



## 40 Anniversary edition: Where We've Been, Where We're Going

snippets from those with mud on their boots in Guatemala



### ABC NEWS: DID YOU KNOW?

- ABC is in 39 communities
- adding 2 next year
- 442 families enrolled
- 755 children enrolled
- 50 awaiting patrons



Pictured is Dr. Robert Lamb modeling the apron made by his ABC child's mother. "Katy Gonzales is 12 and we have supported her for 7 years. She is more educated than her parents. When I saw Katy this year, she recited all the books of the Old Testament and her favorite Bible verse!

### EVANGELISM NEWS:

This year, with the addition of Dr. Nehemias, we have been able to reach new areas where our ministry has grown stronger. With the opening of these new clinics we have the opportunity to take the Word to approximately 200 people on the coast each day. In addition we are able to take the Word into many homes after clinics are over. We have been working with two goals. One is to establish churches in areas where there are none, and the other is to see growth in the churches that already exist. I am working with the teens in San Andres Villaseca, a group of about 50 who are studying about personal evangelism.

**Baldemar Ruiz Alvarado, Evangelist**



# Guat's up in the highlands?

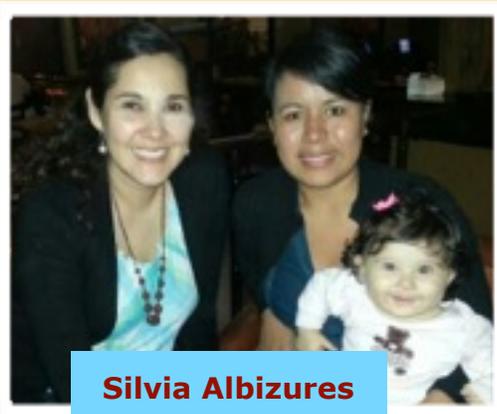


**Sheri Kretschmar listens to the heart of her little patient on her daily mobile medical rounds.**

**Kemmel Dunham** describes the value of filtered water: “We asked the families how they liked the current HELPS filter and the response was an overwhelming "Utz!" which means good or awesome. We also asked if they have seen a decrease in gastrointestinal problems in the children and the response was the same - “Utz!””

**8,433 have been cared for in the highlands so far this year**

In this picture you see me with my beloved friend who I love like a daughter Dánika. she is such a scholarship student in with her sweet heart she is such a have the honor of because of her good been exempt from six of prepared to start her 5<sup>th</sup> year of school in 2014. This fills me with such joy and gratitude to God. I am also committed to work on her behalf so that she can feel supported and backed up during her university career. How much more exciting will it be to have her working with us at Clinica Ezell.



**Silvia Albizures de Baltodano**

see me with my Manuela Ixquiactap daughter, and my Manuela is our dental school. She happiness beginning for God and because dedicated student. I telling you that grades Manuela has her final exams! She is well prepared to start her 5<sup>th</sup> year of school in 2014. This fills me with such joy and gratitude to God. I am also committed to work on her behalf so that she can feel supported and backed up during her university career. How much more exciting will it be to have her working with us at Clinica Ezell.

# and on the coast?

2013 Edition

**Health Talents International Coastal Region saw:  
1462 medical patients in mobile medical clinics  
3676 dental patients  
594 surgical patients  
for a total of 18,333 patients  
as of October 30**



## La Fortuna is flourishing!

Peek through the windows of the La Fortuna Church of Christ and you will see the building that is about to be torn down. The custom here is to build the new building around the old one, then demolish the old.



