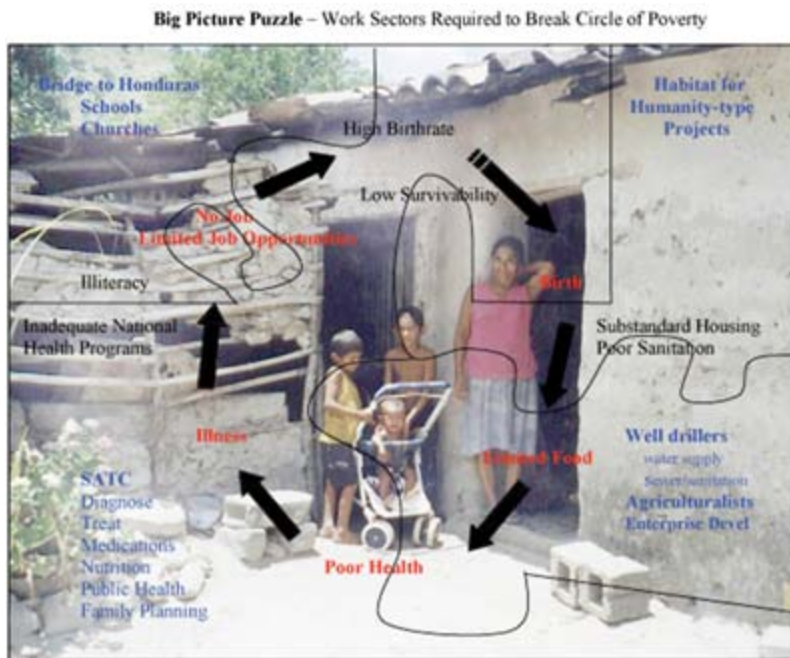


Looking at The Bigger Picture

Although SATC is helping Hondurans prepare for building a new clinic, the effort is more than seeking building approvals, receiving awards and administering medicine at the interim clinic. The picture that is emerging is much bigger than simply treating sick people. What SATC sees is a community that is caught up in a repetitive cycle – a circle of poverty. SATC feels called to break the circle in La Entrada by focusing initially on providing medical and healthcare services, but education and skills needed to produce clean water, food, housing, economic development initiatives and even micro-enterprises must be part of the plan.



We believe it is God’s plan for us to provide the capacity or the means for this community to grow and develop. People are poor, hungry and many are illiterate – all trying to make it from one day to the next. We have already seen through His grace and spirit that the clinic has begun to change lives in La Entrada, but that alone is not enough. The task is great but not impossible, because through Him all things are possible. SATC has partners who are helping to assemble the big picture, much as one would go about putting together a puzzle, one piece at a time. The task is about selecting pieces, defining work sectors, assigning responsibilities and then fitting the pieces together to reveal His bigger picture.



SATC is joined by partners like Habitat for Humanity who has pledged to help provide housing over a five year period. World Vision and other local NGOs in the country are assisting with water and sewage. Our sister organization, Bridge to Honduras, is assisting with the social services dimension of the effort. Eastern University through its Tony Campolo inspired faith-based School of International Leadership and Economic Development is working with us to help bring about change. Rotary Clubs and other civic clubs are assisting with projects as well. We have access to Peace Corps Encore, former Peace Corps volunteers, who are willing to provide services if we need specific levels of expertise.

Support has been received from the town's mayor and in the community and surrounding barrios. We are sought out for specific projects. Citizens concerned about healthcare, and emerging groups like the local recycling and environmental preservation organization, community development organizers and agricultural organizations are wanting us to participate in partnerships. Inevitably, our collective efforts are more than just about medicine. Starting with relationships and now the building of a medical network, we can see that the path leads to construction of social infrastructure for the community as well.