

Shoulder to Shoulder Annual Report -- 2016
Education and Development Division

Ordinary Income/Expense

Income from HN sources	37,569
Donations from US	
Scholarships	47,736
Bilingual School	62,084
Brigades	168,371
Dental	7,799
General Fund	44,806
Internet	2,087
MANI IV	45,673
Operations	19,376
Yo Puedo	844
Total Donations	398,777

Total Income **436,345**

Expenses

Administrative	
Severence pay	48,812
Salaries	62,561
Buildings & vehicles maintenance	14,915
Total Administrative	126,288

Programs

Scholarships--High School	20,165
Scholarships—University	16,077
Brigades	135,552
Brown Nutrition program	2,898
Dental	1,579
Bilingual School	15,870
Bilingual School Construction	32,015
Laboratory	8,054
MANI IV	39,769
Rochester Scholarships	6,503
Yo Puedo	1,353
Total Programs	279,834

Total Expense **406,122**

Net Income **\$ 30,223**

**\$30,000 surplus is earmarked for the purchase of a new truck for brigade work.*

Finances:

The above is our annual financial report for the **Education and Development Division** of Shoulder to Shoulder. The report does not include any financial accounting of our ongoing medical mission. (Our ongoing medical mission is exclusively funded by a contract between the Honduran Ministry of Education and Shoulder to Shoulder.) We have separated these divisions of Shoulder to Shoulder as the ongoing medical mission is entirely sustainable under the contract. The Education and Development Division supports the ongoing medical mission by way of medical service groups and specific, designated donations.

“There are those that look at the way things are and ask why? I dream of things that never were, and ask why not?”

- Robert F. Kennedy

Donors like you, and income from the brigades, provided us with about \$400,000 in 2016. We used this money well to support the projects that you see listed in the above spreadsheet. Our thirty thousand dollar surplus for 2016 has already been invested in the purchase of a new truck. This truck will assist us in our brigade work and our regular transportation needs. It will quickly pay for itself as transportation costs on the Frontera are excessive.

In 2017, we are expanding our mission. Particularly, we are greatly expanding our education mission. We are doing this because we recognize that primary to development is education. We will need a lot more money to do the types of things we want to do in education. We are trusting that in the same way you have sustained our medical mission for 27 years (and today it has become sustainable), you will support our education mission.



The Portillo Lemus family that you see in the photograph above is benefitting from our education mission. They are a poor family with few means, but they value education. Melissa, to the far left in the photo, is at the top of her class at the High School in Camasca. She is also part of the robotics team that will be traveling to Washington, DC in July to compete in the first ever, Olympic style, annual, robotics competition sponsored by *FIRST* Global (see education article in this newsletter). Her younger brother, Josue, is a fourth grade student at the Good Shepherd Bilingual School. Their father, Lisandro, at the far right, has not been able to find a regular job. This year he has been earning income for his family by working on the construction at the bilingual school. Their mother, Lucia (seated to the right of Melissa) frequently comes to the Bilingual School to assist in the preparation of morning snack and the hot lunch which the children receive daily. Wayne Waite, our board president, to the immediate right of Melissa,

recently visited them at their humble home in Camasca. The Portillo Lemus family is certainly grateful to you and Shoulder to Shoulder for the continuing commitment to Education and Development.

We could decide not to do it. We could simply sit back and claim our success. But this would be to see things the way they are and ask why. We prefer to dream, because dreaming is at the heart of substantive change. So, we prefer to ask:

Why Not?

