



Medical “clinica” up and running!



It happened! The new on-site medical clinic at the Skylark Centre, geared to identified local residents with chronic health conditions, became a reality on July 27th. 16 patients are being served in this pilot phase, being attended to bi-monthly by Dr. Martinez. Regular team interpreter Bildad, is serving as medical assistant, responsible for translating the medical records into English for the benefit of visiting North American medical mission teams.

Prior to the clinics, none of the patients had access to medication, with much being unaffordable or unavailable. We are already incurring additional costs

in supplying further medications and tests to provide treatment that can extend beyond the chronic conditions themselves. A single patient presented with a blood sugar level of 22 (normal range is 4-7), for which she was immediately treated; a glucometer with test strips is being sourced for her specifically. All patients are receiving information pamphlets and basic health kit supplies.

A first-time patient stood up on August 10th to pray her blessing over the clinic. We are collectively blessed—thanks to God, and in great part to your ongoing support!



About the water



Thank you for heeding the fundraising call! The roof reconstruction at Skylark Centre was completed just as the rains began to fall in earnest!

As they say, when it rains it pours, right? As the roof work was winding up, the well pump failed necessitating a replacement there as well. This is not glamorous work, and does not necessarily tug at the heartstrings, but without this upkeep the Centre fails to be the haven for local Christian groups, North American mission teams, and community programs.

Thank you!



Continuing in Mission!



We are readying to welcome new and returning teams to Skylark over the next few months. The various teams will serve Nicaraguans in the areas of:

- Pastoral training; encouraging and equipping Nicaraguan

Christian leaders

- Construction; working alongside maintenance staff and others on a significant project determined necessary by the Nica equivalent of the Ministry of Labour
- General medicine; providing care to the local community
- Foot-care; providing specialized treatment and local practitioner training
- Paramedical; continuing to provide first-response training to firefighters

Some are new initiatives and others have not been active since 2017. Thank you, in advance, to the team members, and those who support their mission financially and prayerfully! Watch for the stories that will inevitably come from these great community and life-building missions.



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It's been a(nother) great Ride

On Saturday October 5th the Threefold Teams were back riding in the annual Ride for Refuge to raise funds, this year to support the new on-site Medical Clinic at Skylark. Wayne's Wheelers rode again in Waterloo Region while Parry Sound Pedals were racing around the beautiful countryside near Parry

Sound. The teams, with members ranging in age from 4 to 69, exceeded their fund raising goals and together raised nearly \$12k so far with more donations coming in. Thank you to the 20 who rode and raised funds and to the 153 and counting donors who gave so generously!



Program updates

"Best Start in Christ" programming is looking to the end of the school year for the little ones and for the fully-engaged group of women learning skills that are being carried forward

into the community. A newsletter specific to "Best Start" is available at <http://www.threefold-ministries.org/about/newsletters-reports/newsletters/> for you to

explore.

The VELA Ministries training centre in Mexico city is being well utilized! Efforts are now underway to raise funds to complete interior renovations and

furnish the kitchen, laundry and bathroom facilities. We are proud to partner with this fantastic organization to empower churches and Christian leaders to reach broadly across Latin America.



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We are collectively part of something grand, something bigger than ourselves. God's handiwork is everywhere and evident!

We cannot forget to celebrate each day that programs run, that the Centre is used, that the lives of Nicaraguans are improved.

We thank you wholeheartedly for your support. Most of all, we ask for your prayers as we journey through 2019 and beyond.

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