

AHUAS SPOTLIGHT

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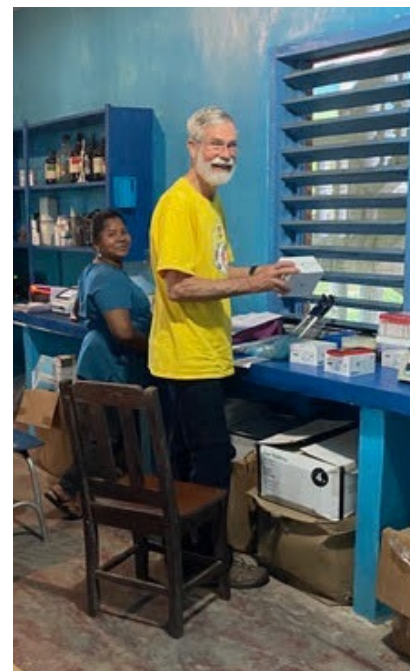
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“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.” Matt 25:35-36

PATIENT SPOTLIGHT



The Debt Jubilee Project: For the Healing of the World, which concluded on August 13th, has raised **over \$102,000** toward the forgiveness of medical debt here in the United States and in Ahuas, Honduras. **Jubilee!** We are aware of a few more donations that are on their way, so we will continue to update this total as we have more news to share.

Thanks to the generosity of so many, we will be sending about \$25,606.12 (25% of the total raised) to Ahuas, Honduras. The Board of World Mission is working with the staff at the Clínica Evangélica Morava to ensure a smooth transfer of funds and support the clinic staff as they manage these funds and communicate debt forgiveness to community members. The funds will be sent over several months in partial amounts on top of the regular monthly support sent to the clinic to cover operating costs, medical equipment, medicines, etc.



RCA GLOBAL MISSION PARTNERSHIP CONCLUDES

The Board of World Mission offers its gratitude to the Reformed Church in America (RCA) Global Mission team for its many years of dedicated support to the Ahuas Clinic. August 31st marked the completion of RCA Global Mission's direct partnership with the Clínica Evangélica Morava in Ahuas, Honduras. For the past several decades, RCA Global Mission has offered varying levels of financial support to the Ahuas Clinic and the Alas de Socorro flight ministry. RCA Global Mission leadership has worked closely with the Board of World Mission during the past five years to prepare for this transition in funding.

The more recent years of funding from RCA Global Mission have gone to directly support the salaries of doctors on staff at the clinic. Dr. Kenneth Serapio, who holds the distinction of being the first Miskito surgeon, has been supported by the Reformed Church in America for many years.

More generally, individual RCA congregations and members have supported and taken part in short-term mission teams. They have also offered strong financial support for medical programs, construction projects, husbandry programs, and other community development projects.

As this partnership concludes, we are grateful for all of the good work that the support of RCA Global Mission has accomplished in La Moskitia and we look forward to the continued, strong support of individuals and congregations within the RCA community - as well as the exploration of new partnership opportunities with RCA Global Mission.

HABITAT HOUSE SPOTLIGHT

Six families in La Moskitia have been blessed with new homes this year through the work of Habitat for Humanity, an organization that meets housing-related needs throughout the world. In order to maximize resources, the homes are built directly next to the partner families' old shelters so that they may continue to use the same kitchen, which is typically found in a separate covered shelter. The living space is upgraded from unsafe one-room wooden shelters to a safer cement structure divided into three rooms (two bedrooms and one small living room).

While the Moravian Church has little formal involvement with the project, the informal partnership between Habitat for Humanity and the Ahuas Clinic has existed for several years, with the clinic providing warehouse space for materials, assisting with the selection of partner families, and helping with financial management. Local Moravian Evenor Manzanares was asked to coordinate construction on the first project and has since become "the face of Habitat" in the area and the main contact for all recent home building efforts, helping with family selection and with the relationship with the clinic.

Partner families are selected based on greatest need, often being single mothers and their children. Partner families are expected to assist with construction as they are able – hauling sand and gravel and assisting the carpenters and masons. The carpenters and masons, as well as the coordinator Evenor, are paid for their work, which injects income into the local economy.

In March, a group of Board of World Mission staff and volunteers visited several of the homes, met the families, and assisted with the construction process. In May, brother Rick Nelson visited all of the homes and witnessed the signing of papers by a few of the new owners. We are grateful for the blessings that Habitat for Humanity provides by meeting the housing needs of some of La Moskitia's most vulnerable families.



