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**FROM THE M.F. ROIDER FOUNDATION/HONDURAS SURGICAL
GROUP**

From February 4 to February 12, 2006, a group of nineteen (19) members, went to Honduras, Central America - Hospital Leonardo Martinez, in San Pedro Sula. We performed eighty one (81) surgical procedures of which thirty six (36) were laparoscopic cholecystectomies, the rest were repairs of abdominal wall hernias. Everything went very well.

In preparation to this mission, I made several trips to the location. Each participant financed their own expenses (including me), to cover transportation, room and board and other costs. Monetary donations made by others were used for cost of storage, transportation of equipment, supplies, etc.

Large donations of equipment, instruments and supplies came from Suburban and Shady Grove Hospitals, many vendors and persons*. Other than the performance of surgical procedures to needy poor patients, we provided educational help to the local professionals. It is our plan to continue to do so - likewise we have teamed with local leaders in San Pedro Sula to help in the reconstruction of the devastated surgical facility at the hospital.

***see donor list**

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During this trip we donated to the Leonardo Martinez Hospital: two (2) complete laparoscopic "towers", including cameras - camera boxes, light sources, insufflator units, fibro-optic scopes and cables, laparoscopic trocars (non-disposable), laparoscopic instruments (assortment), suction units (2), and disposable sets; one unit (Bovie) electric cautery, with hand and pedal attachments and supplies of hand units, contact pads and laparoscopic cables; mesh for hernia repair (assortment); suture material (assortment); disposable endoclips, tubing, medications: IV and oral (antibiotic/pain); anesthesia: tubing, drugs and supplies, surgical scrubs, and two (2) suction machines.

From August 19th to August 25th, a group of six (6), went to Comayagua, Honduras, Central America - Hospital Santa Teresa (Public). We performed eleven (11) laparoscopic cholecystectomies and one (1) open cholecystectomy. We also repaired eleven (11) abdominal wall hernias.

During this mission, we worked with four local surgeons to help them "improve and advance" their surgical skills and therefore improve the local level of care. Additionally, we donated equipment and supplies - see attachment.

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