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SERVING AT THE CROSSROADS RECOGNIZED BY STATE SENATE

The Pennsylvania State Senate formally recognized Serving at the Crossroads and lauded their efforts to provide medical care for the poorest of the poor in Honduras. Senator Andy Dinniman and Dominic Pileggi introduced the bill that praised the group for establishing a medical clinic in the town of La Entrada de Copan in the western part of the country. This is an impoverished area of the world recognized by the United Nations as medically underserved.

Serving at the Crossroads is a non-denominational charitable organization headquartered in West Chester that initiates projects and programs to help relieve the pain and suffering of the poorest of the poor in Honduras. Five of the group's Board Members traveled to Harrisburg and were introduced to the full Senate on January 29 where they received applause and accolades for their good works. In his introduction, Senator Andy Dinniman said "these are the people from Chester County who have taken their skills and talents to a place in the world where people with little contact outside their rural communities and limited resources dared not hope for what they thought was impossible to obtain – medicines and medical attention for their families."

In a little less than three years, the clinic has received more than 20,000 patient visits. It provides examinations, diagnoses, treatment and medications at little to no cost to its patients. The clinic focuses at the current time on episodic care for children, women of childbearing age and their families. The group is currently treating two out every five people in La Entrada – a community of almost 30,000 inhabitants who reside in the hills and barrios adjacent to a crossroads that intersects with the Pan American Highway. Taking its name from this road junction, SATC is expanding its medical services with the construction of a new, state-of-the-art clinic that will provide not only medical but dental, ophthalmologic and auditory services.

Unlike groups supporting brigades that send doctors to a country for one to two weeks and then return home, SATC has built sustainability into its approach by establishing a permanent clinic staffed with community doctors. "We believe in empowerment and enabling the local physicians and dentists to run the clinic and to follow methods and approaches that work best for their communities" said Dr. Mike Tysowsky, SATC's Board Chairman. "SATC's role is to provide the means - supplying money, medicines and equipment to allow them to achieve positive outcomes based upon a strategic plan."

According to Dr. Bob Sumner, the President and founder of SATC, "Even though the initial thrust is on medicine and healthcare, the job we have to do is more than just medicine. We also need to find ways to break the cycle of poverty by creating other opportunities, because if we don't, we will simply have just more sick people."

Serving at the Crossroads is looking for partners to help share in their vision and who are willing to explore cross cultural understandings needed to bridge the gap between those who have been blessed with abundance and those who have great needs, but are too proud to ask for help.

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