

#### SOLVING THE CHILD SURVIVAL PUZZLE Photo Credit: KFTSten Kidd Photograph



#### MAMA Project

Mujeres Amigas-Miles Apart (Women Friends-Miles Apart) Nutritional Rehabilitation Medical & Dental Brigades Work Teams Preschools Cross Cultural Training Deworming & Vitamin A Campaigns Donating Medical & Dental Equipment & Supplies Community Development Scholarships Child Survival Training

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MAMA Project's *mission* is "to be a network to promote health and wholeness working through partnerships on many levels both national and international, involving many sectors of society both public and private - joining forces to deal with problems that rob children of their chance to experience 'Shalom'."

MAMA Project's *vision* is "to build a 'wall of protection' around children born into adverse environments to allow not just survival but also development to their full potential."



MAMA Project's Child Survival Programs remind me of a puzzle. There's many pieces. Often times there's a piece missing, we find it laying on the ground somewhere, and stick it back in. Sometimes the puzzle changes, pieces get added, others get taken away. When the pieces fit together perfectly, the puzzle looks beautiful. Often times we only see a portion of the puzzle, but it's important to step back and take a look at the big picture to see the real beauty..

During 2014, MAMA worked at many of the pieces of the Child Survival Puzzle. We are grateful for the part that every person played in this puzzle - whether it was by donating resources, serving on a mission team, participating in a fundraiser, or prayerfully remembering MAMA's work around the world.

Thank you for your participation in MAMA's Child Survival Puzzle!!





## **COMMUNITY EDUCATION**

Each year MAMA holds formal Child Survival Trainings. In late 2013, Dr. Priscilla Benner traveled to Honduras to hold "Hidden Hunger" trainings with other Honduran communities as well as the leaders with whom MAMA works. In 2014, one was held in Pennsylvania with other organizations serving around the world.

Each community where MAMA Project takes a team, leaders are chosen. The leader is a person who wants to see change in their community and see fewer children sick or dying from preventable disease or malnutrition. When MAMA takes a team to the community, the MAMA Staff takes time to discuss current needs with the leader. The leader is also invited to come to the MAMA Center throughout the year to receive more trainings or supplies for their communities.

One leader in the small community of Lomas Pelonas, Yoro, Honduras has helped her community grow and thrive over the past years. The leader, Aleya, lives with her husband, Jose, and her four children, ages 18, 12, 9, and 2. Aleyda was born and raised in the community and then moved elsewhere to find work in a factory for about 12 years before returning in 1999. Upon returning to Lomas Pelonas, Aleyda became a volunteer at a health clinic in Santa Lucia and continued that work for 7 years.

Aleya saw the need for her community to get better health care. The nearest health center (where she volunteered in Santa Lucia) was 13 kilometers from the village. Villagers go there to receive their prenatal care and any other health care needed. While Aleyda volunteered in Santa Lucia, she would take the knowledge that she learned, and share it with her community.

Aleyda prayed that someone would find her community and come help them, knowing that her community was far away from the main towns. In 2009 Aleyda was talking with a woman at her church and she began sharing about how MAMA Project had come to help provide medical care to her community.

In 2011, MAMA brought the first mission team to Lomas Pelonas. The community, although small, needed help, as Aleyda had witnessed. The overall health of the community was poor. Every year MAMA has been able to send a team back to Lomas Pelonas to continue helping the people.





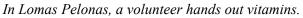
Aleyda says that since MAMA has been involved, her community has improved in health understanding and overall health. For example, before, most of the people in the community had parasites and the deworming program that MAMA provides has helped their burden with intestinal parasites a lot. Aleyda said that MAMA has been an answer to prayers and she is very thankful, happy and proud of what MAMA has done for her people.

With help from MAMA's supporters like you, we can continue working in villages like Loma Pelonas, where we can provide medical care and and education for the people to improve their health.



Aleyda with her husband and two of her children.







Children are weighed and measured to determine if they are malnourished.

#### **MISSION TEAMS TO HONDURAS**

Each year several teams go to Honduras to serve on a mission team. The teams stay in San Francisco de Yojoa, Honduras, in the mission house next to our Nutrition Center. The teams visit poor, rural villages each day and bring medical and dental clinics as well as provide a concrete floor for at least two families each day. Here are the statistics for the teams from January through September of 2014.

Teams to San Francisco de Yojoa	: 1
Total number of volunteers: 217	

Teams to San Pedro Sula: 1 Total number of volunteers: 14

Total number of rural, poor villages visits: 68

Number of Medical Consultations: 5,520 Number of Dental Consultations: 542 Number of Dental Extractions: 1,598

Number of deworming tablets distributed: 6,100

Number of Vitamin A distributed (children under 5 years old): 1,774

Number of children with low hemoglobin (anemia): 369

Number of children with malnutrition: 624

Number of Reading glasses distributed: 1,042

Number of poured concrete floors in homes: 149 Number of adults living in those homes: 342 Number of children living in those homes: 428

Number of donations (toys, school supplies, clothes, aprons, works gloves, etc) given: TOO MANY to count!



Stacey Kenny (pictured left) participated in two weeks of mission teams this August and shared some of her experience with her friends on Facebook as written below.

