

CURE International establishes and operates teaching hospitals in the developing world for the medical and spiritual healing of disabled children and their families.

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## CURE HONDURAS

In the shadow of the Ruins . . .



Located less than 200 miles from the Copan Ruins, described as the most artistically advanced and intricate of all the ancient Maya cities, San Pedro Sula's rich history exists in stark contrast to the current poor reality. Approximately 60 percent of our hospital patients are too poor to pay even a nominal fee and the 35 percent Honduran middle class have only a marginal capacity to cover the costs their children's medical care entails. The very wealthy 5 percent of Hondurans customarily go outside of the country to receive care.

**CURE International considers it a privilege** to offer modern medical assistance to our developing world neighbors. In the first two weeks after CURE began offering services, early in 2004, more than 260 children were seen and over 70 operations were performed ranging from club foot surgery to skin graft procedures.

Although there are orthopedists in the country, there is an enormous backlog of all elective reconstructive cases caused by insufficiently equipped hospitals, lack of funding, and a very restrictive operating time schedule.

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