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Thank you for sharing in our work this month. We welcome [your feedback](#)!



The Villa Guadalupe Clinic is Growing!

Can you imagine what it would be like to go to the doctor, only to find 2,699 people waiting in line ahead of you? In Nicaragua, where only 1 doctor exists for every 2,700 people, this scenario isn't far from reality. But Clínica Medica MPI is working to change the odds in Villa Guadalupe, where:

- Cervical cancer is the leading cause of death in women over 30
- Adolescent pregnancies account for 1 in 4 births; the clinic's youngest pregnant patient was just 11 years old
- 100% of children have parasitic infections leading to impaired absorption of nutrients and decreased immune function
- Childhood mortality is the second highest in Central America
- Most women have no access to obstetric ultrasounds or prenatal care

The clinic is expanding to meet the heavy demand for medical services, and we hope to begin building a new facility in the coming year. As the primary healthcare provider for a population of 10,500, Clínica Medica MPI needs your support.

What can you do? For the price of a cup of coffee, you can provide 300 hydration treatments to stop diarrheal disease, the second leading cause of childhood death in the world. For the price of a dinner out, you can provide an ultrasound exam, prenatal vitamins and consultation with a doctor for a first-time mom. Together we are making a difference - [please give today!](#)

GIVE TO THE CLINIC

Water Therapy for Special Needs Children in Ecuador



Program Directors Alex, Amanda and Kelsey at therapy

MPI Ecuador partners with a local organization, Antorcha de la Vida, to provide resources and therapy for families of children with special needs. Program Directors have the opportunity to support therapeutic programs, including water therapy. The children always greet Program Directors with great excitement!

Sponsor a Player in the Lacrosse the Nations Cup



Teams Hope and Chiqui will compete on November 24th

Students in Cedro Galán, Nicaragua are preparing for the third annual Lacrosse the Nations Cup! On November 24th, 60 students will compete to raise \$6,000 benefitting their school's nutrition programs and community health clinic. You can join the team - [sponsor a player](#) today!

Reaching Rumiloma Students Through Soccer Clinic



In Ecuador, few sports programs exist for girls. MPI Ecuador held warm-ups and a weekly kickaround for both boys and girls in preparation for an upcoming tournament later this month. We are building a core group of students to kick off a soccer program in partnership with the local league. Fútbol is a beloved sport in Ecuador, and the sport has the power to engage everyone! [See photos -->](#)

Walmart Supports Women's Empowerment



Country Director Christina Palazzo and Walmart Leaders

Walmart held a [third press conference](#) featuring its grant to the COOSMECH women's jewelry cooperative. Women from the cooperative shared their incredible stories and showcased new product designs from the Camino Nuevo jewelry line. Walmart awarded the cooperative its third and final grant disbursement for capacity building, expansion and other cooperative needs.

Midterm Celebration



Test time is over!

It's midterm time at the Manna Centro! We celebrated the end of exams with Colada Morada, a traditional hot berry drink, and Guaguas de Pan, a decorated bread pastry.

You can see pictures from [the celebration and Halloween party here](#).

USF Health Team Treats 250+



The USF team with MPI staff

The USF Health team spent a week offering specialized care for patients in Cedro Galán, Nicaragua. This partnership allows for continued success in our primary care clinic, and 250+ patients treated in one week alone!

You can read [Shanelle's blog here](#).

Annual Board Retreat

MPI's Board met in Washington, D.C. for a weekend of planning and review. Thank you so much to our Board - [you can meet them here](#).

Photo Tour of Sangolqui

Ever wondered what it's like to live in Ecuador? Follow the footsteps of Senior Program Director Carley Clement [to find out!](#)

Reminder: [Summer Internship Applications](#) are Due November 15th!

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