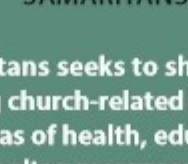


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WHAT WE DO: Austin Samaritans seeks to show God's love to people in need in Nicaragua by assisting church-related and non-profit organizations with their programs in the areas of health, education, dental and rescue. By coordinating efforts and pooling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

The political turmoil of 2018 was not repeated in 2019; however, financially, it was a very difficult year for missions in Nicaragua. Many of their sources of funding were still virtually non-existent. Nevertheless, as documented here, the mission associates of Austin Samaritans continued to provide essential services to the people of Nicaragua.

EL SAMARITANO DENTAL CLINIC

A Clinic of AMOS Health and Hope

El Samaritano Clinic has provided health care to the poor in Nejapa, a community on the outskirts of Managua, for many years. In 2019 Austin Samaritans worked with AMOS Health and Hope, managers of the clinic, to equip and help fund the operation of a dental facility at the clinic.



Accomplishments in 2019 were as follows:

- Approval was obtained from the Nicaraguan national health agency, MINSA, to operate a dental clinic.
- The dental facility opened in August 2019 and began seeing clients.

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

VILLA GUADALUPE CLINIC

A Clinic of AMOS Health and Hope

Villa Guadalupe Clinic serves the impoverished barrio Villa Guadalupe and adjacent barrios. The clinic meets critical health needs by providing general medical and gynecology services to more than 5,200 patients.

Villa Guadalupe Clinic offers:

- General medicine
- Gynecological services
- Laboratory tests
- Ultrasonids
- Child growth monitoring
- Free Medicines

5,278
Total registered patients as of Jan 2020

When the organization running the clinic felt it had to withdraw from Nicaragua because of the unstable political situation, Austin Samaritans facilitated the transfer of the operation of the clinic to AMOS Health and Hope (AMOS), another well-established medical non-profit organization in Nicaragua.

Accomplishments in 2019 were as follows:

- Operation of the clinic was transferred to AMOS in August 2019.
- Uninterrupted service was provided to the residents of Villa Guadalupe and adjacent barrios.

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



CLUB ESPERANZA

An Educational Center of Open Hearts

Club Cristiano la Esperanza serves children from the impoverished barrio Villa Guadalupe by providing educational opportunities to over 300 pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, and primary classes, as well as tutoring for elementary school students. Older youth receive scholarships to attend high school, and they participate in a youth group.

Accomplishments in 2019 include the following:

- Grade 3 was added to the grades for which classes are offered. Primary classes are now offered for Grades 1, 2, and 3.
- Two meals were provided each day, Monday through Friday, to over 300 children and youth.



VILLA ESPERANZA

A Mission of Forward Edge International



Villa Esperanza was established 11 years ago to provide a residential facility for at-risk girls from families living in the Managua City Dump. To date, this program has successfully facilitated the transition of over 10 girls into independent women with education that enables them to provide a secure living and with life skills to lead a productive life.

Accomplishments in 2019 include the following:

- The Esther program was initiated. In this program, Villa Esperanza is providing a residential haven for bright, motivated young women coming from extremely difficult circumstances that would prevent them from flourishing.
- The outreach to the surrounding community was expanded and includes boys as well as girls.

FUNDACION ORTIZ GURDIÁN CLINIC

A Clinic of the Ortiz Gurdíán Foundation

Fundacion Ortiz Gurdíán Clinic provides free screening for, and treatment of, breast and cervical cancer for women of limited financial means. In addition to medical services, the clinic provides professional counseling to women undergoing treatment.



Accomplishments of the clinic in 2019 include the following:

- Over 1250 women were screened for breast cancer.
- Over 850 women had Pap smears.
- 52 women were diagnosed as having breast cancer.
- 7 women were reported as having cervical-uterine lesions.
- 134 women received chemotherapy, hormone therapy, or surgical treatments.

Austin Samaritans provides significant financial support to the clinic. In 2019 Austin Samaritans provided essential medical supplies that were not available in Nicaragua.



COLEGIO CRISTIANO PRESBITERIANO

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

Colegio Cristiano Presbiteriano provides pre-kindergarten through high school classes for students from Barrio Hialeah, a neighborhood of families with very low income, and neighboring communities. The school offers better education than that provided by the Nicaraguan public schools and does so in a Christian setting.

Accomplishments of the school in 2019 include the following:

- The number of students increased to over 350 students.
- There were 39 graduates from kindergarten, 23 graduates from 6th grade, and 17 graduates from high school.
- Free lunches were provided to approximately 100 pre-school and elementary students.

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

