

2017 Overview

- *provided 80 Texas homes and two churches with rebuild materials following the Harvey flood
- *operated a Harvey Relief Center that distributed immediate-need supplies following the Harvey flood
- *housed four volunteer teams serving in our community
- *provided over 20,000 pounds of dry food to local food pantries
- *planted 100 citrus trees that will provide fresh fruit for local food pantries
- *provided 93 free eye surgeries
- *given away 536 pair of eye glasses
- *fed, clothed, provided medical care, and schooling for 28 kids at our orphanage in Haiti
- *sent ten young people to college (with three graduates this year!)
- *provided education for 160 students at the Les Joie elementary school in Haiti
- *Christmas (including gifts and Christmas Day meal) for 26 children plus all adults staff at the orphanage in Haiti
- * Christmas goody bags for a party with 120 children at the Les Joie school in Haiti

Over the long-term, the elementary school computer lab and library in Carbonera continues to bless the children of the village. The COBAT in Carbonera continues to educate high school students and prepare those who go onto our College Sponsorship Program. Without the vision and support of our supporters back in 2005, none of this would be possible. Children in the village would still be going to an elementary school with no doors, broken windows, and no resources, and education in the village would end at the eighth grade. Now these children have the opportunity to go all the way thru college and have hope for a better future!

We are looking forward to what next year will bring! In addition to continuing everything mentioned above, in just a couple of weeks, we will be in Rio Bravo doing a free eye surgical clinic. We have been doing annual eye surgery clinics since 2008. Did you know that without these clinics and the people who support them through their gifts of time and money, over 1,000 surgeries that have given sight to the blind or nearly blind would not have happened?!

Due to recent grant funding, we will be building a high school for the community of Raymond, Haiti, building a greenhouse on our Alvin property that will grow fresh produce for local food pantries, and building a home for an elderly couple who are sleeping under a tarp after their home was destroyed by Hurricane Harvey. Did you know that we have built and/or re-built hundreds of homes for families in tough situations since we began in 2004? And that one of those is a home for a special needs couple in Texas?

We know that you have many opportunities to give to many worthy causes. We are humbled and truly blessed by those of you who choose to give to us. We take very seriously your trust that we will use your donations to bless others. Our mission truly is to not just build buildings, but to help others who are less fortunate to build their lives. To help us continue this mission, we hope that you will consider an end-of-year gift to Builders Without Borders of Texas.