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### AHD Wish List 2007

___ Ultrasound Machine	\$17,000
___ Paint Hospital	\$9,500
___ Broad Band Satellite	\$3,300
___ Blood Chemistries Machine	\$18,000
___ Blood Counts Machine	\$18,000
___ X Ray Machine	\$23,000



You can contribute to AHD's efforts to help the poorest of the poor by creating a sustainable system of healthcare delivery to rural Latin America by making a pledge or donation.

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# Andean Health & Development

"Quality, Sustainable Health care for the World's Poor"

June, 2006



## From the Field

Along with the summer season, I would like to usher in some spectacular news. During the first 5 months of 2007, we have been operating at 100% self-sustainability in PVM! Ladies and gentlemen, you are now supporting Ecuador's first rural hospital that provides great care to the poorest of the world in an equitable way without requiring outside funds. We at AHD are extremely happy to be able to report that. Furthermore, we are extremely grateful to you for getting us there. It took great confidence to accomplish this: your confidence in our ability to do this and our self-confidence that this was indeed possible.



It is now not uncommon to see 60 patients waiting for the doors of the hospital's outpatient area to open each morning. If you ask them from where they come and why they come, the responses are, "They care about me here, so riding two hours in the bus is a bother, but it is worth it," or "Here, I can get everything taken care of at once - the visit, the tests, the treatment. I go home knowing that I will be feeling better very soon."

Now our challenge is to make sure that as the hospital becomes busier, we maintain the same quality care for all these patients from both near and far. We have added a few new employees to help with that process. We also are operating in a building that requires some much needed maintenance. We have a leaky roof, cracked walls, and some painting to do. I constantly marvel at what happens to buildings in hot, humid jungles in a country that is prone to earthquakes!

We are in the process of "rolling out" our healthcare model in other areas throughout rural Ecuador. I look forward to sharing more of these exciting developments in our next newsletter.

Until then, go ahead... share our story with your friends about being part of a unique, success story in human development. You really deserve to pat yourselves on the back on this one. We hope you are satisfied with your support for an organization that has already made its mark and will only get bigger and better in the years to come.

Thank you,  
 David Gaus

## AHD Website

Our beautiful new website is up and running.

The new features include:

- Easy navigation
- Stunning graphics
- AHD movies
- Blogs
- Picture galleries
- And patient vignettes.

The AHD website now accepts credit card donations on-line, allows you to contact us with ease, and gives you more detail about the organization

The website was created by a dedicated group of volunteers and professionals including Erick Haswell, Jim Young, Peter Urbain, Paul Heinzelman and Ron Groeschl. We are grateful for your time and talent. Thank you!

Please visit [www.andeanhealthanddevelopment.org](http://www.andeanhealthanddevelopment.org) to enjoy it for yourself.



## Hesburgh Health Fellows Ensuring Future Success

As we move forward and look beyond the successes of Hospital Pedro Vicente Maldonado, we have looked at our strategic planning and how best to utilize our resources. During the first 10 years of this project, we committed

most funds to building, medications, supplies, equipment, and hospital personnel. Our hope is that in the new sites where our model will be implemented, we will be able to take advantage of buildings already built and personnel already on payroll.

In new project sites, AHD's role will be to provide unique administrative expertise learned in PVM in all areas including financial, clinical, and administration. In broader terms, AHD will provide the critical leadership in the application of our model on a grander scale. As a result, our focus will shift to the development of personnel at the local level to carry this forward. Although resources will continue to go towards equipment, supplies, and direct patient care, more emphasis will be placed on leadership training. This is a critical "next step" that will allow us to carry out the lessons learned in PVM.

To accomplish this, Fr. Hesburgh has suggested that we set aside funding to guarantee that these leaders are in fact developed over the next 5-10 years. We have chosen to call these individuals "Hesburgh Health Fellows." They will receive training locally in Ecuador and coursework in the United States. At this time, the University of Notre Dame has offered to provide partial scholarships for these leaders to study in the Master's in Non-Profit Administration (MNA).

We have begun a fund within AHD to ensure that these leaders can receive this training. A total of approximately \$30,000 will be required for each leader to receive this training over a three year period. We are interested in training approximately 10-15 people during this period. This will ensure that the work begun by our small group in 1997 will continue well into the future. Thank you for considering supporting this as a special project!

## St. Patrick's Day Dinner with Father Hesburgh

On Saturday, March 17, Dr. David Gaus, Mike Hansen (AHD) and Jill Macek (AHD Director of Development) took fifteen couples on deluxe coach to the University of Notre Dame for a wonderful St. Patrick's Day on campus. At the fund raiser last October 19, 2006 in conjunction with the Senior Alums of the Notre Dame Club of Milwaukee, new and renewing members of the 5 x 5 x 5 Club were invited to make this trip with several special events involving Fr. Ted Hesburgh, President Emeritus of Notre Dame and Chairman of the AHD Board of Directors.

After arriving on campus and being joined by three more couples, there was a brief tour of the new DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts and then a guided tour of the old campus including visits to the Grotto and the Main Building.

The tour ended at the Hesburgh Library where the entire group went up to Fr. Ted's office for a private Mass. Fr. Ted gave an insightful and moving homily on "The Prodigal Son."

