

## SHARING TEAM PROJECTS REPORT - 2005

**2005..** a year of TEARS around the globe. From a tidal wave of need in the aftermath of the Tsunami to the back-to-back destruction caused by the Gulf Coast hurricanes, this year has been a call to action for believers in Christ.

### Guatemala

In the background are those who suffer on a daily basis. Poor children in Panimaquin, Guatemala have no hope of school or sometimes even food. Local missionaries are changing that by providing schooling for over 100 children and constructing work centers for Mayan women to make crafts which are then purchased by believers, giving their families a much needed source of income. In the spring of 2005, a Sharing Team labored to build a new work center with the help of local tradesmen. Now there is more space for a dozen more ladies to do sewing and crafts.



### Belize

Sharing International has had an ongoing commitment to bring training and materials to establish Christian broadcasting in this former British colony. With over a dozen radio stations up and operational, the gospel is going out in the only English-speaking nation of Central America. In the spring of 2005 Sharing staff partnered with Northwestern College to train local radio professionals in everything from quality programming to effective marketing and advertising. Native Belizeans operate each station. They are applying their training to make the spreading of the gospel in this way more feasible.



### Dominican Republic

Sugar companies hire men to come in from Haiti and work the sugar cane fields. Over the years, entire Haitian families have ended up living in the cane fields. Their houses are sticks and rubble, their food basic and meager. Some are able to rent small cubicles that are the size of a walk-in closet. The small spaces are hot and unsanitary, but are all the people can afford with their less-than-a-dollar-a-day incomes. Sharing Teams build homes that are still very basic, but offer an escape from hopelessness. Partnering with Maranatha and Crossroads ministries, teams work hard



to build homes, feed the hungry, and share the gospel with entire villages. In July of 2005 Sharing worked with Mission Direct, our sister charity from the UK. The English team worked on four homes, sponsoring all costs for four new families to be able to move in.

## Honduras

Each year Sharing Teams partner with ODMI to bring primary health care to thousands of villagers. Many times we are the only hope people have of seeing a doctor and getting the right kind of medicine. July of 2005 a Sharing Team worked near the village of San Julian to bring relief and hope to the people there. This summer we hope to be back as team members sign up for the trip. In the daytime we heal the sick. In the evening, God heals the soul, as the Jesus Film portrays the gospel in the language of the people.



## Katrina

At Houston's convention center Sharing staff met arriving hurricane evacuees, guided them through registration to various service areas including medical, Red Cross, clothing distribution, and dining facilities. They helped them find unoccupied sleeping space based on age, sex, and family status. This registration experience proved valuable for the next day's work at the Astrodome, where Sharing organized the registration to help process the many hurricane evacuees coming in from New Orleans. Staff member, Gloria Pollak, worked with the Interfaith Mission sorting donated food items for the needs of evacuees.



## Sri Lanka

Our sister charity, Mission Direct, located an orphanage in the Tamil region of Sri Lanka in Kilinochchi, the Church of South India runs a girls orphanage, currently with 55 residents. Teams met the children who had only 25 beds between them. An additional 6 children, who until recently had a family and home, joined the home after the Tsunami. The basic needs of children orphaned by the terrible Tsunami are being met. However political tensions in the nation threaten our ability to respond. Teams are needed, but we are not able to deploy until tensions have subsided. Please pray for Sri Lanka, and that the peace of God will reign in the hearts of the people. With peace, we will be able to return with future teams.

