

# HEALTH TALENTS INTERNATIONAL ANNUAL REPORT 2022



October 27-28,  
2023  
Nashville, TN

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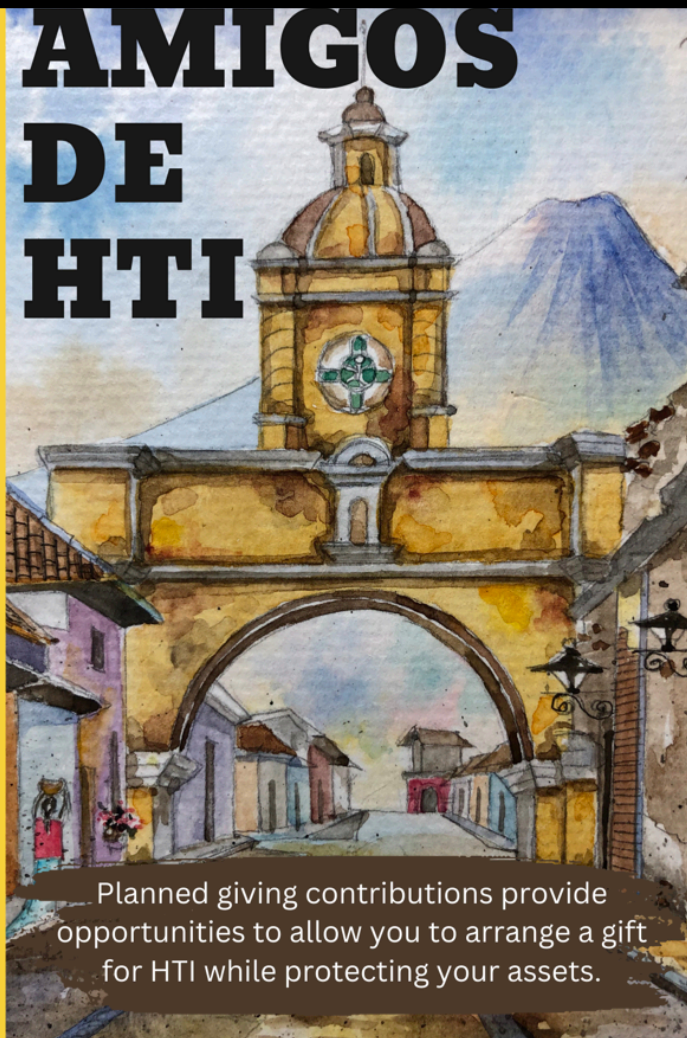
Amigos de HTI was created for two purposes.

- To recognize our friends who have chosen to include Health Talents in their estate plans
- To encourage others to do the same.

