Villa Guadalupe Clinic Receives MINSA Certification

After a nearly two-year process, the Clínica Médica MPI in Villa Guadalupe, Nicaragua has received its license from the Ministry of Health (MINSA)!

Since applying in December 2014, the clinic hosted three inspections from MINSA officials to ensure the clinic meets licensure requirements.

Licensure allows us to actively collaborate with MINSA on community health initiatives such as vaccination drives, direct referrals for specialized exams and patient follow-up care, and public health campaigns. A special thanks to our clinic staff for their hard work!

Visit our website for more information about MINSA certification and our clinic's efforts to improve the health of Villa Guadalupe.

Will you join the team? Click here to learn more

Nicaragua Country Director Receives Prestigious Gillings Award

Nicaragua Country Director Christina Palazzo has received the prestigious Gillings Merit Scholarship from the University of North Carolina Gillings School of Global Public Health.

Due to rising numbers of confirmed Zika virus cases, MPI Nicaragua is conducting a community awareness campaign to inform pregnant women of clinic resources and the support available to them during this time. In addition to reaching pregnant women, Program Directors are going house to house, talking about Zika transmission and prevention of other mosquito-borne illnesses.

In other news, MPI Nicaragua welcomed a Lacrosse the Nations team from Washington and Lee University. The group supported programs and helped teach the community children a variety of techniques and drills, culminating in a Field Day.

Nicaragua Site Visits

You can see more photos here.

Welcome to MPI Ecuador’s New Country Director, Carolyn Engel

We are thrilled to welcome Carolyn Engel to the team! You can learn more about her passion for service, positive attitude and work experience in South America here.

A Line Out the Door for English Class Registration

The line for English class enrollment was out the door on Inscription Day in Rumiloma, Ecuador! MPI Ecuador’s community center offers five levels of English classes for adults and children throughout the week. More than 100 new students enrolled in classes, which start next week.

Meet Joseph, a student in English Level 3.

Wrapping Up Summer Camp in Ecuador

Two weeks of summer camp concluded in Rumiloma, Ecuador with students performing “You Are My Sunshine” for their parents! Campers’ highlights include:

- Classes: English, cooking, yoga, dancing
- Environmental learning: planting vegetables in the community center’s rooftop garden
- Field Day and a trip to Sangolqui's downtown soccer stadium

You can see the August photo album here.

Partnering with UN Peacekeepers

Incoming Program Directors were invited to an afternoon of volleyball and soccer with the UN Peacekeepers of Ecuador. Program Directors teach weekly English classes to the Peacekeepers, and occasionally have the privilege of participating in their practice scenarios.

Learn more about the Peacekeepers here.

Nicaraguan Youth Volunteer in Cedro Galán Clinic

Recent graduates of our Youth Medical Career Education program, called Generation, are now volunteering in the Cedro Galán Clinic. Students take vitals and help with patient intake and administrative duties. Volunteering in the clinic gives Generation grads clinical experience in their own community!

Learn more about the Generation program here.

Zika Virus Prevention Project Underway in Nicaragua

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Support Zika prevention with a donation.

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New Parent Resources Page

Is your child currently on site in Nicaragua or Ecuador? Do you have a son or daughter who is interested in volunteering with Manna Project? This page is for you! Learn more about the resources available here.

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