Many of you have asked what type of conditions our Mission Team stay in while serving in Honduras. MAMA Project has a Mission House that sleeps approximately 34 people with 4 bathrooms. It has electricity, running water, and wifi. (No air conditioning though, so when we lose power it gets hot here) There is also a washing machine and dryer so no need to over pack. The house also provides toiletries to the guests many of which are donated. Isabel, and her daughter, Karen, are the chefs and I call them that because the meals they serve are beyond tasty and have caused several of us to pack on some pounds the past few weeks. Each day the team rotates dish duty so Isabel can go home to her family at night. There is no TV, so evenings are spent on the porch in rocking chairs listening to the beautiful sounds of Honduras: bugs, geckos, dogs barking, roosters crowing at all hours of the day and night, sounds crazy but it really is a sound that is special to Honduras.

Most teams arrive on a Saturday. Sunday is typically a half day spent at the Nutrition Center organizing donations for the week's medical brigades and playtime with the children staying at the Nutrition Center. The brigades are not a band aid....they are the 1st step to helping these families grow and become healthy.

Sunday afternoon is spent visiting the Falls, Ziplining, and at the beautiful lake.

Monday–Thursday are typically medical brigades where malnourished families are identified and follow up visits are made to these families who are offered a stay at the Nutrition Center (Mothers and children 12 and under) to be educated on many life lessons relative to nutrition, hygiene, etc.

Thursday evenings are spent with the MAMA Team over dinner sharing our thoughts from the week, which can sometime become emotional. Friday is spent visiting the mothers and newborns at the Maternity Hospital and handing out baby kits, lunch, and a little local shopping.

I remember last year knowing on the final night that I didn't want to go home. My note in the MAMA journal clearly said how I hoped to be able to return this year but for 2 weeks. And so, with a lot of love, support, and prayers from back home and in Honduras, I was able to return. I know without a shadow of a doubt as long as The Lord is willing, I will continue to return year after year to Honduras – to a Country filled with love, open arms, and gratitude for the little things we so often take for granted.

So on our final night in Honduras I will not say Adios, I will say Hasta el Otro Año and Dios te Bendiga (See you next year and God Bless You)

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# NUTRITIONAL REHABILITATION CENTER

Located in San Francisco de Yojoa, Honduras, families with their malnourished children come to the Center and stay for at least 30 days while their children receive the necessary medical care. The mothers also learn about healthy living, including taking care of a garden, animals, using micronutrients in their food, and much more.

From October 2013 to September 2014, MAMA helped 45 families at the Center with their 100 children.

Once the families graduate from the Center, our MAMA staff continues to visit them every 6 months or year to check on the children's growth and the living conditions of the family. Most times the mothers teach others in their community about what they've learned during their time at the Nutrition Center.



MAMA's maintance director, Felix, shares devotions with the families at the Center. While at the Center the families learn about many health-related topics, but also spend time learning about God.



### HAITI SCHOLARSHIPS

MAMA Scholarship Sponsors provide educational scholarships for some of the children at "Tree of Life School" in Labaleine, Haiti.

During the 2013–2014 sponsors gave for a total of 98 students to receive scholarships.

Primary Students: 42

Secondary Students: 46

Pre-College (13th Grade): 4

University Students: 6

In 2014, Lee Edsill resigned and Bob Delp became the volunteer Haiti Scholarship Coordinator. Bob traveled to Haiti to learn more about the Haitian school and the MAMA Scholarship Program. Some of the scholarship funds also help with the school gardens (pictured below) and snack program.



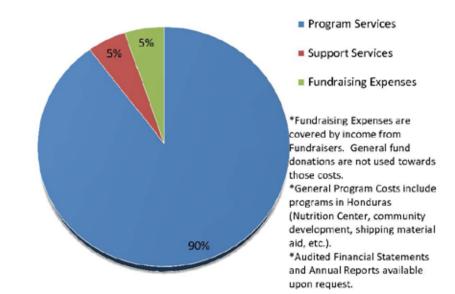
#### 2014 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

2014 EXPENSES
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INCOME	Actual 10-1-2013	Budget 10-1-2014
	to 9-30-2014	to 9-30-2015
Cash Contributions	\$578,083	\$531,840
Gift-in-Kind donations	\$43,703	\$300,000
Investment Income	\$507	
Other Income (from Sales)	\$14,572	5,000
TOTAL INCOME	\$636,865	\$836,840
EXPENSES		
PROGRAM SERVICES		
Child Survival Programs	\$20,964	\$35,000
Gift-in-Kind Donations & Shipment	\$60,270	\$319,500
Haiti Scholarships	\$38,655	\$30,000
Honduras Programs	\$38,877	\$49,800
Mission Team Donations	\$245,237	\$215,000
Program Management	\$122,952	\$114,040
SUPPORT SERVICES	\$29,935	\$50,000
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES	\$30,190	\$23,500
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$587,080	\$836,840

Note: MAMA Project has many programs that only take place if the funding is available.

Gift-in-kind donations include medicines, medical equipment and supplies, used clothes and shoes, and other household items. All items are donated in Honduras or to other non-profit organizations with similar work in other countries.



#### **Other Organizations:**

MAMA Project is a member of:

- Upper Perkiomen Valley Chamber of Commerce
- Christian Service Charities
- Christian Connections for International Health
- No-Noma Foundation

MAMA receives deworming medicines from "Worm Project" and medicine donations from "Brother's Brother Foundation" and D.O.E.R.S.

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