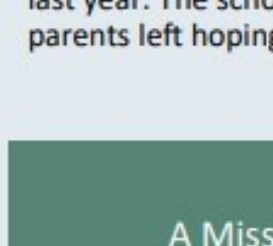




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# 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

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### WHAT WE DO:

**Austin Samaritans** seeks to show God's love to people in need in Nicaragua by assisting local church-related and non-profit organizations with their programs in the areas of health, education, dental care, and rescue. Austin Samaritans is the primary source of funding for some of these organizations.

Conditions were difficult in Nicaragua in 2022, as evidenced by the increase in the number of Nicaraguans seeking asylum at the border last year. The schools we support lost some students when their parents left hoping to immigrate to the United States.

### VILLA ESPERANZA

A Mission of Forward Edge International

**Villa Esperanza** is a residency program for vulnerable, at-risk girls from impoverished communities. The girls receive educational support, healthcare, Bible study, and training in vocational and life skills.

**During 2022 the mission remained dedicated to those it serves and found ways to get them food, encouragement, help, and hope.**

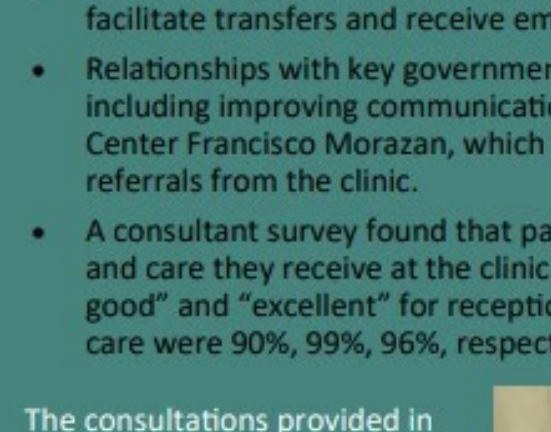
Since its establishment in 2008, over 75 girls have participated in the program, transitioning into independent young women with an education that enables them to provide a secure living and life skills to lead a productive life.

In 2018, Villa Esperanza began offering a program for boys. A quarterly weekend discipleship camp and monthly one-day retreats provide vocational training and recreational activities in a Christian mentoring atmosphere.

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

### VILLA GUADALUPE CLINIC

A Clinic of AMOS Health & Hope



**Villa Guadalupe Clinic** serves the impoverished Barrio Villa Guadalupe and adjacent barrios. The clinic meets critical general medical and obstetric/gynecological health needs. In addition, to consultations, it provides basic laboratory tests and medicines free of charge.

A large majority of its patients are female (76% female and 24% male) and children (52% were children 0–12 years of age; all other age groups combined were 48%).

**Important developments in 2022 included the following:**

- An additional day of gynecology/obstetric services was added.
- The access gate was modified to allow access for ambulances to facilitate transfers and receive emergency patients.
- Relationships with key governmental partners were strengthened, including improving communications and coordination with Health Center Francisco Morazan, which is the main health center receiving referrals from the clinic.
- A consultant survey found that the clinic combined highly the reception and care they receive at the clinic. The combined ratings of "very good" and "excellent" for reception, nursing service, and medical care were 90%, 99%, 96%, respectively.

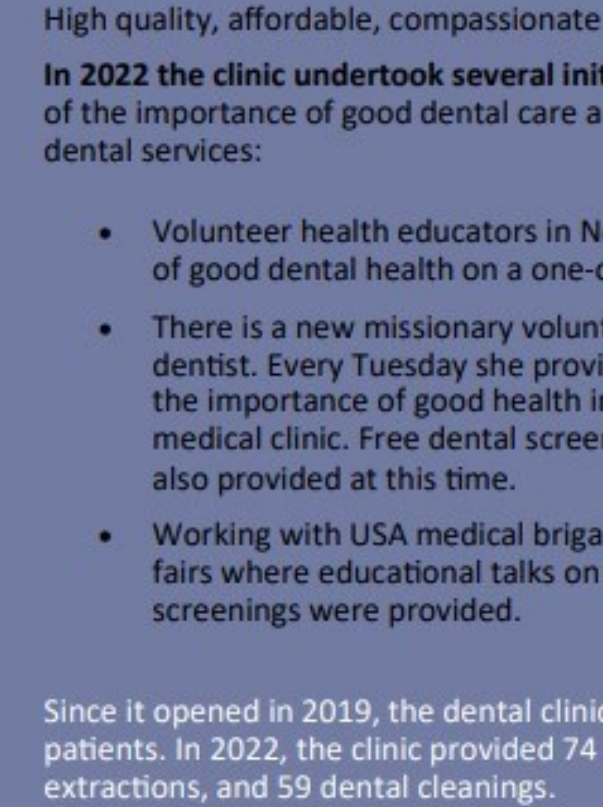
The consultations provided in 2022 included 2,374 general medical services, 552 obstetric/gynecological services, 1,255 consultations with children under 12 years old, 262 ultrasounds, and 185 consultations with chronically ill patients. Respiratory disease is a major problem in the community.



**Austin Samaritans is the primary source of support for the clinic, which would close if not for that support.**

### EL SAMARITANO DENTAL CLINIC

A Clinic of AMOS Health & Hope



**El Samaritano Clinic** has provided health care to the poor in Nejapa for many years. For many families in Nejapa the cost of private dental procedures is out of reach. In 2019, Austin Samaritans worked with Amos Health & Hope, managers of the clinic, to equip and help fund the operation of a dental care facility at the medical clinic.

High quality, affordable, compassionate dental care is provided here.

