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Former resident Randy Burge takes 2nd trip to Guatemala

On February 15, 2009, "ER Abroad: Mission Possible" returned to Guatemala for the second time with a group of 20 friends and co-workers from Springfield's Memorial Center's Emergency Department. In the group was former Hoopeston resident Randy Burge who was making his second visit to Guatemala.

"This trip was once again a very moving experience for all concerned," said Burge. "The team found a lot of progress had been made to the orphanage, Casa Angelina and /Clinica Misericordia, (Mercy Clinic), where the group did most of their work."

On their first day there, a woman came in the afternoon with her two daughters to be seen. After her children were seen, she mentioned that she was pregnant, her due date was in four days, and she had "lost a lot of water" in the morning. She was contracting about 5-10 minutes apart. A quick exam revealed that birth was imminent.

The ER Abroad team quickly assembled a delivery kit from miscellaneous equipment found at the clinic and what they'd brought with them.

Mercy Clinic is not set up for a delivery—it is a small local clinic to provide basic care to the orphans at Casa Angelina and the surrounding villagers of Tululcha. The most advanced piece of equipment was a fetal Doppler, with which the team monitored fetal heart rate during contractions.

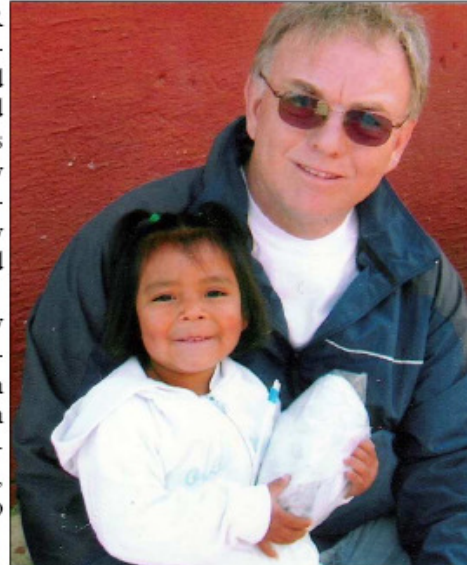


Photo submitted
Former Hoopeston resident Randy Burge holds an unidentified Guatemalan child during a recent trip with "ER Abroad: Mission Possible."

About two hours later, little Marco, a healthy 7 lbs. 8 oz. boy, was born without complications to the cheers of the crowd that had assembled in the hallway outside. What a wonderful experience! The father had arrived just minutes before the birth, and was so grateful that it was a boy that he dropped to his knees in tears. We assisted the dad in giving Marco his first bath, and just two hours later, drove them home to recover and rest.

A team went to their home the next day to check on them, and the new family returned to the clinic on Thursday for another check-up. Mom and baby were doing fine. The team was very excited to participate in the very first birth ever at Mercy Clinic!

Over the course of the week, the team provided medical care to 315 people from the village and staff of Casa Angelina, and the orphans of Mama Carmen's orphanage in an impoverished area of Guatemala City.

Mama Carmen, an elderly woman in her 70s, has nearly 90 orphans in her two story home.

Through fund-raising and private donations, the group was able to present Mama Carmen with \$1,100 in cash. An additional \$2,100 was presented to Mercy Clinic in support of its operation. Thirteen suitcases full of medical supplies, toys, and clothing were purchased by the group or donated by individuals.

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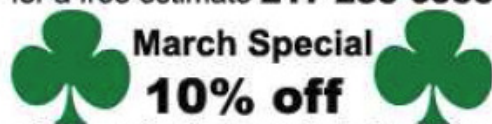
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Police News



Denelle M. Rhodes, 31, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 5:12 p.m. Monday in the 600 block of East Penn. Wanted on Vermilion County traffic warrants for failure to appear/speeding and failure to appear/uninsured vehicle, she was released on \$562 cash bond.

Aaron M. Linares, 22, of Hoopeston, was arrested after a 22-year-old Hoopeston woman signed a com-

plaint alleging Linares made several threatening phone calls. He was released on a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

Leonard Yazzie, 19, of Hoopeston, was charged with disorderly conduct at 6:41 p.m. Monday after a 62-year-old Hoopeston man signed a complaint alleging Yazzie was playing loud music from his vehicle. He was re-



Photo submitted

Birthday donation

Leila Pocialik, Country Terrace resident, is shown with some of the students in the Multi Agency's Teen Reach program. Leila, and many other residents, has decided to donate her "birthday card money" to the program that they feel is so important to the city's youth. It has been customary for the Country Terrace residents to buy and give each other birthday cards. One resident suggested that the money spent on cards could be of benefit to the Teen Reach program and others have followed that lead.

Obituaries

CRABTREE - Joe D. Crabtree 71, of Rossville, died at 10:13 a.m. Monday, March 23, 2009 at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Arrangements are incomplete at Wolfe Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

MOORE - Charles L. Moore, 81, of Rossville, died Monday, March 23, 2009 at Illiana VA Healthcare Center, Danville. Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Rossville United Methodist Church. Burial will be in Potomac Cemetery, Potomac, with military rites by

Rossville American Legion. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Friday at Wolfe Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Memorials are suggested to the Palliative Care Unite, Illiana VA Healthcare Center.

MOSIER - Carolyn Mosier, 57, of Hoopeston, died at 1:25 a.m. Monday, March 23, 2009 at Provena United Samaritans Medical Center, Danville. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

Weather



Partly sunny today. High 53. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 38. Tomorrow, partly sunny. High 59, low 39.

For current weather conditions, call Hoopeston Weather Service, (217) 283-6221.

leased on a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

Wayne S. Propes, 35, of Chino, Calif., was arrested after a traffic stop at 12:43 a.m. Tuesday on 4000 North, one half mile east of Rt. 1. Wanted on a Vermilion County warrant for failure to appear for jury trial, Propes was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville in lieu of \$500 cash bond.

Guatemala continued from other side

ER Abroad is a continuing mission, and another trip is being planned for February 2010. "We are just a group of friends with a common interest to provide basic healthcare to underprivileged areas of the world," said Burge.

Randy Burge is the son of Hale and Grace Burge of Hoopeston.

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