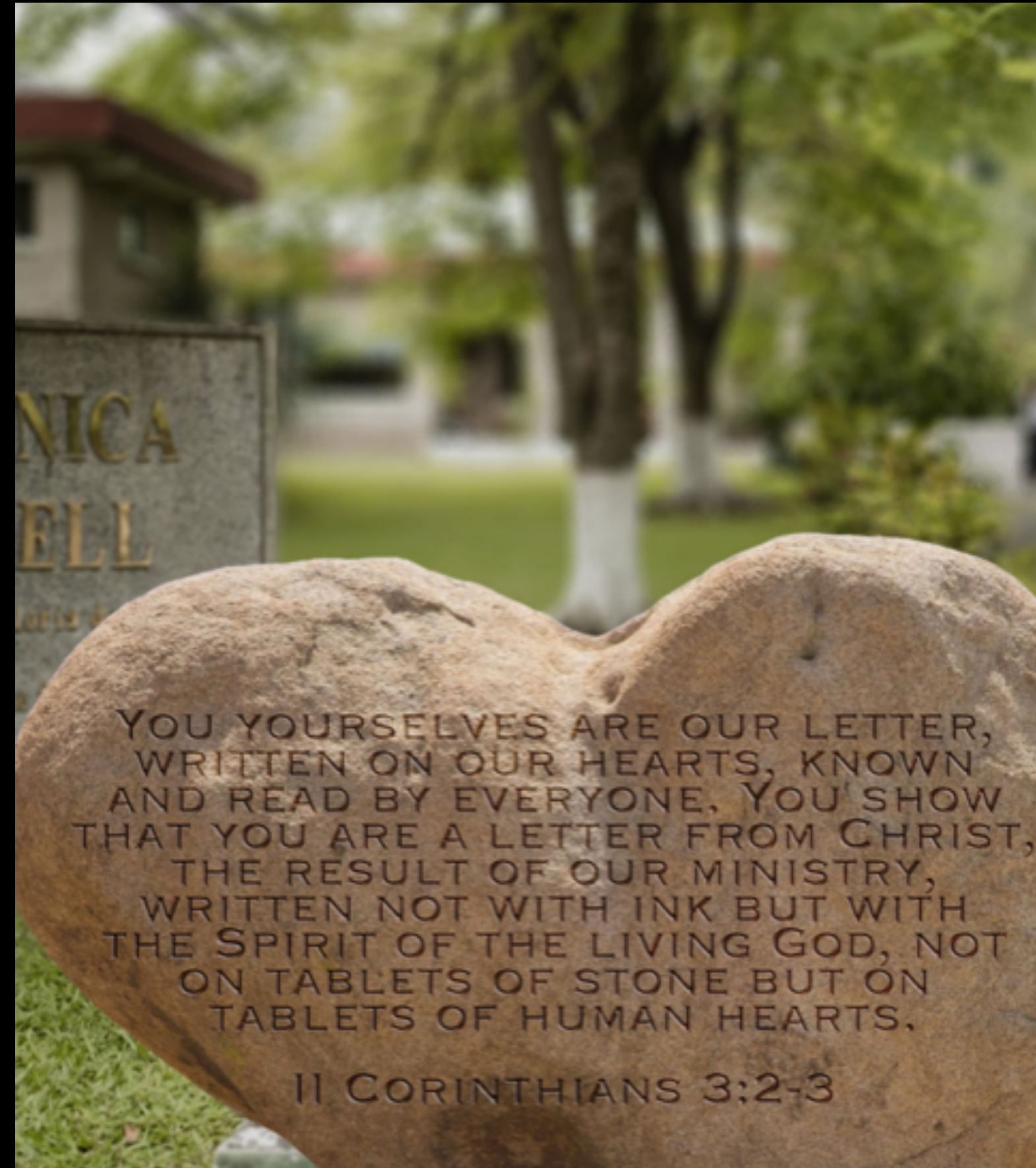
If you would like to know more about blessing HTI in your estate plans, please text, call or email.

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## AMIGOS DE HTI



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YOU YOURSELVES ARE OUR LETTER,  
WRITTEN ON OUR HEARTS, KNOWN  
AND READ BY EVERYONE. YOU SHOW  
THAT YOU ARE A LETTER FROM CHRIST,  
THE RESULT OF OUR MINISTRY,  
WRITTEN NOT WITH INK BUT WITH  
THE SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD, NOT  
ON TABLETS OF STONE BUT ON  
TABLETS OF HUMAN HEARTS.

II CORINTHIANS 3:2-3



## You Are Our Letter...

2 Corinthians 3:2a

by Rick Harper

Was it presumptuous or bold for the apostle Paul to declare to the Corinthian church in 2 Corinthians 3:2, "you are our letter?"

Goodness knows, the brothers and sisters in Corinth had their share of issues and are seldom held up as paragons of virtue. They are more often the subject of derision, a cautionary tale of divisions we must avoid.

Or was it humility?

The key to answering that question is found a few verses earlier, 1 Corinthians 1:31. "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord" and 1 Corinthians 1:30. "It is due to Him, (God) that you are in Christ Jesus."

Therefore, I humbly and boldly say, "you are indeed our letter, written in our hearts!"

Not because of any great thing Health Talents has done, at best we provided you with an opportunity. We are a God-shaped, Word-fed, Spirit-led ministry designed for you, designed to grow God's kingdom!

- It is God who gave you a burden for those who are hurting and lost.
- "It is God who is at work in you both to will and work for His good pleasure." Phil. 2:13
- It is God who has gifted you with your unique skills.
- It is His Spirit that has filled you and blessed you with spiritual gifts.

