

# **GUATEMALA WATER PROJECT**

Delivering compassionate healthcare and the Gospel of Life to the most needy in the developing world



"I have treated many patients with parasitic infections due to contaminated drinking water. Today you have the opportunity to greatly reduce sickness and disease that is caused by contaminated drinking water." Michael Brezinsky, M.D., Mission Director

#### **HISTORY:**

Helping Hands Medical Missions has been delivering compassionate healthcare and the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the most needy of Guatemala for the past 18 years. Through free medical clinics and the loving service of our missionaries thousands of lives have been impacted in a positive way.

## PROBLEM:

During the course of a mission in Santa Maria de Jesus, many of the children and adults who visit the clinic are diagnosed with parasites; a direct result of drinking contaminated, unfiltered water. Left untreated, parasitic infections lead to malnutrition and a compromised immune system. The missionary doctors have been treating parasitic infections with medication; however, this is only a short-term solution. Many of the parasites return when the medication is finished, due to drinking the contaminated water. There is a limited supply of clean water in the village due to an to insufficient and damaged infrastructure. Many of the people in the village, especially the children, have become very ill and in some cases are dying due to the consumption of contaminated water. Clean water, a basic necessity for life, is something we may take for granted, but for the people of Santa Maria it is a daily struggle.

#### **SOLUTION:**

You can put a stop the this cycle of sickness. It is so simple! Through your donation, a simple effective water filtration systems can be purchased and distributed at our clinics. These systems filter out 99.9% of bacteria and parasites from unclean water, require minimal maintenance and will provide clean drinking water to a family for many years.

### **NEED:**

Provide clean drinking water for 1 family \$55.00 Provide clean drinking water for 5 families \$275.00 Provide clean drinking water for 10 families \$555.00