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Adopt-a-Village International



providing a hand up, not a handout, to break the cycle of poverty in Ecuador and Peru

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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 Chair

Dear Friends of AaVI,

At Adopt-a-Village International, the last two years represent the longest we have gone without visiting any of our villages with medical, dental or support teams. Our annual Garden Party fundraiser has been held virtually for two years in a row and our board has met virtually since March 2020.

Please be encouraged that our impact in our adopted villages has not wavered during this time! Thanks to the support of people like you, AaVI's projects have continued and countless lives have been changed through our clean water and microbusiness projects, as well as through wheelchair and school supply distributions.

As things are starting to return to "normal," I am excited to report that we have not only taken on new projects, but we have resumed our visits to both Ecuador and Peru. You can read all about our progress on the following pages.

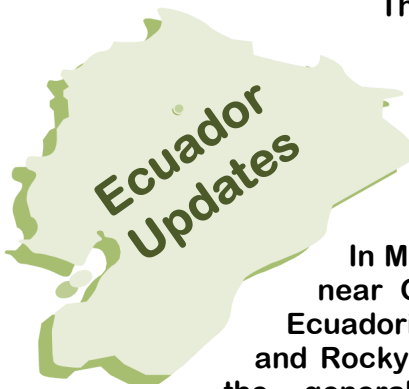
I would like to thank you for your ongoing generosity, support and encouragement. I'd also like to thank our tremendous board for their tireless work. You are making a difference!

Joe Mitchell, Chair

Our annual Garden Party fundraiser will be held in person this year! Mark your calendar for Saturday, June 25, at 6:00pm. If you are unable to attend, we will miss you, but please consider making a donation to the people of Ecuador and Peru anyway! To make a secure donation or for more information, visit our website at www.adoptavillageinternational.org.

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The global pandemic has not stopped the progress on our projects in Ecuador, which were made possible by generous donors like you!



Guaranda Medical Clinic

In March of this year, AaVI completed a four-day medical clinic in two communities near Guaranda in central Ecuador. This trip was a partnership between twelve Ecuadorian volunteers in the areas of optometry and dental services and Rocky Vista University of Parker, Colorado. Rocky Vista provided the general medicine arm of the trip with six doctors and nineteen students. Also participating in the clinic were volunteers from two Ecuadorian Rotary clubs, the municipal government of Guaranda, two technical institutes and Ecuador's Bolivar University, which provided twenty-two students for medical support and translation assistance. We were also honored to be accompanied by Dr. Jorge Gutierrez, who is the Rotary District Governor for all of Ecuador.



optometry services



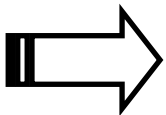
a partnership between many organizations

After completing a day's work in the clinic, team members attended some medical and cultural lectures by local medical staff. We learned about problems related to nutrition, as well as the high infant death rate in Ecuador and cultural beliefs regarding pregnancy and birth.

The results of this trip are numerous, thanks to a great partnership between many organizations. In all, we were able to make a difference in the lives of 710 patients! Rocky Vista University and Bolivar University have future plans for collaborative research and a long-term partnership. This was all made possible by the generous support from people like YOU! Thank you!

Upcoming trip to the Galapagos Islands

From June 11-18, Adopt-a-Village International will be heading to the town of Bellavista on Santa Cruz Island in the Galapagos. The Galapagos is a group of islands off the coast of Ecuador made famous by Charles Darwin in 1835. AaVI's volunteers will consist of fifteen people from the United States and about twenty-five Ecuadorians. This mission will provide general medicine, dental, optometry, cardiology and neurology services. We will also have a radiology tech with an ultrasound machine. In addition, the Ecuadorian Air Force has graciously agreed to provide air transportation for all of the medicines, equipment and medical supplies we will need for the 800 people we anticipate being able to serve during our trip. To date, there have been no cases of Covid-19 in the Galapagos Islands, so we are looking forward to a safe and life-changing trip!



To learn how you can be involved in a future trip with Adopt-a-Village International, please visit our website at www.adoptavillageinternational.org.



gas stove

In addition to construction of the kitchen, a gas stove was installed. This is by far a healthier cooking method when compared to commonly used wood burning stoves. Indoor air is vastly improved and many trees are saved.

Thanks to your continued support, this is the 7th year Adopt-a-Village International has funded school kitchens, and these projects only continue to improve and meet essential needs of the communities we serve.

School Kitchen Program by Barb Beaton

I recently returned from a 10-day trip to the Peruvian Amazon. While there, I participated in constructing a school kitchen in San Antonio Mirano, a rural village located on a tributary of the Amazon River. This project was made possible with AaVI support as well as funds from the villagers. The Peruvian government offers a food program to communities with school kitchens, so now the children of San Antonio Mirano will receive a nourishing, hot breakfast and lunch during the school year.



2015 kitchen walls

This current kitchen project was much easier to construct than the very first school kitchen AaVI funded in our adopted village, Nuevo San Juan, back in 2015. At that time, we were working in high water and built wood walls that have since been constructed with concrete.

Through our collaboration with CONAPAC, a non-profit situated in Peru that works closely with these communities, delivery of materials and project supervision was provided. We found the villagers to be hard-working and very invested in the project, even mixing the cement by hand amidst rainforest temperatures!



our 7th school kitchen



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