



HOUSE OF HEALING

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"The House of Healing (Casa de Curacion) Foundation brings glory to God, by providing for the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of people in Guatemala and by offering hospitality to people who come to serve."

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Greetings from the staff at House of Healing! Everyone is looking forward to what the new year brings.

Spotlight on the Clinic and Home Visits

Welcome to 2023 - Guatemalan Version

House of Healing Clinic updates include the following:

- Clinic hours are expanded and home visitations are increased.
- Patients are now seen 7am-6pm.
- Home visitations are 4 days a week.
- We are partnered with Casa Feliz helping with their seniors needing home nursing care in addition to the ones already being helped.

All of this is a result of your prayers at work. Please continue to pray as we give thanks to God for personal and mission growth!

Thoughts from Teri



God was really tugging on my heart to expand our home visitation program. We now have 3 registered nurses, Gladys, Flory, and Mimi who have graduated from the university. We are partners with Casa Feliz, which serves the elderly population who need support. With the blessed arrival of missionaries Juan Pablo and Katie's baby, I felt this was a good time to step in and continue serving our own patients and work with Casa Feliz to help theirs as well.

Our numbers have doubled to 24 patients for home visitations. I have been so blessed to hear testimonies from the nurses and our administrator, Norma, that I decided to share with you some of their thoughts. Dona Cony even added her blessings.

Those of you who know the stories of the staff at HOH, know they all come from poor families and yet, as you read their testimonies, you can see that they have been touched by what they have seen and been a part of this past month. And the good news is, God has planned even more for them and their patients. Read on to hear some of their stories.

Testimony of Dona Cony

"When I knew I wanted to sell my house, I asked God the Father to bring a family who wants to help the poor even if just a little. I couldn't even imagine that God was going to give me an answer 100 times more than what I asked: to present to the poor population compassion, understanding and opportunities to receive help with health problems, prayers and many times, reconciliation. What God gave was the beginning of The House of Healing and the Medical Clinic. "

She said all this and then gave such a big smile.



Thoughts from Gladys

"My name is Gladys. During our lives, each human being goes through various situations that make us value the things that God provides us. Home visits have impacted our staff in both our personal and professional lives. When visiting patients and families we have realized that each individual lives a reality different from the others with various problems and needs. This has made us reflect on the things that have real value such as life, family and health because they are based on the love of Christ towards humanity.

The most painful experience is feeling helpless when not being able to help more patients. Some are in the final stages of their illness and we can only pray that God gives peace and comfort to their hearts. With each patient we have laughed and cried. I am still not clear about the mission that God has entrusted to us, but I have faith that God's plans are perfect. He has guided us to be able to help patients through the House of Healing team. I have faithful trust that God will give us the wisdom and knowledge to be able to help each patient and the afflicted. Before starting the home visits, we knew that there were needs in the town of San Lucas Toliman, but the experience of going out and seeing the reality of each family and patient up close is an indescribable experience. Each time we discover different needs that each individual is sometimes not able to address due to lack of economic resources, abandonment of family or



ignorance of alternative solutions. Being able to recognize these things has had a powerful impact on all of us, those needing care and those giving care.

The support that the House of Healing provides to each patient is a great blessing for the families. I hope in God that we can help more and more people and that with time be able to guide them to the love of God. Thanks to his mercy and love for humanity, He has cleansed our sins and by him we are free."

Don Abelino Roquel's Story



65-year-old Don Abelino Roquel, a patient who was affected by Covid 19 two years ago, has been receiving support from the House of Healing. He reports that he can now walk and move a little, although he is still tired. He also experiences headaches and a cough but is making progress.

He has been given an educational plan for exercises to continue strengthening his health. He is a patient who is grateful to the House of Healing for all the support provided since last year. Thanks to that support and the visits he received, he has recovered a lot. He says to pray for all the workers and for all those who make it possible. He prays that the House of Healing is able to continue to support many more patients and families.

A year ago, the hospital sent Abelino home to die. He LIVED! And now we have a man who prays every day for everyone at House of Healing, including you. Praise God!

Mimi visits Dona Natalia at home



Natalia was born with her legs bent and they never grew. Her family abandoned her due to this disability. She has lived all these years using a corn sack to move along the floor. This sack doubled as her bed.

Rosita is a staff member at House of Healing. Fifteen years ago, Rosita's mother found Dona Natalia in the street and took her home to care for her. Of course, Rosita shared Natalia's situation with the other staff at the House of Healing. Recently Norma found a weighted blanket and a washable cover in a used clothing booth in the market. Norma will also buy a woven pad called a petate to put under the weighted blanket to form Natalia's first bed!

The partnership with Casa Feliz helps to identify elderly patients in need of medical care through home visits. Our wonderful House of Healing nurses have been actively serving in the villages, doing home and family visits. And Rosita's family has proven to be a blessing to Natalia with their generosity and love. When God opens our eyes to those around us, connecting different individuals with unique gifts, wonderful things happen!

Emergency help for Dona Isabel and Don Sebastian





During a home visit, Nurse Flory found Dona Isabel and Don Sebastian thanking God that they were not hurt when their mattress suddenly started burning. They are patients referred from Casa Feliz, and have recently had eye surgery. Sebastian had left home to go buy tomatoes and came home to find their mattress burning. Dona Isabel alerted the neighbors who helped prevent more damage than the mattress which is a total loss. She has a small injury to her hand which the nurses are attending to.

HELP WANTED!



A 'Dream' for the future!

There is a song that says... 'the children are our future. Teach them well and let them lead the way'. Unfortunately at this time, we have twelve "eager to learn" youngsters who are on the waitlist for sponsors. If you have it in your heart to support these little ones' desire for an education, please contact us at

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Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

Matthew 19:14



Supplication

- Little Flor Maria is in need of prayers again. She now has pneumonia and is rather sick.
- The family of our new mother Bernabela Quebec Gomez and her son Jose Antonio Quievac Gomez are in need of many prayers. Her husband passed away 3 months ago, leaving 7 children to support.
- Patient Florinda needs prayers. She went to the hospital with a swollen foot and leg; the doctors wanted to amputate. She is now being treated by House of Healing staff with home visitations.
- The Bixcul Sicajan family is in dire need of prayer. 15-year-old Brenda Paola came to the House of Healing with the news that she has 4 month old twin sisters who need supplemental milk. Their mother is unable to breastfeed them due to metastasized cervical cancer that was discovered 3 months before delivery.

Gratitude

- We give thanks for the donation of vitamins, calcium, glucosamine, and laxatives. Many people will benefit from this generous donation.
- Prayers of gratitude for the donation of an oximeter and an otoscope to the House of Healing clinic. This helps the staff to better serve the community.
- The gift of wall hooks to be used in our guest rooms is very appreciated. This will make the stay of our missionaries that much more comfortable.
- We all are so thankful for the partnerships of House of Healing, Casa Feliz, and the related individuals who see the needs of the people and minister to them.

Congratulations

- We share in the joy of Flory and Edgar as they celebrate their wedding.
- We celebrate Alex as he continues on his educational journey to become a biochemist.

Wish List

Please partner with us in praying for the Lord to provide the following pieces to the Kingdom ministry of the House of Healing:

- Medical Grade autoclave - \$1500
- 1 Infantometer for measuring babies and toddlers - \$550

- Stainless steel rolling cart for the clinic - \$200
- 40 chairs for clinic/gatherings - \$60 each
- 5 bedside tables for guest rooms - \$100 each

Donations (total or partial) dedicated specifically for these items can be made. For more information, please click [HERE](#).

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