

Trip Report – Guatemala Nov 8-21, 2016
Participant: Anne Ruch, Sara Aja (Pharmacist)

I. Clinic building and property

Plumbing/sinks working well

Everything is really clean and organized

They will be moving the outdoor kitchen/cleaning area back a bit

Still to be done:

1. We need to send sinks/cabinets for exam rooms
2. Ismael needs to buy chiapadora and water drain spouts
3. Weed killer put on front stones

II. Hostal – Construction began the day after I got there. Camillo is once again doing the construction with his team. (plan attached)

1. 3 bedrooms (2 have bathrooms)
2. Will put outside latrines/showers
3. Expanded front porch (9 feet wide)

II. Medical

1. Jornadas in Santa Amelia, La Libertad, Casa Materna

1. About 250 paps done
2. 15 cryos done
3. 20 colposcopies
4. 8 LEEPS
5. Brought new book of Protocols and discussed with Mayra
6. Worked with Dra. Deysi – she has pretty limited experience. Orfe/Ismael think she is a distraction for Mayra and she sees very few patients so we will have her wait to work with us until she has more training.
7. INCAN and the hospitals in Peten are very happy to receive letters from us and then seen patients immediately
8. Boy with Hydrocephalus – I brought back films and gave them to Dr. Zakeri who thinks he has aqueductal stenosis – not much sense in bringing him here.
9. Need to send vitamins/albendazale – working on program with municipalities. They all wrote letters speaking of need. Working on getting these from Vitamin Angels.

III. Casa Materna

1. Had a day-long jornada there doing prenatal visits/paps and USN.
2. Not too many patients – they said they had no money to advertise but Orfe says they never asked her.
3. Lunch this time – just beans!
4. Eager to see Coral

V. Dr. Susanna and Concern America

1. Brought her the stains she had asked for. We spent a few hours at the clinic in Las Cruces. They were having a “continuing education Capitación)” program for the health promoters . They do labs including gram stains, TB tests, malaria tests, urine microscopy.

VI. Education Program

1. Seiner doing really well with the children
2. Sara Aja spent most of her time with the children showing educational videos about health issues, working with them individually, learning challenges with computer programs
3. I spent 2 afternoons with children trying to understand some difficulties with the programs. Explained to them how to go back to easier levels on Khan Academy. Overall, I was surprised at the levels they have achieved. One 7 year old is able to add fractions!

4. Each child made 3 Xmas card that we can send out.
5. 25 computers not working but for most, it is difficulty connecting to internet. Brought one home – will have Jim Skon look at it to see if it can be fixed and then I can fix others when I return.
6. Got photos of each child for sponsorship program for Roxanne
7. A few sponsors sent gifts – **We need to decide a policy on this**
8. Brought new head phones/backpacks

VII. Nutrition

They are eager for us to send more KAH food

VIII. Race

This was Orfe's plan – she spent a great deal of time at it. Very few participants (maybe 30) – they gave out a lot of prizes. Not sure any money was made

One girl got hit by a moto – broke her arm

IX. APROFAM

They came one morning and did 3 tubal ligations and 5 norplants. Pretty efficient and amazing.

Dr. Vega was in charge. He wants to set up a meeting between myself and their Director (Dr. Mario Lambour – maritos@hotmail.com) to see if there is a way we can find a place to do surgeries while there.

X. Attended graduation for Aura and Rossalin.

Mirena graduated first in her class. She presented us with a written request for support for her continuing education in teaching while working with us. We discussed this with Seiner who agreed that she could be a great helper for him. We agreed to try it for this first semester starting in January.

Rossalin also asked for help but she has had very poor attendance and has rarely helped when Orfe asked.

Aura has been a huge help to Orfe over the last five years. She is asking for help and we will pay her for

Aura's twin sister, Consuelo would also like help. She has a lot of experience/knowledge in bible teaching. Will teach the kids on Saturday mornings.

We are still paying Maria Franco \$50 per month for her schooling.