



Works with rural and impoverished communities in Honduras as they seek to improve health and access to health care.

Team 66, and more! and more!

This April, volunteers from [Missoula Medical Aid Team 66](#) set up general medical clinics in five rural communities around La Esperanza, Honduras. I've been on almost fifty of these teams, and it's always a pleasure to watch how our volunteers come together -- often in a schoolhouse at the far end of a steep mountain road -- and work as a team, organizing supplies, and collaborating with our Honduran colleagues.

Our clinics attend more than 120 patients a day -- many of whom have walked miles, with their children, to be seen. And because logistics often limit what our clinics can offer, we leave medicine and funds with our Honduran partners to cover follow-up care for our most ill patients.

But our health and development work goes far beyond our one- or two-week medical teams. (*See the stories below!*)

Your donations leverage not only *many hundreds of MMA volunteer hours, but many thousands of dollars worth of our Honduran partners' expertise, and infrastructure.*

Your generosity helps our volunteers and our partners do what they do -- and do more of it.

–David Cates, Executive Director, [Missoula Medical Aid](#)



**PRODIM-BETHEL,
Siguatepeque**

We partner with a private pre-school and after-school drop-in center in Siguatepeque that helps feed almost a hundred students from poor families for just \$11.50 a month per child. The school provides the teachers, the space, the cooks, and the medical care for these kids. Your donations buy food.



**JUANA MARÍA AGUILAR, Las
Hermanitas Bakery, Cofradía**

Seven years ago Juana started a bakery to supplement the family income to provide for her daughters' school expenses. She received business training from her county government, and help from Missoula Medical Aid to buy a mixer, baking supplies, and a display case. Her sales have been so successful that she currently earns as much as her husband's full-time job as a mason.



**ALEJANDRO MANUELES
HERNÁNDEZ, Cofradía**



**THE LA ESPERANZA LIONS CLUB
DENTAL AND EYE CLINICS**

Alejandro received training in carpentry and furniture-making from a Honduran program that teaches trades to rural Hondurans. He got some necessary tools from Missoula Medical Aid, such as this electric planer. He now makes tables and chairs that he sells directly from his shop.



ALEXA NINEL GARCÍA, 19-years-old, nursing student, Llano de la Virgen

Alexa is one of four students who receive MMA nursing scholarships each year. She's in her second year of training, doing her practicum at the La Esperanza hospital. Her mom is on the cleaning crew at a local health center, and her dad works reception at the Hotel Mina. She tells us she loves working at the hospital, and that nursing there has been her dream.

In this three-way partnership, Missoula Medical Aid pays the part-time salary of a Honduran dentist and optometrist, the government of Honduras pays for a dental intern, and the La Esperanza Lions Club manages and supplies a clinic that serves thousands of low-income patients every year.



RURAL GENERAL BRIGADE, La Esperanza -- Team 66, April, 2024

Team 66, left to right, Nola Levison, PT, Adriana Cardoso, interpreter, Kelsey Bock, PA, Mary O'Connell, PT, Sara Heineman, NP, and David Cates, MMA director and interpreter. (Missing from the picture are Doris Martínez, MMA Honduran Operations Manager and interpreter, and Mireya Ruiz, interpreter.)



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**SANTA MARÍA DE DULCE
NOMBRE, Togopala**

This group of eight women received some business training from their county government, and have been working together for five years. They rent land, grow and sell potatoes, and recently started a corn milling business. Missoula Medical Aid helped them with a grant for their mill shed roof, and electrical installation.



**THE BUENA FE
GROUP, Cofradía**

**This group of 31
farmers manages**



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Some of their tomato

and maintains an irrigation system that has turned a rocky mountainside into a garden for beans, corn, taro, plantains, green peppers, tomatoes....

parcels produce up to 1000 pounds of tomatoes a week. Missoula Medical Aid helped them with, among other things, fertilizers, and parts for their irrigation system.

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