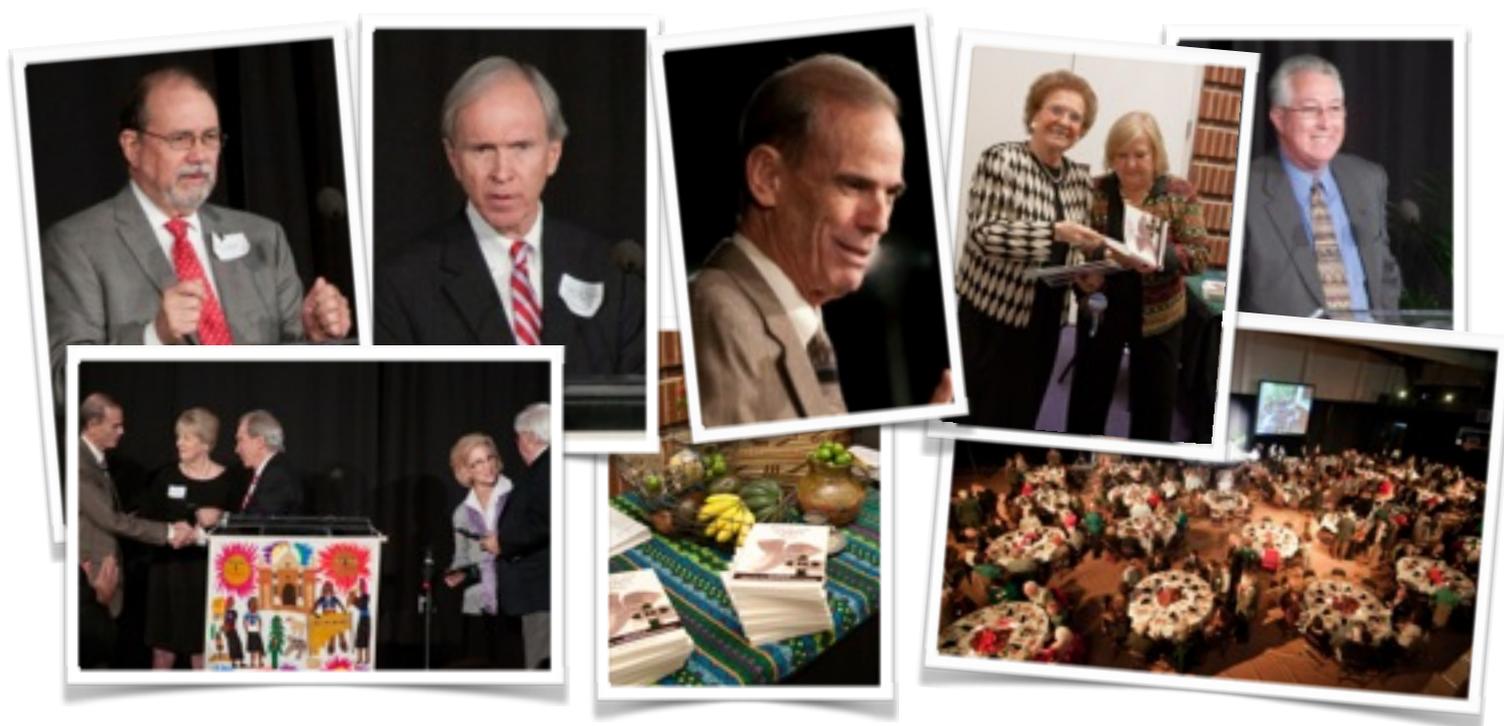
We started out this month with a surgical team. We all thought it would be a somewhat “small” week which would go smoothly and without much stress. All together there were 3 GYN’s and 2 general surgeons. They operated on 80 patients in 5 days with an average of 16 surgeries per day. We had to wrap and resterilize more of our materials when we ran out of those already sterilized. We also had to send a few patients who lived nearby to spend the night in their own homes and return early the next morning because all the beds in the hospital were full. The linen closet with gowns was completely emptied out as there was a LOT of work for the nurses and doctors. A few of them looked worn out. We thank God because he puts us through tests but helps us make it through and keeps us strong so that we do not faint. Darling Ayerdis de Rodríguez, RN



I want to tell you about some of the work activities we have done recently at Clinica Ezell. One of these tasks was the coordination of the work for the auxiliary nursing students. These students participated on several surgical teams from February to June. Some of our objectives were:

- Train the students to acquire knowledge, develop skills and abilities in service to others.
- Help them participate on devotionals, prayer times with the group, meditations with the word of God to help facilitate a personal connection with Jesus for each of them.
- Have them help us while making sure they learn and grow professionally.

To the glory of God most of these objectives were met successfully, I would say about 90%, now that the seed has been sown God will see to the growth. Rosario Poncio



People gathered from all over the world to celebrate the 40th anniversary of Health Talents International! Old friends were reunited, dinner was shared and we were inspired by the words of (l to r) John Land, HTI board president; Dr. Quinton Dickerson; Roger McCown; Marie Agee and Rick Harper. Honors were presented to former missionaries (l to r 2nd row) Roger and Mary Beth McCown, Doris Clark and Charles Bates for their service in Guatemala. All families represented received the 2014 HTI calendar and an autographed copy of Marie Agee's just released book, Mud On Your Own Boots, which is an autobiographical memoir of the history of HTI in Guatemala. We look forward to the next 40 years!