

Easter week of 2008, I received a phone call from a local realtor that a property was for sale in an area where our firm had hoped to expand. The property was a health clinic that had served this beautiful rural area. North Jackson, Ohio. The owner of the property was a large hospital consortium that was under new management and wanted to focus more attention on its main facility. After inspecting the building and property, I decided with some improvements and expansion it would serve our needs well. I made an offer contingent on zone changes and it was accepted. After months of proper zoning we purchased the property in 2009. We were met at the building by the organizations property manager who presented us with keys and offered a walk through. Upon entering the building I was bewildered, they had left six examination rooms full of medical equipment (x-ray equipment, examination tables, stethoscopes. autoclaves, microscopes, everything). I asked their representative if they were removing it and to my surprise he said "no it was all mine". Wow! anxious to get started on our project and realizing its potential value, I had it moved off site and inventoried. Several medical equipment brokers approached me bout purchasing the equipment for pennies on the dollar. This did not feel like the right thing to do. I felt the true value of this equipment was not in its monetary windfall, but in its life saving capabilities. Fortunately I have friends in my hometown. Kathy and Bob Price who organize missions to South America. Mexico and Indian Reservations. When I asked Kathy if she could use the equipment she was ecstatic. She had already organized mission to South America to build a health clinic in a village that had no access to a medical clinic. Within ten days volunteers moved the equipment to the Youngstown Air Force Reserve Base in Vienna, Ohio, where the reservist flew it to South America. Upon arrival volunteers unloaded and equipped the new clinic.

Words cannot explain the feeling of gratification and fulfillment our firm has experienced and shared. Our community thought this was outstanding and generous. I believe it was God's work and I am so proud to be a part of it.

Well our new chapel has opened, I believe with God's blessing. We are proud to be part of our new communities, one in North America and one in South America. We extended this mission by beginning a program collecting sheets, hospital gowns and sundries that our sent to our funeral home by other facilities. We launder and package them for the "Mission of Love", these items that would normally be discarded is now given to people who need it desperately. In addition we have organized local high school boys who are expected to perform a service project to help with the loading of donations locally.

This has been a great experience for our firm and we are grateful to be part of the "Mission of Love".