humanitarian mission members worked tirelessly for two weeks, enduring the heat, dust and much physical and mental difficulty. The only time the Mayan Chorti communities in the Merendon Mountains of Guatemala see a Physician or Dentist is when CCAMRE arrives. We visited 10 villages and attended to thousands patients; Dr. Russell Grover, Dr. Richard Morris and Dr. Yohanna Ayala did some truly remarkable work. We evaluated the projects and programs; Sponsor a Child Program and Breakfast Program, Stove Program, Construction, Scholarship, and the Seniors Program. It was wonderful to see the ground broken for

### Dental Mission

Our first Dental mission to Guatemala was in 2003. We were overwhelmed by the extreme need for dentistry. Fast forward to 2015. We have since set up a dental clinic in the town of La Union. Students from the University of San Carlos work there for 8 months out of the year.

This past April we had the largest dental team yet. Dr. Grover and Dr. Morris worked with a team of 5 hygienists, 4 assistants and 1 helper who worked up to 10 hours per day. There were a total of 8 villages that received care. The hygienists were welcomed with open arms. Everyone wanted their teeth cleaned! We arrived with 16 suitcases of dental donations. As usual, Health Partners International, provided us with our dental and medical packs. The balance was donated by our local suppliers, we appreciate their donations. There is still a huge amount of work to be done for these wonderful & humble people! -By Heidi Grover



Classrooms under construction in Volcancito

**By Mark Will:** Travelling to Guatemala was an incredible experience for me and a huge eye opener at the same time! So many of the children there remind me of my own family and it just doesn't seem fair that they have to live in such poor conditions. This is my greatest motivation for my continued involvement with this organization. I know that our efforts will help give these kids a brighter future, especially through better education and improved health.

**By Leanne Metcalf:** Spending time in the Merendon Mountains was a huge eye opener. You see commercials on TV about poverty and famine but it doesn't even come close to seeing it firsthand. Having the opportunity to interact and volunteer my time and hygiene services was so rewarding. I hope to return and continue to help as best as I can.



2015 Mission Team

### Sponsor a Child & Breakfast Programs

Life is very fragile in the Merendon Mountains. Nothing is easy or readily available. Families understand that education is important for their children. The mothers of the sponsored children all participate in organized groups to cook a nutritious breakfast for all the school children in the Community Centre in Volcancito; built by CCAMRE. CCAMRE continues to express the need for education for the children. As a result of better nutrition from the breakfast program, which is paid for through a percentage of funds obtained for the Sponsor a Child Program, the students are more alert, better able to retain and understand lessons and are happier to be at school. Thank you to our sponsors - you are making a difference in the lives of the children and giving them hope for the future.

