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Our goal is to improve health outcomes in poor communities through primary healthcare, nursing services, public health, dental care, nutrition and education.



Shoulder to Shoulder

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On a typical afternoon in Santa Lucia, there are dozens of children gathered in the library. Some are catching up on homework; some are playing games. Many of the children are looking through books while their parents are being seen in the clinic. The current library space will soon be converted to a maternity wing, so we have just broken ground for the new library. Whether you are interested in donating books or helping cover construction costs, please read ahead to learn more about our library.



"A library should be like a pair of open arms." ~ Roger Rosenblat ~

We are building a new library!

We need your help!

We are raising \$48,500 to build a brand new, improved library for the community of Santa Lucia.

In 2007, Shoulder to Shoulder opened the first library in Santa Lucia, Intibuca, Honduras. The goal of the library was to have a place where the community could come to read, study, learn, and play.

The library is the only place in the community where children can actually pick up a book to read. Though schools have a limited supply of books, the children are not allowed to touch them.

Given this knowledge, we wanted children to have access to books and to have the ability to check out a book to take home. We wanted to get children excited about reading.

Since its inception, the library has been a tremendous success. Weekly activities include Story Hour, Geography Club, Life Skills Class, and exercise classes. During the summer, additional programs include Reading Club and a craft class.

Children come daily to the library to read, do crafts, color, play "Memory," and put together puzzles. Students use the library to research different projects and check email. Adults come for exercise classes and to use the computers.

The library is also available for visiting patients and families. Many children come to the library to read and color while their parents are being seen in the clinic. The majority of these children are coming from villages surrounding Santa Lucia where the attendance for school is drastically lower than in town. The library is able to provide a place of creative learning for these children.

In late summer 2008, the space the library is currently occupying will be remodeled and used as a maternity wing for the Hombro a Hombro Clinic. We are going to have to build a new library to be finished by August of 2008.

We need your help to do this!

Please consider making a donation to support the construction of the new library! The total amount needed is \$48,500. With your help, we can continue to serve the community of Santa Lucia, Honduras, making a long-term impact on the literacy and education of the children here.

To donate, please click on this link. www.shouldertoshoulder.org



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Books, to the reading child, are so much more than books – they are dreams and knowledge, they are a future, and a past.

~ Esther Meynell ~

If you are interested in donating books to Santa Lucia's library, please go to amazon.com and search for "shouldertoshoulder" under Wish Lists. Today a reader, tomorrow a leader.

~ W. Fusselman ~

***Remember: If it was easy, someone else would have done it a long time ago.
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boldness and persistence in its advocacy for the poor.***

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