

Adopt-a-Village International



Providing a hand up, not a handout, to break the cycle of poverty

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Our Mission:

The mission of Adopt-a-Village International (AaVI) is to partner with strategic leaders in developing countries to provide sustainable improvements in the basic human needs of impoverished villages. We accomplish this by providing a hand up, not a handout, to break the cycle of poverty.

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Letter from the New Chair

I want to begin by thanking all of our volunteers, donors and my fellow board members who serve AaVI in ways too numerous to mention, for your selfless dedication and passion for helping the poor in Peru and Ecuador. It is a privilege to serve as Chairperson, and I am humbled by and extremely grateful to all of those who have served before and with me. I would especially like to express my gratitude to Joe Mitchell for his dedication and hard work defining our future goals, along with the countless hours he spent mentoring me over the past year.

AaVI completed three very successful projects in the past few months; all are covered in greater detail later in this newsletter. We are establishing new relationships and partnering with other non-profit organizations on projects in Peru and Ecuador – connecting resources with opportunities. We completed our merger with the Judith Lombeida Medical Foundation, and are excited to have Mark Backlin continue to serve AaVI as our representative in Ecuador.

Together, we have accomplished some great things, but we have a lot of work to do going forward as we begin to implement our Strategic Plan and expand our Board of Directors and volunteer base so that we can be more effective in fulfilling our mission of providing a hand up to help break the cycle of poverty in Ecuador and Peru.

If you or anyone you know might be interested in becoming a member of our board, volunteering time/skills, joining us on a trip, or donating to help us fulfill our mission, please contact us at: info@adoptavillageinternational.org or (719) 492-8736.

"Nobody can do everything, but everyone can do something."

~ Author Unknown

—Maggie Adams-Holway

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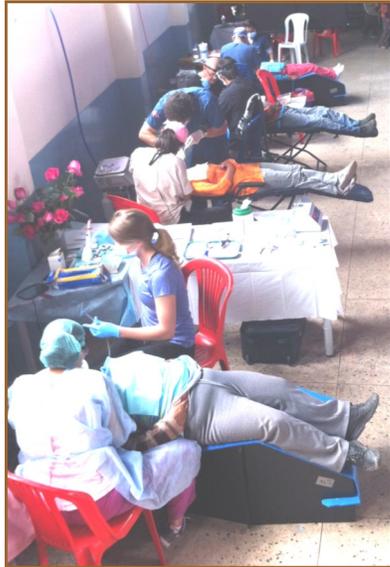


Successful July Dental Trip

From July 26 through August 1, AaVI performed a dental mission in Santa Maria on the Galapagos Island of Santa Cruz as well as in the pueblo of La Esperanza, located in the canton of Pedro Moncayo, about two hours north of Quito, Ecuador. This mission treated 370 dental patients. It is to be considered an excellent example of collaboration, as the mission involved three American dentists, one Ecuadorian Air Force dentist, and university students and professors from the Universidad De Las Americas (UDLA) as well as other international students. Education was a primary part of this mission, not only for the patients but for the dental students as well. For example, there was an oral surgeon on this trip and during the Galapagos Island portion of our trip, we had an older adult patient who needed this type of service. It was a great opportunity for the students to see what an oral surgeon does and to learn from him. Our goal is always to provide in-country education in order that the local professionals can use that knowledge after we depart. We are truly providing a hand up, not a handout!



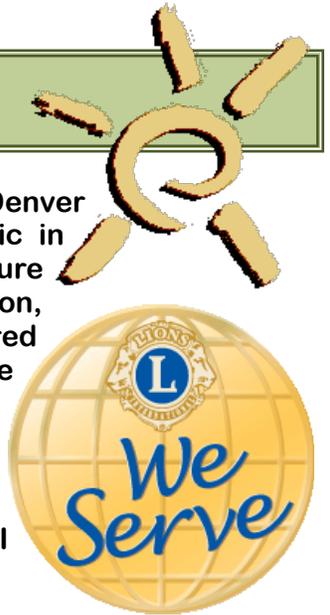
AaVI helped 370 people at the dental clinics.



a big "thank you" to supporters of AaVI

Developing New Partnerships in Ecuador

Adopt-a-Village International has recently established new partnerships with the Denver Lion's Club and Project C.U.R.E. The Lion's Club performed an optometry clinic in Ecuador in May of this year, and AaVI was the catalyst to ensure their paperwork was correct for customs approval. In addition, Project C.U.R.E had never worked in Ecuador until we partnered with them on a trip to Gualaceo, Ecuador, this past June where they performed a medical and clinical mission. AaVI continues to look for ways to support those in the most need and great synergy is gained through these partnerships. Clinics like these which help the people of Ecuador would not have been possible if it weren't for the continued generosity of AaVI supporters like YOU. Thank you!



If you are interested in volunteering your time or talent with Adopt-a-Village International, or know of an organization that would like to partner with us in Ecuador or Peru, please contact us at 719.492.8736.



Hannah's Water Project

After a year-long fundraising effort, Colorado Springs high school student, Hannah Mitchell, was able to attend the dedication ceremony of the water treatment system (WTS) in the village of Timicurillo, Peru. Most of the 55 families in the village participated in welcoming Hannah with music, gifts and a short ceremony.



clean water!

Hannah was able to meet the two men from the village who were trained by CONAPAC to operate and maintain the WTS and she was able to learn the process that transforms river water into safe drinking water. This has been a life-changing experience for Hannah;

if you want to learn more, she will be sharing her story at the North Colorado Springs Rotary Club in October.



water system operators

Sawyer Household Water Project

The project that we began last December is underway! AaVI matched the gifts of generous donors to purchase 22 Sawyer Household Water Filters for the families of Nuevo San Juan de Amazonas. With the help of CONAPAC, our partner in Peru, the filters (complete with shelving) have been installed; the school children and 21 households in the village have been trained to use and care for the filters. This pilot study will be monitored by students from CU Boulder and if it is deemed successful, AaVI hopes to provide filters to many more families in the future. **Thanks to your continued support**, AaVI is making a difference in this needy village.



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