If you joined us in 2022, we are bragging on you. If you will join us in 2023, we look forward to reading your new letter, maybe a chapter. Come as an open book...come let us love you, come let us serve with you.

## The Word - Writing on Human Hearts

2Corinthians 3:3b  
Bode Teague



When asked to speak to a group and share what Health Talents is and does, we typically speak to the holistic approach to Kingdom growth. Jesus provided us the example of healing not just the physical, but the spiritual, emotional, and social aspect of our being.

The response I feel when sharing this approach is always the same, it speaks to the inner spirit of believers, and they can relate to this type of healing. All of us can relate to some degree in that we were all lost and marked for death, but Jesus has offered us a way to Him, a way out of our

transgressions and into His heart. A salvation that can only be found in Him and through Him, The Word.

The word on the streets of Guatemala, especially in and around our clinics is that Jesus works there. This Word has been written on the hearts of all who have had their lives transformed. Now, they share the "good news" to those who need healing. This Word was written by all who served our patients by being the hands and the feet of Jesus. The Word is an impression left on the hearts of our patients and passed on to those in need.



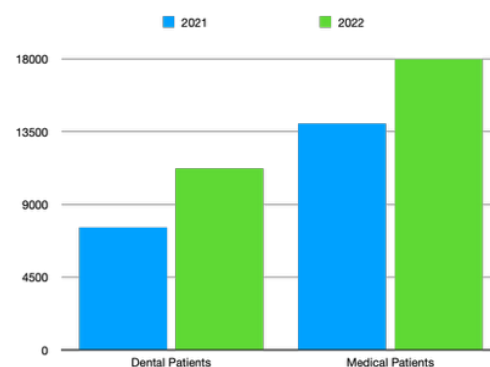
When a patient has been told by a healed friend where his healing came from, this patient then goes to The Healer, The Word, for their own healing. Healing is not only found for physical ailments, but the patient finds true healing when shown who the True Healer is, The Word.



Many volunteers who come to serve, report that they leave with a feeling of being served. We always leave better, or more complete than when we came. Most of the time we are receiving healing in the same way our patients are. Our physical bodies find peace and rest, our spirits find renewal and rejuvenation, and our social and emotional bodies find renewed restoration and

repair. It's almost like the healer finds healing and the healed become the healers.

The Word is written on our hearts for the purpose of restoring one another and finding healing in many forms. When we share what is on our hearts, we find that it not only heals those with whom we share, but it also heals us from within.



**IN FACT:**  
11,225 dental patients were served in 2022  
17,973 medical patients were served in 2022

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ABC and Prenatal Information:



Scholarship Information:



# You Are A Letter Of Christ

2 Corinthians 3:3

Rick Harper

The lyrics to the song, "I Stand In Awe" by Mark Altrogee begins with the line, "You are beautiful beyond description, too marvelous for words. Too wonderful for comprehension....," and leads into the chorus with this phrase. "And I stand, I stand in awe of You."

Praise to our holy God is the intent of this beautiful, powerful song. And yet, I find myself in awe of you, our volunteers and supporters!

To think that you are **a** letter of Christ, that you are **our** letter, Health Talents letter, leaves me without adequate words. Much like the songwriter of this hymn, I find **you** too marvelous for words.

Humility comes to mind, as does inspired; honored, certainly, indebted, without a doubt!

My feelings can be summed up using two words, responsibility and gratitude. (Though I am using more to elaborate.)

Responsibility because God has entrusted all of us with the sharing of the gospel message; to go into the world, to make disciples, to baptize and to teach. (Matt. 28:19, 20) Responsibility because you have entrusted me with your financial gifts, your children, your safety, your spouse and in many cases, your dreams. Responsibility because our Board of Directors has deemed me worthy to serve for almost twenty years as their Executive Director or US Missions Director.

Gratitude because you have allowed me to love you, to call you friends, to call you brothers and sisters in Christ. Gratitude because you have graciously answered my call, the call to volunteer, the call to pray, the call to provide the financial support needed to carry out our mission, our ministry. Gratitude because you have been there and I am confident you will be there tomorrow.

You are, indeed, beautiful beyond description, too marvelous for words and too wonderful for comprehension. I should not be surprised, after all, you are a letter of Christ.

