

Centro Médico la Amistad 2022 Annual Report

The clinic, which 3 of us from CT started in 2015, is located in the community of Monte de los Olivos, a small impoverished village in El Progreso, Honduras and is staffed by Hondurans, with oversight and funding from Christ the King Parish and Little Friends International. Our mission is to provide each person and their family with comprehensive, quality health care.



In order to start the clinic, we had to learn Honduran law, work with the leaders of Monte de los Olivos, hire staff and develop job descriptions for all of them. Our staff consists of 1 doctor, 1 nurse, a pharmacy tech, a lab tech, registrar and a coordinator. The clinic is open 2 days/week all year long and is providing excellent health care services to people of all ages, who came from 48 different villages in 2021.

Intravenous fluids, nebulizer treatments and wound care continue to be provided on a regular basis, as well as blood draws, which help our doctor provide better medical care. Our well stocked pharmacy provides medications, which many of the government run clinics are in short supply of. We are very grateful to Clinic Esperanza on the Bay Island of Roatan, who donates most of the medications and vitamins to us. The Diabetes management program, which began 3 years ago, is making a huge difference with better and more consistent care for people with Diabetes, who are now better educated about their illness. The Healthy Start program, which also began 3 years ago, is helping to monitor children's heights and weights on a regular basis and educating families about better nutrition.



2021 was another challenging year because of the continued Covid 19 pandemic that sometimes affected the number of patients, but thankfully, the clinic didn't have to close for any extended period as in 2020. Unfortunately, for the past 3 years, we have been unable to travel to visit the clinic in person, but we are blessed to have a fantastic team, who is very independent and works extremely well together. In 2022, 1709 people were seen: 537 males and 1172 females, including 482 children.



In 2022, through our parish,



we spent \$100 in general

supplies and \$16,005 in salaries. The majority of this amount comes from donations, but patients are charged a very small fee (the equivalent of \$2.00). No one is ever turned away if they are unable to pay. This fee covers any service they receive at the clinic, except lab work, which is an additional nominal fee. We received \$2390 in patient fees for 2022. Christ the King parishioners donated a generous amount of \$6913. Little Friends International pays the Lab Tech's salary, medication expenses and medication related supplies, like syringes, which amounted to \$ in 2022.

Donations for the clinic can be sent to Christ the King Social Action Committee, 84 Somerset St., Wethersfield, CT 06109 or to Little Friends International, 610 Monarch Way, Sebastian, FL 32956. Any amount will be most appreciated, so that we can continue this very important ministry!



Thank you very much for your
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