



JustHope News - April 2018

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Medical Students Keep On Giving

"We found great joy in this experience. . . We will always be inspired by these dedicated, resilient women who work so hard to improve the lives of their families, and the well-being of their communities."



Medical students Nicole Lighthouse and Samantha James (pictured) from Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine of A.T. Still University in Kirksville, Missouri, were inspired by JustHope's Social Enterprise programs during a medical outreach trip to Chacraseca in the summer of 2017. They returned to school and conducted several fundraisers and education campaigns on-campus to raise funds towards a new microbank!

[Learn the creative ways Nicole and Samantha raised money.](#)

Celebrating our Volunteers

April is National Volunteer Month, and we want to say a **big THANK YOU to our volunteers, donors, and friends!** JustHope just wouldn't be the same without countless supporters, who give their time generously to see our mission carried out. Watch our social media feeds for special recognition of some of our volunteers.

The Impact of Monthly Giving

A **regular monthly gift** is a great way to continue to nurture the friendships you formed in Chacraseca and La Flor.

- A monthly gift of \$10 can strengthen local farmers' resilience through access to training and technical assistance.
- A monthly gift of \$20 can equip classrooms with enriching learning materials. [See a video about our education programs.](#)
- A monthly gift of \$50 can guarantee a safe and efficient cooking source (green stove) for a family. [See a video about green stoves.](#)

Select "I want to contribute this amount every month" when donating.

JustHope Trip Update

Modern, sturdy, quality homes are scarce in La Flor, so **Woodridge Christian Church** in Wichita, Kansas, partnered with the community of La Flor again to build a house for the Membreno Family during the group's February PartnerTrip. This project represents the third home in La Flor our Woodridge partners have built and/ or financed!



Students from Boston Avenue Methodist Church play with children in Chacraseca.

Also in February, a group from **All Souls Unitarian Church** in Tulsa, Oklahoma, visited Chacraseca and built two green stoves! [Watch a video about their trip.](#)

In March, **Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois** in Decator, Illinois, partnered with the community of La Flor to build green stoves at four homes. These stoves benefit the families of Maribel, Jaqueline, Auxiliadora and Cristina.

Also in March, the Senior High Youth Group from **Boston Avenue Methodist Church** in Tulsa, Oklahoma, visited Chacraseca.

The month of May starts our busy trip season, but we still have space for more! Email us at office@justhope.org if you would like to **lead or join a trip this summer**.

Our Social Media Feed

Here's something interesting we mentioned on social media this month:

Sheri & Bob Curry and their family spent a fun-filled week at Casa de Penrose as winners of a trip auctioned off at Wine for Water 2017.



The Curry family having a blast!

They spent some time with JustHope staff learning about our work in addition to exploring the area. We have to give them props for such an entertaining picture!

Save the Date - Wine for Water 2018 is coming October 11th!

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