**In 2022 the clinic undertook several initiatives** to promote awareness of the importance of good dental care and the availability of the dental services:

- Volunteer health educators in Nejapa promoted the importance of good dental health on a one-on-one basis.
- There is a new missionary volunteer at the clinic, who is a dentist. Every Tuesday she provides educational talks on the importance of good health in the waiting room of the medical clinic. Free dental screenings and toothbrushes are also provided at this time.
- Working with USA medical brigades, AMOS had two health fairs where educational talks on dental care and free dental screenings were provided.

Since it opened in 2019, the dental clinic has enrolled 1,173 new patients. In 2022, the clinic provided 74 dental fillings, 69 dental extractions, and 59 dental cleanings.

**Austin Samaritans is a major financial supporter of the dental clinic.**

### FUNDACIÓN ORTIZ GURDIÁN CLINIC

A Clinic of the Ortiz Gurdíán Foundation



**Fundación Ortiz Gurdíán Clinic (FOG)** provides free screening for, treatment of, and rehabilitation for breast and cervical cancer for women of limited financial means.

Patients of the clinic spend five years in the program, which includes follow-up screening.

**The clinic continued its life-saving work in 2022 and provided the following services:**

- 1,073 screenings for breast cancer
- 866 PAP smears
- 255 ambulatory breast cancer procedures
- 83 patients who began chemotherapy or hormone therapy
- 48 breast cancer surgeries
- 24 cervical biopsies

**The screenings detected 50 cases of breast cancer and 5 cases of cervical lesions.**

**Austin Samaritans facilitated the addition of cervical cancer screening and treatment at the clinic and continues to provide significant financial support.**

### COLEGIO CRISTIANO PRESBITERIANO

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

**Colegio Cristiano Presbiteriano (CCP)** provides pre-kindergarten through high school classes for families with low income. The school offers a better education than that provided by the Nicaraguan public schools and does so in a Christian setting. It also provides meals for elementary students.

The quality of the school was recognized in 2022 when the Managua Office of Education designated the school as Excellent.

The school has continually maintained and upgraded the resources it provides. In 2022 new, updated textbooks were obtained for both elementary and secondary students. The computer room was re-equipped with 30 new computers, and facilities on the campus were repaired and expanded as necessary.

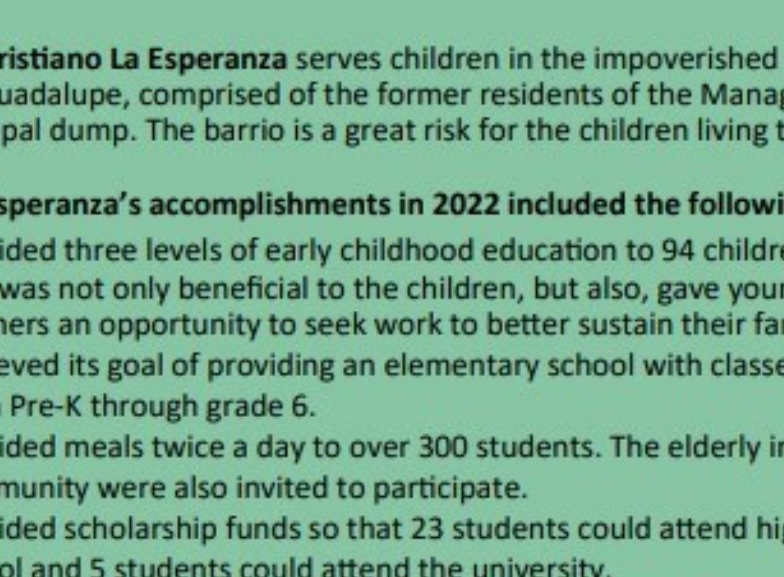
Both COVID and the recent immigration of Nicaraguans to the United States affected the school. During the Omicron wave at the first of 2022, as many as 50-60 students and teachers were absent some days. In addition, both Mr. and Mrs. Kim, the mission/school directors, contracted the illness. With respect to immigration, the school lost 12 students because their families immigrated.

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



### CLUB CRISTIANO LA ESPERANZA

An Educational Center of Open Hearts

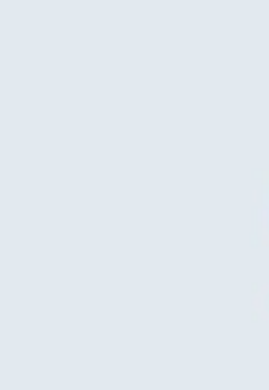


**Club Cristiano La Esperanza** serves children in the impoverished Barrio Villa Guadalupe, comprised of the former residents of the Managua municipal dump. The barrio is a great risk for the children living there.

**Club Esperanza's accomplishments in 2022 included the following:**

- Provided three levels of early childhood education to 94 children. This was not only beneficial to the children, but also, gave young mothers an opportunity to seek work to better sustain their families.
- Achieved its goal of providing an elementary school with classes from Pre-K through grade 6.
- Provided meals twice a day to over 300 students. The elderly in the community were also invited to participate.
- Provided scholarship funds so that 23 students could attend high school and 5 students could attend the university.
- Hosted a support group for pregnant and nursing mothers.
- Provided support for 12 families with special needs children.
- Provided sports and art activities.
- Held church services twice a week.

**Austin Samaritans provides financial support for Club Esperanza; and, over the years, its mission teams have completed several projects to enhance its facility.**



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**Austin Samaritans** seeks to show God's love to the people in need in Nicaragua. Working cooperatively with others we address needs for education, healthcare, dental care, and rescue from injustice and degradation.

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