

Our Parish Health Clinic: Centró Médico la Amistad



Can you imagine not having access to good medical care at an affordable cost? This was the case for many villages surrounding the major city of El Progreso in Honduras. For many years, a group of us did annual medical brigades in this area and saw a tremendous need for ongoing consistent medical care. In February 2015, 3 of us opened the clinic in a very poor village called Monté de los Olivos, working alongside their community leaders. Since then our parish has financially supported and overseen the clinic, which is open 2 days per week, 52 weeks per year, staffed by 6 Hondurans and sees people from 50 different surrounding villages.

In 2024, a total of 1,739 people were seen: 684 males and 1055 females. Expenses paid by the parish included a total of \$16,646, with \$100 for general supplies, \$16,340 in salaries and \$206 for insurance. The majority of this amount comes from donations, and we received \$2274 in patient fees for 2024. No patient is ever turned away if they are unable to pay the approximate \$2 charged. Christ the King parishioners donated a very generous amount of \$7217 last year.



Little Friends International paid the Lab Tech's salary, medication expenses, which amounted to \$3142 in 2024. We pay the following salaries monthly: doctor \$360, nurse \$215, coordinator \$175, registrar and pharmacy tech \$110 each. We haven't given the staff a raise in 6 years.

Intravenous fluids, nebulizer treatments, wound care, Diabetes education and management are provided, as well as blood draws, which help our doctor provide better medical care.

