

If you would like to offer support for St. Thomas's Honduras Mission or learn more about the New Hope Clinic or the Foundation for International Missions, Inc., please fill out the following form and mail or email to:

St. Thomas's Episcopal Church
1200 Snell Isle Blvd NE
St. Petersburg, FL 33704
727-896-9641 stthomaspete.org

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____
 State _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____
 Email _____

I would like more information about:

Receiving updates on New Hope Clinic
 Volunteering
 Visiting New Hope Clinic

I would like to donate to the St. Thomas' Honduras Mission:

\$ _____ Monthly
 \$ _____ Quarterly
 \$ _____ One time donation

A check is enclosed made payable to St. Thomas' Episcopal Church, earmarked "Honduras"
 Please charge my credit card.

Credit card information:

_____ Visa _____ MasterCard

Card Number _____

Expiration Date _____

Signature _____

The cost per person to go on the mission trip is \$1,400. Scholarships are needed by those who want to serve but cannot financially afford the cost. Your contribution is greatly appreciated.

How To Help

There are many ways to help support and participate with the New Hope Clinic.

Prayer:

Pray for the well-being of our patients, and the staff and volunteers who make the clinic a special place of healing for the body and soul. Pray for our mission team volunteers, as well.

Volunteer:

St. Thomas' needs volunteers both at home and abroad. Opportunities abound for local events such as fundraising, planning & administration, technical & professional guidance, as well as hands on assistance for health care providers and lay persons alike at the clinic in Honduras.

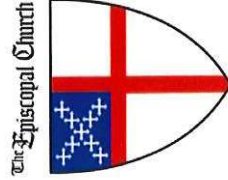
Financial Assistance:

Contributions are always needed to support mission needs including scholarships, supplies, and clinic operations, and supplies.

BINS FOR DURABLE GOODS ARE LOCATED IN THE CHURCH & PARISH HALL. CHECKS CAN BE WRITTEN TO ST THOMAS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH AND WRITE "HONDURAS" IN THE MEMO SECTION. YOU CAN ALSO VISIT THE FOUNDATION'S WEB SITE FOR MORE INFORMATION:

www.FFIM.org

We see 500 patients on our mission trip and each is given a health kit. A list of items needed for health kits is available in the parish office.



New Hope Clinic - Clinica Nueva Esperanza

The New Hope Clinic is located in the town of San Francisco, in the municipality of Orica, Honduras, Central America, and serves 53 rural communities in the area. It is approximately a 3 hour drive from the capital Tegucigalpa, and the nearest hospital. The only other health care clinic in Orica is a government-sponsored center that sees a limited number of patients, and is frequently without medications and supplies.

With a full time native staff led by Dr. Cesar Augusto Davila, New Hope Clinic offers medical and dental services Monday through Friday 8-3:30am to 4:00pm. It is the only not for profit facility in Orica to offer dental services, provide treatment for infections, provide gynecological and obstetrical services, perform minor surgeries and administer pastoral care.



The Clinic also has a volunteer health training program. Volunteers from the local communities are educated in preventative and curative medicine and are provided First Aid Kits with basic medicines. They collaborate with local school programs to treat parasitic infections.



A Total Ministry

The vision of the New Hope Clinic is one of ministry to the whole person, not just the person's physical health. The doctor and medical staff are Christian. All clinic employees including the janitors, handyman and guards accept this vision and see their work with a sense of mission.

Clinic staff is led by Dr. Cesar Davila who has a master's degree in Public Health (UNAN) from León, Nicaragua and a medical degree (UNAH) from Tegucigalpa, Honduras. In Honduras, dental and medical students are required to do one year of service after graduation in a qualified clinic, so each year a new dentist comes to Orica. Both the doctor and the dentist live with their families in the capital of Tegucigalpa, so each Monday they must make the 3 hour trip on rough dirt roads, through the mountains to the clinic in San Francisco. They stay in San Francisco, until each Friday when they make the trip back home to their families for the weekend. The clinic's nurse, Elisy Hernandez,



cleaning and security.)

In 2017, the clinic saw 7,876 patients. Of these 2013 were emergencies and 87 were referred to the teaching hospital in Tegucigalpa for further treatment. Pap smears were given to 523 patients, with 15 of them being referred to the cancer hospital for treatment. There were 176 minor surgeries, 723 patients seen for diabetes control and 645 for blood pressure control.

There were 1,103 dental patients seen. Dental services included 1,336 extractions, 2,304 fillings, 101 dental surgeries, 223 dental cleanings and 55 endodontic procedures. In addition, 4,789 medical patients and 2,300 dental patients were seen by five mission teams, benefiting 22 communities where 6,500 education and personal hygiene kits were distributed.

The Foundation For International Missions, Inc. (FFIM)

The Foundation exists to further the gospel of Jesus Christ by making a difference in the lives of others. Its mission emerges from Jesus' words, "Go into all the world and make disciples", and the Biblical mandate, "We love because God first loved us." These two principles guide the work and vision of the Foundation. Its priority is to receive, administer and disburse charitable funds for New Hope Clinic.

Honduras



Honduras is an independent Central American republic which has maintained a freely-elected government since 1982. The country is slightly larger than the State of Tennessee with a population approaching 7 million. The Honduran population is 90% mestizo (mixed Amerindian and European). Ninety-seven percent of the people are Roman Catholic. Life expectancy at birth is about 67 years, compared to 77 years in the U.S., and the infant mortality rate is approximately 30 deaths per 1000 births compared to seven per 1,000 in the U.S..

Facilities/History

The initial concept and funding for the Foundation For International Missions, Inc. came from the Mission Committee of First Presbyterian Church, St. Petersburg, FL. The effort was joined by Faith Presbyterian Church, Presbyterian Church of Seven Springs, Northwood Presbyterian Church, N.E. Presbyterian Church, Cornerstone Bible Church, and by various individuals, with the formation of this not-for-profit organization in May, 2004. The Foundation opened a small health clinic in a remote area of Honduras, and a few year later it was able to purchase six acres in the area and, hired an architect/builder. In January 2010, the clinic moved from temporary rented facilities to its beautiful newly constructed clinic. In 2012, dental services were added, and a mission guest house was completed to accommodate visiting mission groups and interns..

The clinic provides low cost medical services to area residents,. Those who are unable to pay are provided care at no cost.