Land Purchased for Clinic in Villa Guadalupe

Villa Guadalupe was built in 2011 to house more than 8,000 people left homeless by flooding, and another 2,000 people who were displaced by the closure of Central America's largest municipal trash dump, La Chureca. In Villa Guadalupe, the average family lives on less than $2.00 a day, and 70% of children are affected by parasitic infections. The entire community faces unemployment, constant food insecurity and malnutrition.

Manna Project's Clinica Médica meets the medical needs of as many families as possible from a small, rented space. We dream of opening a larger, more well-equipped facility. This week, the first steps were taken toward building a permanent medical center in Villa Guadalupe.

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Do you have a heart for families in need of medical care? You can make a recurring gift to the clinic here.

Has the work week got you down? You'll get a boost when you see the impact your support has on communities in need! Like us on Facebook or follow on Twitter for regular updates.

Third Quarter Retreats for Teams in Ecuador and Nicaragua

Teams in Ecuador and Nicaragua went on short retreats to reflect, rejuvenate and plan. The Ecuador team traveled to nearby volcano Cotopaxi to explore leadership styles and personal growth. In Nicaragua, everyone traveled to Playa Gigante, where they discussed program effectiveness, quality improvement and the clinic. The schools brought everyone together in bath sinks for the evening quarter and social events.

You can see more retreat pictures here.

Eyeglasses Brigade Brings Vision to Villa Guadalupe

A brigade from Austin Samaritans visited MPI Nicaragua. At an event for community members over the age of 40, nearly 100 adults had their eyesight assessed. Those who needed assistance with short distances were fitted for reading glasses according to their level of need. The day was a huge success as word spread, and 85 people left with new glasses. We are so grateful for the opportunity to improve sight - thank you, Austin Samaritans!

You can see more pictures here.

Month of Microfinance

Did you know that April is the Month of Microfinance? You can read blog posts from participating organizations or read their stories at Month of Microfinance, or see what the Internet is saying with hashtag #MoMF15.

You can join the discussion here.

Your Face Here:

What are you doing this summer? Our summer internship program is about to take off, and limited space is still available for Session 1, starting May 6th - June 9th. Internships take place in Ecuador and Nicaragua. We'd love to have you join us!

Reminder - Our New Look

Just a reminder that Manna Project is using a new non-profit database - that's why the giving webpage looks a little different. Thank you to everyone who has updated their recurring donor info or given online! You can see the new page here.

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