



## The Touch of Compassion... Medical Evangelism

Pain and suffering have always been a part of our world, but the media brought them into our living rooms. We can no longer pretend they don't exist. Looking into the eyes of those who are suffering makes us want to help. Through medical evangelism we can. We can offer a healing touch...in the name of Jesus, sharing some of the many blessings we've received with others who need them so badly. Through medical evangelism we can *"lift up Jesus"* and say *"The kingdom of God has come near to you."*

Health Talents began its holistic medical evangelism ministry in 1973 and today the ministry is centered in Guatemala. The staff is largely comprised of Guatemalan Christians who operate primary care clinics in conjunction with area Churches of Christ. Members of these churches assist the medical staff and seek to provide whatever additional help is needed, be it physical, economic, emotional or spiritual.

Because the patient load was often overwhelming, in 1990 Health Talents began bringing North American medical/dental teams into Guatemala to supplement the daily clinics.



In addition to the primary care clinics, HTI expanded its program in Guatemala in 1993 to include surgical clinics. Since the clinics began, thousands of people, including men, women and children have received surgical care for hernia repair, hysterectomy, cleft palate repair and cataract surgery among others. In 2002, we dedicated a brand new modern facility called Clinica Ezell. It consists of three surgical suites, a 50-bed ward, clinical exam rooms, pharmacy, laboratory, diagnostic room, and five chair dental clinic as well as a dormitory to house visiting teams.

In 2006, HTI dedicated Clinica Caris in the town of Lemoa located in the department of Quiche in the picturesque Guatemalan highlands. Clinica Caris is the base clinic for the highland work and consists of clinic exam rooms, pharmacy, community development room, and a two unit dental clinic.

**WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US.**

## Opportunities for Service

### Mobile Medical & Dental Teams

HTI currently sponsors two mobile medical and dental teams a year to Central America, with one team going to Guatemala and one to Nicaragua. We invite family practice physicians and dentists to participate in these mobile medical clinics. Participating doctors and dentists have treated literally thousands of people through these clinics. They also identify people who need surgery.

Patients come with parasites, malaria, respiratory infections, diarrhea, machete cuts, malnutrition, and many other ailments. As they treat them, the doctors and nurses become the *"hands of the Father."*

### Surgical Clinics

HTI sponsors various surgical clinics each year, including ENT, general surgery, gynecological, ophthalmology, orthopedic, plastic and urology. Most of the general surgery cases include hernia repair, cyst removal, and laparoscopic gall bladder surgery.



The GYN cases mainly consist of hysterectomies for prolapsed uteri or cyst removal. Most of the plastic surgery is cleft palate repair.

Health Talents is a registered non-profit organization in Guatemala. All HTI-sponsored clinics receive official approval by the appropriate governmental body.

## Who Is Needed?

### Mobile Medical/Dental Teams

Physicians of all types willing to provide primary care, dentists, nurses, pharmacists, dental hygienists, medical technologists, translators, ministers, and support personnel.

### Surgical Teams

General surgeons, gynecologists, plastic surgeons, ENT's, ophthalmologist, urologist, orthopedic surgeons, anesthesiologists and nurse anesthetists, nurses of all types and surgical techs. Non-medical people are also welcome to come and serve as support personnel.

Health Talents is always looking for new churches interested in hearing more about our work in medical evangelism. If your church is looking for a mission to support please contact Rick Harper at [htirick@aol.com](mailto:htirick@aol.com) for more information about involving your church family in our work.

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## Participation is Easy!

If God has placed a burden on your heart for those who will be blessed by your service and if you are willing to give of your time, talent and resources please select a date from the calendar below and go online to our website [www.healthtalents.org](http://www.healthtalents.org) and complete a Trip Form.

## 2017/2018 Schedule

HTI is a non-profit organization committed to promoting medical evangelism. Team size ranges from 25-55 people. The trips last about a week. Cost of the trip is a trip fee of \$650 for Guatemala and \$900 for Nicaragua, plus the cost of the flight. The trip fee covers meals, lodging, in-country transportation, all taxes and fees, and emergency medical evacuation insurance. Our usual departure point from the U.S. is Houston. Please contact Julie Obregón at: [juliecarmen@gmail.com](mailto:juliecarmen@gmail.com) for more information.

### 2017 Mobile/Surgical Dates

1/14-21 Guat General/GYN Surgery  
 1/26-2/1 Nica Mobile Medical/Dental  
 2/11-19 Guat GYN/Plastic Surgery  
 3/11-18 Guat Eye/Ortho Surgery  
 3/25-4/1 Guat General/GYN Surgery  
 5/6-13 Guat General/Urology Surgery  
 6/3-10 Guat ENT/General/GYN Surgery  
 7/15-22 Guat Eye/General Surgery  
 8/5-12 Guat Plastic/General Surgery  
 9/2-9 Guat General/GYN Surgery  
 9/20-25 Guat Mobile Medical Dental  
 10/7-14 Guat General/GYN Surgery  
 11/11-18 Guat Eye/General Surgery

### 2018 Mobile/Surgical Dates

1/13-20 Guat General/GYN Surgery  
 1/25-31 Nica Mobile Medical/Dental  
 2/10-18 Guat GYN/Plastic Surgery  
 3/10-17 Guat Eye/Ortho Surgery  
 4/14-21 Guat General/GYN Surgery  
 5/5-12 Guat General/Urology Surgery  
 6/2-9 Guat ENT/General/GYN Surgery  
 7/7-14 Guat Eye/General Surgery  
 8/4-11 Guat Plastic/General Surgery  
 9/1-8 Guat General/GYN Surgery  
 9/19-24 Guat Mobile Medical Dental  
 10/6-13 Guat General/GYN Surgery  
 11/10-17 Guat Eye/General Surgery

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