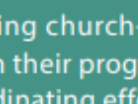




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WHAT WE DO: Austin Samaritans seeks to show God's love to people in need in Nicaragua by assisting church-related and non-profit organizations in Nicaragua with their programs in the areas of health, education, and rescue. By coordinating efforts and pooling resources for maximum impact, we connect resources and talent to needs.

2018 WAS A VERY DIFFICULT YEAR IN NICARAGUA: Ongoing political protests, unrest, and an increase in lawless activities took a personal and economic toll on the organizations with which we work. Most experienced a significant reduction in the funds they received. However, all continued to function effectively and provided their services, which were needed more than ever.

FUNDACION ORTIZ GURDIAN CLINIC

A Clinic of the Ortiz Gurdian Foundation

Fundacion Ortiz Gurdian (FOG) clinic provides screening for, and treatment of, breast and cervical cancer for women of limited financial means. In addition to medical services, the clinic provides a support group and professional counseling to women undergoing treatment. FOG provides free mammograms and breast exams to women over 40 years of age and free gynecology exams and pap smears for women of any age. Any follow-up treatment that is needed is free.

Accomplishments of the clinic in 2018 include the following:

- Over 1000 women were screened for breast cancer.
- Over 750 women had Pap smears.
- 52 women were diagnosed as having breast cancer, of which 28 were diagnosed in an early stage when the cancer is most treatable.
- Approximately 370 women received treatment. FOG provides treatment for up to 5 years for each patient.
- 14 women were diagnosed with cervical cancer.

Austin Samaritans provides significant financial support and supplies to the clinic.

VILLA ESPERANZA

A Mission of Forward Edge International



Villa Esperanza provides a residential facility for at-risk girls. The facility can accommodate up to 30 girls. Spiritual, emotional, and physical support are provided to girls who would otherwise be subject to a life of poverty, physical and/or sexual abuse, and neglect. The girls' needs with respect to medical care, psychological care, spiritual care, and education are addressed. The girls continue to maintain contact with their families, and the Villa Esperanza staff also works with their families to provide a holistic program.

Accomplishments in 2018 include the following:

- The older girls continued to successfully complete high school and move on to attend the university or vocational schools.
- The girls who have graduated are developing the life skills they need for independent living. Villa Esperanza provides support during this transition.
- Two of the girls married young, Christian men.
- As result of limitations due to political instability, the staff initiated an outreach program to children in the local neighborhood and provided tutoring, meals, health check-ups, camps, and Bible study.



Austin Samaritans provides financial support to assist with medical expenses of the girls.

CLINICA MEDICA

A Program of Manna Project International

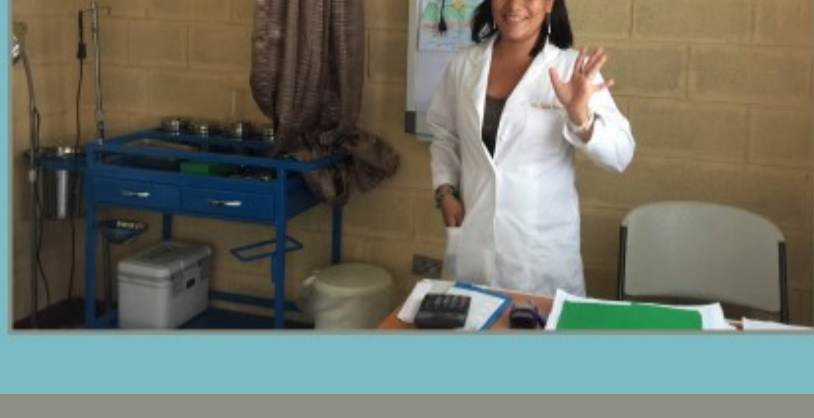


Clinica Medica serves the impoverished Barrio Villa Guadalupe. It is the only clinic serving an area with a population that exceeds 13,700, which provides services five days a week and a full stock of medications.

Accomplishments of the clinic in 2018 include the following:

- Operated with an Electronic Medical Records database.
- Provided on-site laboratory services one day each week.
- Provided over 3,000 consultations
- Continued its 1,000 Days program to combat childhood malnutrition and support the development of healthy families through providing prenatal care to pregnant adolescents ages 15 through 19, breast feeding support, nutritional education, and well-child care through age 2.

Austin Samaritans provides essential financial support, supplies, and equipment to the clinic.



CLUB ESPERANZA

An Educational Center of Open Hearts



Club Cristiano la Esperanza serves children from Barrio Villa Guadalupe providing pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, and primary classes as well as tutoring for elementary school students. Older youth receive scholarships to attend high school and participate in a youth group. The Club offers extracurricular activities including sports, music, and English lessons.

Accomplishments in 2018 include the following:

- Provided two meals each day, Monday through Friday, to over 300 children and youth.
- Began providing Grade 1 and Grade 2 classes. The intent is to add one grade each year until classes for Grades 1 through 6 are provided.
- Acquired additional land where the school for Grades 1 through 6 will be housed.
- Organized a program to provide basic food staples (enough to feed a family of six for two weeks) during the period of greatest unrest and turmoil to families it works with.
- Austin Samaritans provided the computer lab and an Austin Samaritans supporter provided netbooks to equip the lab.

Austin Samaritans provides financial support.



COLEGIO CRISTIANO PRESBITERIANO

A School of the Mission of the Presbyterian Church of South Korea in Nicaragua

Colegio Cristiano Presbiteriano provides pre-kindergarten through 11th grade classes for students from Barrio Hialeah, a neighborhood of families with very low incomes. The school offers a better education than that provided by the Nicaraguan public schools and does so in a Christian setting; for example, an AWANA program is offered.

Accomplishments of the school in 2018 include the following:

- The school offered a complete education by providing pre-kindergarten through 11th Grade (the last year in the Nicaraguan school system) classes.
- The number of students served continues to increase in spite of economic hardships and political instability and averaged 317 students in 2018.
- A wall was completed around the school property to increase security.
- The supply of textbooks for Grades 4, 5, and 6 and secondary students was significantly expanded.

Austin Samaritans provides essential financial support for the school, without which it would close.

