MPI Welcomes New Staff

Manna Project is thrilled to welcome Andronica Alston (pictured left) as our Director of Finance and Development. Andronica contributes fiscal management support and develops our capacity to create sustainable growth.

We are also excited to introduce our first long-time volunteer Dana Hanley (pictured center) who has been supporting the Nicaragua site for three years as a Program Director. Austin Fowler, our current Site Coordinator in Nicaragua, will be moving back to the U.S. this summer.

We are thankful for Austin's commitment to MPI's mission over the last two years and wish him the best as he transitions back to the States.

Dr. Karla Martinez (pictured right) joined Manna Project’s Villa Guadalupe Clinic team in April. As the Clinic’s Gynecologist, she provides access to women’s healthcare in the underserved community of Villa Guadalupe, Nicaragua.

Spring into Action

We have currently reached 28% of our goal of raising $20K to support children’s access to healthcare and education. Please consider helping us reach our goal by GIVING TODAY! Continue reading to learn about the impact your donation has.

ECUADOR UPDATES

Women’s Group Meeting Weekly

MPI Ecuador’s Women’s Group, Mujer Artesana, has started meeting every Tuesday to learn how to make handicrafts like bracelets and dream catchers. The group is under the leadership of Victoria Quiroz, who works part-time at the Group’s workshop. Participants learned about the opportunity through a teenage pregnancy shelter, Hogar de la Madre.

Community Comes Together to Clean during Rainy Season

The Ecuador site recently hosted a community ‘Minga’, or joining together of community members, to clean and re-organize the Library. Over 30 community members came to the Library on a Saturday morning to help revitalize the garden, as well as re-organize and clean areas that had been left dirty because of the rainy season.

New Library Furniture

The Library recently received new furniture and is now organized for better access and comfort. The new library is open from 9am-5pm and the Ecuador site is planning a ‘Thank you’ tea for donors who helped fund the new furniture.

NICARAGUA UPDATES

Community Health Promotion Graduation

The Nicaragua site recently graduated 6 of our women from the first Health Promotion Training Program. For the next three months, the graduates will be making home visits, organizing frequent health-related community forums, and conducting health education classes, as well as organizing frequent health-related community forums. Congratulations to our graduates!

Child Sponsorship Graduations

The Child Sponsorship program recently graduated 30 children. After closely tracking their progress, the nutritionist determined that the children were in a normal height/weight range for their age. Over the next month, all children enrolled in the Child Sponsorship program will graduate. Manna Project will be celebrating by inviting sponsors and recipients to a graduation dinner during the Child Sponsorship program’s 1,000 Days of Life – Infant to Toddler Graduation Celebration, which will include a celebration of the 1,000 Days of Life – Infant to Toddler Transition.

Program Director 5K Challenges

Following a successful Cedro Galán 5K fundraiser last month, Program Directors in Nicaragua have been completing the challenges they promised to fundraisers who helped them reach their goals. Participants are asked to run 5K in one go or in two 2.5K parts within the same day.

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