

2018 Eye Trip Report-Jalapa

Santa Cruz, El limon, La Mia

Jan 15-19, 2018

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Summary: We visited 3 smaller communities and worked in the local churches. **1772** people were seen in 5 days, most of whom never had a pair of glasses.

January 11, Thursday: 15 of us were to arrive in Managua but due to a delay in the Avianca flight from Chicago we needed to stay overnight in San Salvador. We were put up in a new Intercontinental Hotel for about 5 hours and would have liked to stay there for a week but we did get into Managua early on Friday.

January 12, Friday: Got the rental van from Budget and spent the day waiting for the rest of the group and visiting sights around Managua.

January 13, Saturday: On this day we split into 2 groups. One group (which I will call “The Workers”) went to the warehouse to load glasses and and equipment while the other group went on vacation with Moises to the Volcano and Masaya.

January 14, Sunday: After loading the suitcases into the pickup we left Las Mercedes for Jalapa. We had a 4 vehicle caravan and arrived at Hotel Jonathan.



January 15-16, Monday-Tuesday: These two days we worked in the community of Santa Cruz. We saw a total of **705** people.



January 17, Wednesday: This day was spent in El Limon where **369** people were screened.



January 18-19, Thursday-Friday: These two days we worked in La Mia. Thursday was our biggest day seeing 589 people. In total we saw **698** in the two days. We finished at noon to return to Managua.



January 20, Saturday: This day was used to return the equipment and glasses to the warehouse in Managua, visiting a few sights, Huembes Market and enjoying our project dinner at Las Mercedes.



January 21, Sunday: Most everyone returned to the U.S.