The group then reconvened at the Morris Inn for dinner with Fr. Ted who, afterwards, spoke in his natural, eloquent manner about David's wonderful work and then answered many questions about various issues. Fr. Ted also graciously posed for pictures with the participants. Special thanks to three Notre Dame Senior Alums, Jack Shepherd '55, Bob Johnston '59, Mike Hansen '73 and Joe Heil '59 for their help and enthusiasm in making this a truly memorable day. All four with their wives are members of the 5 x 5 x 5 Club.

### Father Hesburgh with (Clockwise)

Joe & Ursula Heil

Bob & Margaret Johnston

Jack & Ann Shepherdton.



## Voices of the Volunteers

When we hear from AHD volunteers, their words remind us that AHD is not only changing the lives for people in rural Ecuador, but also inspiring the hearts and minds of the young volunteers from this country. The volunteers communicate it best. Thank you Molly and Katie for sharing your experiences.

### From an email to Dr. Gaus sent by Katie, a high school student volunteer.

Subject: Re: Ecuador Trip

Heya Doctor Gaus

I just wanted to thank you again for the truly life changing experience that you gave us this week. You have inspired me in a way in which I have never been affected by someone before. I think that what you are doing is incredible and I plan on doing everything in my power to be a part of it. It is so rare that you come across someone who makes you feel like dropping everything and following them. Granted, I do have to finish out the rest of my highschool career unfortunately but spending the week with you and the amazing people we met has made me reconsider all my plans. This is saying alot considering that before last Tuesday I thought I had it all figured out. My eyes have been opened and I have you to thank. I hope to see you soon and we will be in touch for sure.

All my love and gratitude,  
Kate

### From a speech given by Gigi, a high school student volunteer.

A week ago myself, Beth Toomey, Old Joe, Denny, Kate Julia and Molly Leaverton were in Ecuador to visit David Gaus' hospital in Pedro Vicente Madonado. David Gaus had a vision to begin a system of hospitals that would be self sustainable in South America, this is the first one. I can't give David justice in this speech because he's story is so unbelievable and he truly exemplifies what it means to be Catholic. I can honestly say he is now one of my role models. We drove to PVM, about 3 hours south of Quito not knowing what to expect. We began work on the hospital right away and something that a visitor to Ecuador would notice instantly is the warmth and optimism of the people. Not one person who was visiting the hospital walked by without a "Buenos Dias" or smile.



Pictured here from left to right Gigi dall Gasperina, David Gaus, Julia Leaverton, Kate Ratliffe.

Although all of the days were remarkable and amazing experiences, like the market in Otovalo, touring colonial Quito, going on a house visit in the jungle, for me one day really stands out. On the last day in PVM, we finished up painting the hospital and then went on an hour or so hike to see the "cascade verdes", these amazing waterfalls. But we did not just go with our group, we met up with the youth group of the area. While hiking, I walked alongside an Ecuadorian girl, Lilly, she was around my age and we began to talk about everything, school, activities, hobbies, boys, and her hopes and dreams for the future. I speak Spanish pretty well, but not nearly as well as I would have liked, but it wasn't about that, we made a connection not just on a personal level but a spiritual one.

Once we arrived at the beautiful waterfall, we all began to swim and interact with one another but it wasn't separated by our nationality or by the way we looked, it was normal. After the amazing hike, we all met back up at the Church, but mass was not until 6 and it was only 5. So we did what all kids do best, play. We played and we had fun. I mean soccer is always a good time but this was so fun. Some of us play soccer, some of us hadn't, Joe and Beth took a stab at it but it didn't matter. We split up the teams so we were all mixed up and it was just smiles, everyone was so excited. After the rush

of a good game, we all entered mass, sweaty and definitely feeling the humidity. Mass was an experience that reminded us of home because of the normal routine that we all grown up with. But because of the surroundings, the language barrier, and the church itself, mass took on a whole new meaning. The priest's homily summed up what everyone was feeling that even though we are from different countries and cultures, we all believe in the same faith and all represent our religion as best we can.

The last night of our trip we reflected and discussed our experiences over the week with David. One of the main points of our discussion was over how this experience had changed our world view. At first we expressed to David just how different our cultures were and how it was hard to believe that you could hop on a plane and end up in such an incredibly diverse place. David reminded us with his honest and insightful demeanor that "we don't live in two separate worlds, we live in one world." This belief struck us was an essential shift in our world view. We had always known poverty existed, but not the way we saw it in Ecuador. Now, I know that we do live in one world and we all need to work together to make it a better place. David is a living proof to us that one person can make a difference in the world and challenged us to do the same.



Pictured here from left to right Joe Rinaldi-youth minister; Denny Duffell- Deacon; Beth Toomey, Molly Leaverton, Gigi dalla Gasperina, Kate Ratliffe, and Julia Leaverton.

## Third Annual NYC Fundraiser

Thank you to Tim Willis for hosting a wildly successful event. This year's elegant reception for Dr. Gaus resulted in a doubling of last year's donations. A portion of the funds raised will go towards the Hesburgh Health Fellows. To our supporters in NYC, we are truly grateful. Your generosity makes a world of difference to the people of rural Ecuador.

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