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LOCAL NONPROFIT, STOVETEAM INTERNATIONAL, OPENS NEW FACTORY IN SOUTH AMERICA

On Dec. 5., StoveTeam International (StoveTeam) will open a new factory in Oaxaca, a sovereign state of Mexico. In this region, asphyxiation from hazardous carbon emissions is the leading cause of death for children under the age of five. Cooking on an open fire inside a home is a common and dangerous practice in South American communities. Children are often strapped to their mothers' backs during preparation cooking, thus being exposed to high and deadly levels of carbon emissions. Burns are also a common health issue, from children accidentally exposed on an open flame.

To combat this issue, StoveTeam has created the ecocina stove, decreasing the levels of smoke in a household. StoveTeam also aids in education and development of factories in the Latin American region. Already, StoveTeam has opened five functional factories in the region, from Mexico to El Salvador. The development of the Oaxaca factory underway for the past two years and is now ready to open in December. The Oaxaca factory is the third factory that StoveTeam has opened in Mexico.

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StoveTeam spent time educating members of the community in the proper techniques of building the stoves and finding donations to build the factory itself. StoveTeam members are very excited and proud for this new factory development. “Opening a new factory is such a great feeling, it gives us an opportunity to witness another great impact on a community,” says Kim Forrest, Program Manager.

For more information regarding the Oaxaca factory or StoveTeam itself, go to StoveTeam.org or contact Noelle Nercessian, public relations coordinator, at 541-285-1881 or noellen@uoregon.edu.