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Since April 18th in Nicaragua, 309 have been killed and more than 2,000 have been injured. The majority of those killed have been youth. Looting, arson, and increased crime have affected all major cities in Nicaragua. The current crisis has had strong economic implications and many community members have seen their income reduced due to job layoffs and the inability to report to work as a result of travel difficulties. Continued access to health care is crucial for residents during this crisis who otherwise would have no viable options to seek care.

Thanks to Manna Project, residents of Nicaragua can still access critical health services. Our two clinics in Cedro Galán and Villa Guadalupe have remained open throughout the recent protests and will continue to provide high-quality, affordable health care to our community members. Our dedicated local staff works every day to provide essential health care. We also continue to collaborate with local partner organizations to provide family planning services, lab exams, and health education.

For less than a dollar, our patients receive a high-quality medical consultation and any prescribed medications.

Thank you for those who have helped us raise \$13,000, which will fully fund 6 weeks of expenses at both clinics. Your financial support is vital to ensuring ongoing patient consults and treatment, along with the salaries of on-site staff. The need in Nicaragua is still great, so please consider aiding our clinics and donating below! We are forever grateful for you!

AID OUR CLINICS!

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Women in the Workplace



Our Women in the Workplace event was a huge success! We would like to give a huge thank you to all of the inspiring speakers who discussed very important topics. Over 20 women traveled from The Valley to participate in the event and learn more about writing a strong resumé, learning how to deal with harassment in the workplace, along with many other lessons and best practices. Participants were also given the opportunity to take professional head shots to use for employment sites like LinkedIn. These women will be able to take the lessons learned in this workshop and implement them into their own lives.

Babies on Board!



This month, the final pregnant mother from the first group of participants enrolled in the 1,000 Days of Difference program gave birth! We now have 18 healthy babies in the program (7 girls and 11 boys) and could not be more excited to watch them develop over the next two years. Now that all of the babies are here, program staff will be focusing on postnatal care, breastfeeding support, complementary feeding practice education, and family planning services.

Summer Interns Visit the Cloud Forest



This month we welcomed 10 new second session summer interns and they spent their first weekend in Ecuador exploring the Cloud Forest of Mindo! The weekend was spent hiking to several different waterfalls, tubing, and chocolate tasting. It was an awesome, activity-filled weekend and a great opportunity for everyone to get to know each other. We are looking forward to seeing what the next month will be like for this hardworking group! To volunteer with Manna Project, [visit here](#).

Aid our Clinics!



We are beyond grateful for the generous support we have already received through the Aid our Clinics campaign, but the need is still great. As civil unrest and violence continue throughout Nicaragua, the services provided by our clinics are more vital than ever. A donation of any size will be a huge help in allowing us to continue to offer medical care to our communities. Even just \$10 will provide a month supply of prenatal vitamins for 4 expectant mothers. Please consider making a donation today! [To support our health clinics during this critical time, please donate here!](#)

Goodbye to our Senior Program Director, Hunter!



After two years with Manna Project our amazing Senior Program Director, Hunter, will be heading back to the states. She will be attending graduate school in the fall for Public Health, and we wish her success in all of her future endeavors! Community members came out to her despedida to say their goodbyes and thank Hunter for all that she's done during the past two years. Thank you so much for everything, Hunter! You will be truly missed and will always have a home here at Manna!

Staff Spotlight: Selma Granados, Nurse



This month we would like to highlight one of our amazing local staff members, Nurse Selma Granados. Selma has been part of the MPI team for five years, working as a nurse in both of our community clinics and our 1,000 Days of Difference program. With over 30 years of experience, Selma is a huge asset to our programs and widely trusted in our communities. She was first drawn to nursing by her love of helping others and feels that working with Manna Project has given her a chance to reach those most in need. We are so grateful for everything she does!



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