

*“If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.”*

—1 John 3:17-18

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## New From The Shalom Foundation

Greetings! The Shalom Foundation staff and board of directors sends our thanks and appreciation for all you did in 2005 to improve the lives of children in Guatemala. Now, a new year is upon us, and we anticipate the many miracles God has in store.

We may not know all that the year will hold, but we do know there is one certainty - that great need exists. And while we know that there is only One who

can satisfy hunger and offer true healing, we are grateful that He allows us the opportunity to be His heart and hands and participate in His work.



In this issue, you'll find the much anticipated schedule of our 2006 mission trips, an update on what's happening at Shalom School and a special mention for our first

surgery trip and the team leaving February 4.

As we begin this year, we remain excited about the continuation of our mission in Guatemala and the new challenges it brings. We pray for vision and flexibility in our efforts, we pray for our friends in Guatemala as they prepare to receive God's blessings and, of course, we pray for you!

In His Service,  
Jacqueline Swartz,  
Executive Director

## 2006 Trip Dates Announced

Get out your calendars, friends - the dates are set! The schedule of our 2006 mission trips is as follows:

**February 4-12 Surgery Trip: Guatemala City, Guatemala**  
This trip will focus on

providing surgery for children in need suffering from urological disorders or complications. A team of 13 surgeons, doctors and nurses will travel to Guatemala City along with 5 Shalom Foundation volunteers, to perform the surgeries.

This team will operate on up to 50 children during the week and will also provide training for local med students, surgeons and anesthesiologists. **February trip is now FULL.**

## 2006 Trip Dates Announced (cont.)

### May 26-June 3 Construction Trip:

*Guatemala City, Guatemala*

This trip will focus on the construction of multiple homes in the areas surrounding Guatemala City. The homes will be built for impoverished children and their families who do not have adequate shelter or protection from the weather and other dangers. The team will build up to 7 homes during this week.

### June 2006 - Surgery Trip :

*Guatemala City, Guatemala*

This trip will focus on providing surgery for children in need suf-

fering from orthopedic disorders, injuries or complications. A team of 10 surgeons, doctors and nurses will travel to Guatemala City along with 2-3 Shalom Foundation volunteers to perform the surgeries. During the trip, this team will also provide training to local medical students, surgeons and nurses.

### July 22-29 - Construction Trip:

*Guatemala City, Guatemala*

This trip will focus on much anticipated construction at Shalom School. Projects will include continued construction on the school library and possibly the 4th and 5th floors of the school's voca-

tional center. This will be an ideal trip for families as well as individuals as the construction will be contained within the school compound.

Come join us! We hope you will be a part of these incredible service opportunities in 2006.

For answers to your questions or to sign up for one or more of the trips listed above, send us an email at

[info@theshalomfoundation.org](mailto:info@theshalomfoundation.org).

## 2006 School Year Begins

Shalom School began another exciting year on Monday, January 16. The teachers and administrators spent the first part of January in staff training preparing for the more than 600 students attending Shalom School this year.

With the successes of 2005 such as the record number of children sponsored, the national recognition of excellence in education, and the personal success stories of students, we eagerly await to see what's in store in 2006.

Pastor Alvaro Perdomo reports that this year the school is adding two new degree programs for students: a Business Administration track and a Merchandising & Publicity track. In addition, they will soon be offering a Professional Cosmetics program. This expanded offering not only provides encouragement to the students to stay in school, but also expands their opportunities as they work towards graduating and becoming accom-

plished, contributing working adults.

Also in development at the school is the planned vocational training center. In 2005, God began providing for the construction of this new center at the school. This will provide an alternative for the students who do not wish to continue in a business career and would like to work with their hands. This center will allow the students to learn a trade that they will be able to use immediately upon completion of the program. The administrators hope to provide training programs in carpentry, plumbing technician, welding,

electrical technician, and computer technician. Construction will continue in 2006 to complete the vocational center.

Shalom School is accredited through the Ministry of Education in Guatemala and teaches a Christian-based curriculum. The ministries of Shalom Church and Shalom School are touching people in their local neighborhoods, their country and areas around the world. Please continue to pray for the children and their families, the staff and teachers, administrators, and for all the people who will be touched by their ministry.



## Pray For The Surgery Team Leaving February 4

*With every prayer and request, pray at all times in the Spirit, and stay alert in this, with all perseverance and intercession for all the saints. Ephesians 6:18*

Our team of surgeons, doctors, nurses and Shalom Foundation volunteers leave Saturday, February 4 for the Foundation's first surgery trip. Please pray for this team, for the children whose lives will be touched, for strength and stamina for the long days, safety, and our Lord's guidance and protection over every step of the trip.

The team returns to Nashville February 12.

## Volunteer With Us!

Please join us in our efforts! Donate your time and your skills to help children needlessly suffering in impoverished conditions.

Consider volunteering your skills and experience in one or more of the following areas: Mission Teams, Event Planning, Website Development, Graphic Design, Fundraising, Marketing and Public Relations.

Currently our most critical needs are in **website development** and **graphic design**. Email us today at [info@theshalomfoundation.org](mailto:info@theshalomfoundation.org). We'd love to hear from you!

## Mission and Vision

The Shalom Foundation is completely dedicated to providing financial and physical support for poverty-stricken children and their families. We seek to provide medical care to meet basic healthcare needs, educational assistance, and home repair for families living in unsafe dwellings or homes that do not provide them with basic protection.

We also seek to provide referrals to other government and nonprofit programs that can assist crisis afflicted children and families in developing nations with a focus on Central America, as well as the United States.

## About Us

The Shalom Foundation is a non-profit 501(c) (3) organization dedicated to providing financial support for under-privileged children and their families in the United States, Central and South America.

We are dedicated to providing basic educational opportunities, home construction and repair for families at risk, essential food and clothing needs and medical support and assistance for critical as well as basic healthcare.

The Shalom Foundation seeks funding through personal donations, corporate contributions and special event fundraisers. Contributions to The Shalom Foundation are 100% tax deductible.



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