I humbly stand in awe of our Holy God...and you!



## ...WRITTEN ON OUR HEARTS

2 Corinthians 3:3b

by Marie Agee

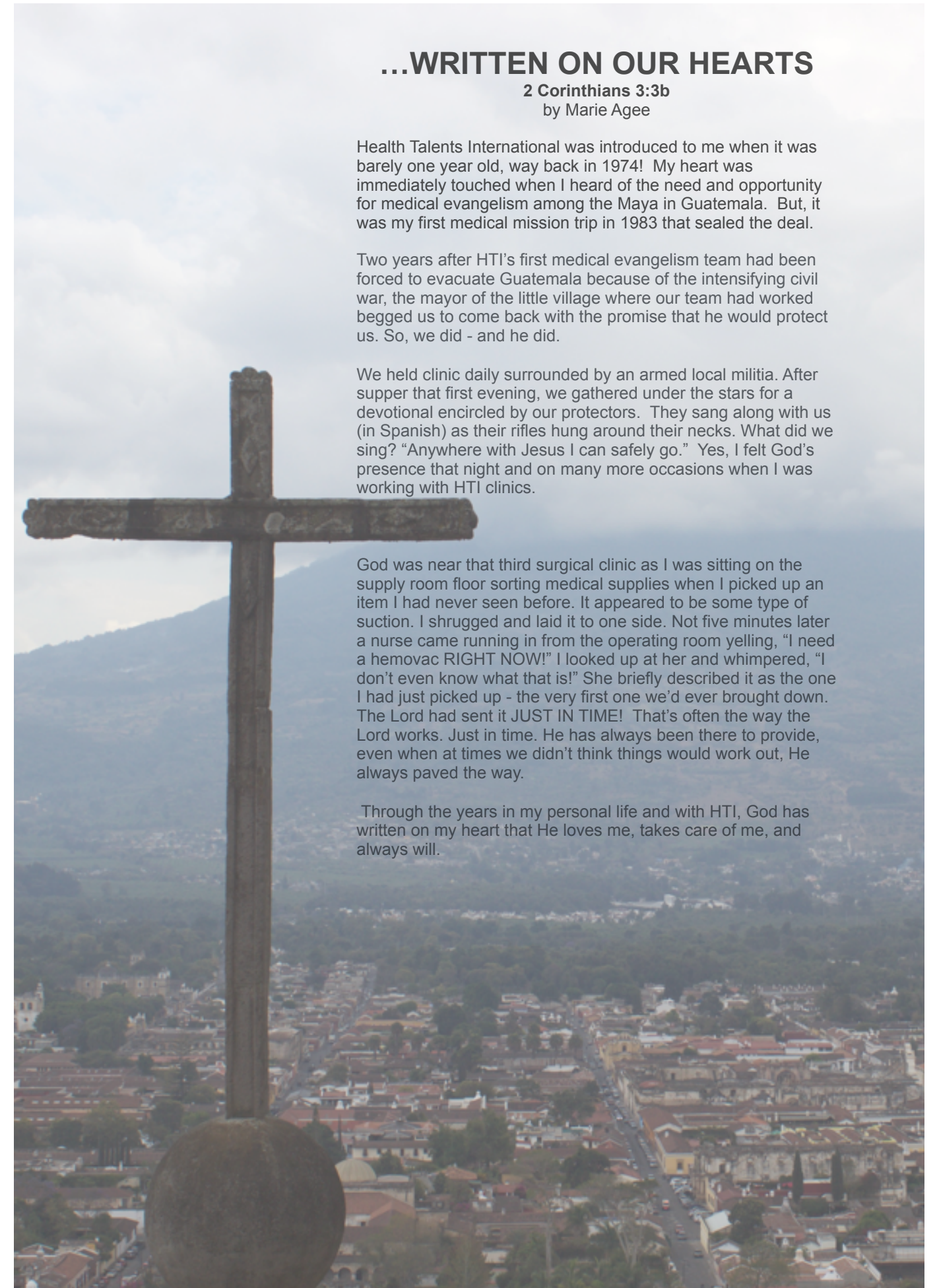
Health Talents International was introduced to me when it was barely one year old, way back in 1974! My heart was immediately touched when I heard of the need and opportunity for medical evangelism among the Maya in Guatemala. But, it was my first medical mission trip in 1983 that sealed the deal.

