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## Francisco Lives !

I was not sure we'd want to tell the story of little Francisco . . . at 10 days old, on the last day of the recent brigade, his mother walked 2 ½ hours to the clinic. Little Francisco had been fine for 7 days, but had become listless and had not breastfed for nearly 2 days. When I walked across the clinic to see what the fuss was about, I noticed that he did not breath for the first 5 seconds I laid eyes on him. Looking ashen and severely ill from infection and dehydration, Dr. Tania quickly determined that he needed more than we could provide at the clinic. Miraculously, she was able to get an IV, and we gave a first dose of antibiotics. We headed down the mountain with this gravely ill child, knowing he could or would die at any moment. Arriving at the ER in record time, the doctor who greeted us was a friend! He quickly got care started, but baby Francisco worsened. To complete the miracle, the baby was transferred to the teaching hospital in the big city, was on a breathing machine, survived pneumonia, and then went home with his mother 2 weeks after all this started and is now thriving!!!

*Your support of Dr. Castillo and the clinic allowed for this child to live in a place where access to care is critical. Without the clinic and it's wonderful staff, Francisco would be a sad statistic.*

## Acute and Chronic!

The Health Committee and medical staff continue to grow care from just the sick. With over 350 patients in the HTN and DM care programs, we are addressing long-term health issues on a personal and community level . . . but this is more expensive!



*Rainbow over the Clinic – Help us refill the “pot of gold”!*



*Healthy kids in a celebration of Honduran independence day!*



*Visiting San Geronimo – We were able to visit 10 local communities for 1000 WELL CHILD VISITS - Cost – about \$2 per child....!*



*Fluoride treatments during the Well Child visits – Healthy teeth for a better life!*



## Servant Leaders

The local Health Committee and the medical staff have been thinking about what is next . . . their improved health, nutrition, access to care make the community safer and more able. Without any prompting, they decided to “Help those in need.” Using their own resources, they went to the homes of 3 elderly, infirm, extremely low resource couples and widows, and did a local version of “Health Committee Home Make-over.” Kitchen & household repairs, replenished food stocks, cleaning, new clothes & shoes, were all provided by this dedicated group of servant leaders.

## Reaching More People . . .

The community is “driving” for Change and Health . . .

By reaching more people, pharmacy/medicine costs have doubled in the last 3 years from 10K to 20K . . . that cares for nearly 5,000 people. *Your dollars go far with the cost of medications for one person at only \$3 per year.*

Providing nutrition for over 1000 kids costs \$18,000/year. But *\$25.50 covers a year of nutrition for each child (0.07 cents/day!!!).*



*Health Committee, RN, MD all outside the home of a 89 y/o whose home was redone!*

## Annual Goal = \$80,000

*We will continue working with our Excellent Honduran partners to care for their friends and families (about 5,000 people) with your help!*

Dr. Tania Castillo, full-time MD - \$25,000

Feeding Program (1000 kids!) - \$18,000

RN Veronica Guevara, full-time - \$6,000

Dr. Lorena Osorio(Dentist), half-time - \$8,000

Medications for the entire program - \$20,000 (Under \$3/person with Dental patients included)

***Thank you for your past, present, and future support!***

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Sincerely,

*Mark W. Meyer, MD*

President, Shoulder to Shoulder Pittsburgh

Current State

25% of goal

**GOAL**

Fully funded for one yr - \$80K

**WISH LIST**

Fully funded with 1 yr reserve. Goal \$110,000