**FAMILY RECEIVING THIS
HABITAT HOME**



WORK BEGINS



**EVENOR
MANZANARES**



Project Spotlight - Blessings Flow

Waterborne illnesses are a persistent issue in many of our global partner areas, due to contamination of local water sources. In some areas, like La Moskitia, this issue has been exacerbated by a recent increase of heavy rains and flooding. The Board of World Mission, in collaboration with church leaders in Honduras and a clean water organization called **One Atta Time**, is seeking to address the need for clean drinking water through our new Blessings Flow project, which was launched this spring in the villages of Tumtum Tara and Warunta, Honduras.

This project is particularly meaningful because, in an area where the church has been divided for nearly 25 years, this effort is intentionally led in collaboration with both sets of leadership of the Moravian Church in Honduras. They are working together to provide life-giving water to EVERY family in these communities, no matter what their connection is to the Moravian Church.

As of September, we have distributed 159 filters in Tumtum Tara with 44 additional filters en route. We have completed the census and initial clinic in Warunta with plans to distribute water filters there later this fall. We hope to expand to five total communities in La Moskitia in the first stage of the project while working to identify and equip local leaders to administer future expansion. There are roughly 100 villages in La Moskitia, all of which have a need for a clean water intervention like the Blessings Flow project.



You're Providing Life-Sustaining **CLEAN** Water

The first step of the intervention in each community is to take an initial census of the population, assess water quality and determine the prevalence of waterborne illnesses. (In Tumtum Tara, 100% of families reported symptoms of waterborne illness within the past two weeks and 20% of families had missed school or work due to their illness). We then offer a clinic to address any existing waterborne illnesses, before distributing water filters (a five-gallon bucket and a simple filtration system) to each household and training community members on how to use the filters effectively. Finally, we conduct a post-intervention assessment of the project.

We are extremely grateful to the Moravian Ministries Foundation for walking alongside the Blessings Flow project through a generous grant of \$25,000, which will allow us to provide filters for about 500 families, or 2-3 villages! We are also grateful to our senior high campers at Mt. Morris, Tar Hollow, and Camp Hope for assembling 750 water filters, which are now ready for distribution in Honduras. This effort is truly made possible through the joint efforts of Moravians worldwide. Thank You!



Water Filter Assembly



Senior high campers at Mt. Morris, Tar Hollow, and Camp Hope assembled 750 water filters.



PARTNER SPOTLIGHT: WINGS OF BLESSING



Alas de Socorro

Alas de Socorro (Spanish for "Wings of Relief" or "Wings of Rescue") is the name of the long-running flight ministry that helped carry patients in need from distant communities to the Ahuas Clinic. The Alas de Socorro (ADS) flight ministry experienced many staffing and financial challenges in recent years. After exploration of several partnerships in an effort to get its plane flying again, the board of directors of ADS has reached a preliminary agreement with an organization called "Wings of Blessing."

As a part of the agreement, ADS would sell the plane to Wings of Blessing so that they would be able to bring it to the U.S. for much-needed repairs. The goal of Wings of Blessing is to purchase the plane and restore it via donations solicited from their organization's donors in the United States. Then, return it to service in Honduras as a part of the vital Alas de Socorro aviation ministry to the people of the La Moskitia region of Honduras.

The repairs for the Cessna 206 plane are expected to be around \$90,000, well beyond the resources of the current ADS board. This partnership will bring much-needed expertise and resources to help get an ADS plane flying again in La Moskitia!

A webpage outlining more about this project can be found here:

wingsofblessing.org/special-projects

WAYS YOU CAN HELP

Financially

U.S. Donation Information: Mail donations to: Board of World Mission, 1021 Center Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018. You may also make your donation online. Click the green "Give" button at the top of the page. Please indicate that your gift is for "Ahuas Clinic."

<https://www.moravian.org/mission/give/>

Canada Donation Information: Mail donations to: Moravian Church in Canada, 600 Acadia Drive SE, Calgary, AB T2J 0B8. Interac e-Transfer donations may be sent to treasurer@moravian.ca. In the comments section, mark the donations as "Ahuas Clinic" and include your name and address to receive a tax receipt.

Be sure to specify that your donation go to the Ahuas clinic, infant feeding program, or a "second mile project" at the clinic. You can now set up online giving to be recurring.

Mission team - *Serve with us*

Join a mission team that is now forming to serve at the clinic. God will use whatever skills you bring. Please contact one of the Ahuas committee for more information.

Contact Information - *Ahuas Committee*

The Ahuas Committee is committed to being a bridge to help resource the life giving and life saving ministry at the Ahuas Clinic. Please feel free to contact any member of the committee if you would like more information on ways to serve or support this mission.

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"For I was sick and you looked after me"

Matt 25:36