Two years after HTI's first medical evangelism team had been forced to evacuate Guatemala because of the intensifying civil war, the mayor of the little village where our team had worked begged us to come back with the promise that he would protect us. So, we did - and he did.

We held clinic daily surrounded by an armed local militia. After supper that first evening, we gathered under the stars for a devotional encircled by our protectors. They sang along with us (in Spanish) as their rifles hung around their necks. What did we sing? "Anywhere with Jesus I can safely go." Yes, I felt God's presence that night and on many more occasions when I was working with HTI clinics.

God was near that third surgical clinic as I was sitting on the supply room floor sorting medical supplies when I picked up an item I had never seen before. It appeared to be some type of suction. I shrugged and laid it to one side. Not five minutes later a nurse came running in from the operating room yelling, "I need a hemovac RIGHT NOW!" I looked up at her and whimpered, "I don't even know what that is!" She briefly described it as the one I had just picked up - the very first one we'd ever brought down. The Lord had sent it JUST IN TIME! That's often the way the Lord works. Just in time. He has always been there to provide, even when at times we didn't think things would work out, He always paved the way.

Through the years in my personal life and with HTI, God has written on my heart that He loves me, takes care of me, and always will.





## ...Known and Read By Everyone

2 Corinthians 3:2c

by Rick Harper

Jesus said it first, "whatever you did for the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me," Dr. Benny Cleveland, referenced this scripture when answering the question, "what has the Spirit of the living God written on your heart through your work with Health Talents?"

Jesus said, "whatever you did...you did for me." Health Talents says, "whatever you did, whatever you do, you are writing our letter to the people of Guatemala."



- ✓ That heartbeat you listened to with your stethoscope...a **letter**.
- ✓ The child you led by the hand to see the doctor...a **letter**.
- ✓ The ABC child you support, the check you write, the smile you share...all **letters**.
- ✓ That early morning flight, long bus ride...a **letter** and the reason those we serve refer to Clinica Ezell as a place where God works!

So, what is the message known and ready by all people, what do we want our letter to say?

**"Jesus, we did it for you!"**

To all who write the letter that is Health Talents, your writing is in our hearts. Your letter is a masterpiece and the ink? Well, that is the Spirit of the living God. No wonder it looks so good!



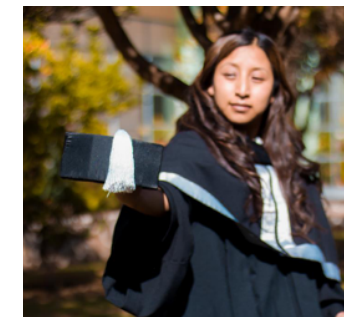
**ABC UPDATE**  
760 Sponsored Children  
11 Un-sponsored Children

**PRENATAL PROGRAM**  
23 Sponsored Moms



**2023 SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE**  
**28 STUDENTS**  
**\$61,500 Projected**

**Scholars:**  
9 Bates  
4 BMS Nursing  
15 Sherman



Pictured is scholarship recipient Brenda Amelia Yacon Yacon in her graduation with a degree of Licenciatura de Enfermeria Profesional from the University of San Carlos. Brenda, a former ABC student, is our first scholarship student to graduate with this title. She is a poster child for our long term efforts in Guatemala.

*Our 2021 audited financial report reflects a year of preparation and construction, a year without any surgical teams and only a few mobile medical/dental teams. Thanks to you, our generous donors, Health Talents has never gone into debt to fund any programs. Our Cross Walk campaign and fundraising initiatives have yielded sufficient funds to complete and equip our post-surgical operations wing, and in 2022 our bio-hazard containment room.*

*Next on the list will be a full-scale lab in 2023, a new requirement from the Guatemala Ministry of Health and licensing board.*

*As a ministry, we are healthy; as your ministry team...we are grateful.*

2021 Donor Revenue	
ABC Program	\$330,843
Mission Trips	\$44,988
Churches, Foundations & Other	\$433,691
Individuals	\$1,063,038
Board	\$169,887
<b>Total income</b>	<b>\$2,042,447</b>

