



PIPO

Missions Inc.

Hope for the Helpless Through the Provision of
Artificial Limbs and Orthopedic Braces

Spring 2011

Who We Are

PIPO Missions, Inc. was established as a Non-Profit charitable organization in 2001. For 14 years prior to that, David Puckett had been waiting, researching and praying for the right time and best opportunity to assist the unfortunate handicapped individuals in Southeastern Mexico. PIPO Missions partners with hospitals, clinics and churches in Mexico and other developing countries to provide indigent patients with no charge Artificial Limb and Orthopedic Brace care. We currently travel to Chiapas, Mexico, and to Northern Colombia each 12-16 weeks providing no-charge "gratis" clinics. We are excited about this opportunity to help others in extreme need of Orthotic/Prosthetic health care.

We planned this ministry for over 10 years, and finally all of the doors opened and we are working diligently to assist underprivileged people in developing countries! We treat patients in their village homes, hospitals or wherever we can "treat" them. We have cared for over 550 patients and assisted over 1300 people with other non-medical needs such as food, financial, clothing assistance and other humanitarian aid.

For information on how you can help the missions, please see the last page of this newsletter or visit us on our website at:

pipomissions.org

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patient in Yucatan, Mexico

What We Do

We care for and provide Orthotic and/or Prosthetic Care to many new patients each year, assisting each person to become more independent, healthy, and active in their lifestyle. All medical care is provided free of charge.

Through referral sources such as physicians, hospitals, community groups, and religious organizations, or by "word of mouth," we treat patients with orthopedic needs. We also enlist the help of other health professionals as the needs arise in order to maximize the quality of life of each patient.



In the background is a traditional home of the local villagers in the Yucatan Peninsula of Mexico

Raul's Story



Raul, seen in the photos, is a hard worker, a father of two, and a husband.

He is also, unfortunately, a cancer patient, and as a result, he underwent an above-the-knee amputation. We were initially put in touch with Raul through his relatives here in the U.S., and David met Raul for the first time during his October mission trip in Fall 2010.

Raul was measured for his first prosthetic leg, as was shown in our last newsletter. Raul received his newly fabricated prosthetic leg in December 2010! The photos are of his initial fitting with the artificial limb; he will hopefully adjust to it soon and will then be able to wear it full-time without crutches.



Raul is still fighting his battle with cancer, as it has unfortunately spread into his lungs. He continues with treatment. Please include Raul and his family in your thoughts and prayers as they battle this tough phase in their lives!

Photos from Fall 2010 Trip to Chiapas



To the left and right are photos of Beimer, who is also known as the "Coke Bottle Kid." When David first met him a few years ago, at the age of 15, he was wearing a make-shift prosthesis that he created from coke bottles in place of a prosthesis. It's been a few years since David provided him with his first prosthesis, and he has grown and now needs a new prosthesis! Measurements for his new artificial limb were taken during the December 2010 trip, and his care is being sponsored by William Bowling and his family from Statesville, North Carolina.



Here are photos of before and during a trip David took over a 20 hour drive from Merida to Chiapas. The Jeep seen in the photos was donated to PIPO Missions for use with our work in Chiapas and Yucatan, Mexico, by Ms. Georgia Nucci of Jalisco, Mexico.



Bus For Sale!

PIPO Missions, Inc. was graciously donated a converted Bloodmobile that we intended to use as a "mobile clinic" for our trips to Mexico. Unfortunately, it has proven to be too difficult to cross the border and go into the Chiapas and Yucatan regions, so we have decided, with the permission of the donors, to sell the bus. Of course, the funds from the sale will go directly back into the mission to off-set costs of future trips.



1996 Bluebird Bus (Former Bloodmobile)
Asking Price: \$50,000 or best offer

GENERAL FEATURES:

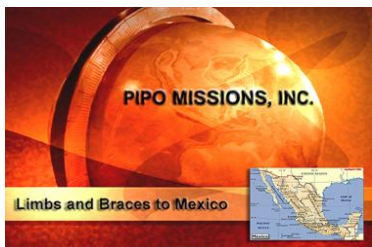
- 112,126 miles
- Diesel Gas
- 2 Generators (Main and Back-up)
- 3 Air Conditioning & Heat Units
- VIN: 1BDFKCSH8TF069090
- Conversion done by: L & S Custom Coaches, Inc.

Please contact us if you or anyone you know may be interested!

Donor Spotlight

*A special thanks to **Roy Kaplan with the Bank of New York Mellon Community Partnership.***

Several employees at Bank of New York Mellon have made monthly donations to PIPO Missions, which totaled \$378 by the end of 2010. We greatly appreciate your continued support!



Volunteering

Also, if you are interested in volunteering with PIPO, once the clinic is established, we will be searching for volunteer medical workers and assistants to help the clinic develop in its initial stages. Please continue to check our website for updates!

How You Can Donate

We collect used, donated limbs and braces in our Savannah office, and thanks to generous donors, consistently have a 3000ft² storage unit (in Savannah) full of these braces and limbs ready for refurbishment and/or repair. We then fabricate new artificial limbs and braces utilizing some of these components for our special needs patients traveling from the villages.

Please ship **Limbs and Braces** to:
PIPO Missions, Inc.
5202 Waters Avenue
Savannah, GA 31404

- We also accept **monetary donations** via mailed check or paypal.
- Mailed checks can go to the above address.
- Please visit our website at **pipomissions.org** for secure paypal donation information.



David in our storage facility in Savannah, GA.



Donate via Paypal on our website
www.PIPOMissions.org

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We're on the Web!
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Remember, all Limbs and Braces that are donated to PIPO Missions Inc., must be broken down into bare components as reusable parts or newly made for each of our Mexican patients. We travel to Southeast Mexico every 3-4 months, along with occasional trips to Colombia, for measurement, fitting, delivery and follow-up medical care. Federal tax laws make it possible for you to enjoy a lower tax bill and receive the satisfaction of helping others when you support a non-profit organization like PIPO Missions, Inc.

Listed below are several ways that you can help us with travel, custom fabrication, and patient care costs (Please see inside for specific instructions).

- Donate Used Artificial Limbs and/or Orthotic Braces
- Monetary Donations via mailed check or credit card on Paypal
- Sponsor one of our Patients

*Help us give Hope and Restore each patient's
Positive Image.*