

# Guatemalan Nurses Village Health Care

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villages by funding:

- *Nurse Salaries*
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- *Continued education and nursing training*



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## Pedro Pineda

Pedro began as a health promoter in his village of Tierra Colorada when he was selected to attend Auxiliary Nurse training. He is a fine husband and father.

Several years ago Pedro did the pregnancy test for his wife revealing he would be “Papa” for the eighth time.

He holds monthly clinics in his village and is a facilitator working with his neighbors to identify, prioritize, and address public health needs and concerns. Pedro explained, “Last year I planted a seed, now it has started to grow and I want to care for the plants.”

Pedro and other land-owners have developed a tilapia fish farm for a protein and income source to help address poor nutrition and economics.



## Maria Lares

Maria has been helping in the government clinic in her village for several years before she went to Auxiliary Nurse School (like an LPN). She conducts health community classes and a monthly clinic in her village of Los Magueyes.

She is the oldest of four sisters and two brothers and has used part of her salary to assist her siblings with their education. HMA has been providing funds for Maria to continue her formal education. She has reached the 9<sup>th</sup> grade level with her studies and is interested in pursuing professional nurse education (RN level). She demonstrates quality nursing knowledge and patient care skills.



## Jose Trinis

Jose was one of the first nurses to receive Auxiliary Nurse training and lives in the community of Pacoj. He has been very eager to learn and is in his last year of high school studies. He also would like to pursue professional nursing education.

Jose’s wife is a trained teacher and they have three children. He has been active in his community with a pre-school program and creating interest groups to address public health needs and concerns.

He has medical supplies at his home for emergency patient care and assists with medical clinics in nearby villages. Jose has been receiving more training in a medical clinic and wants to continue working in his village.

## Jose Lopez

In 2009 in his village of San Antonio Choatalum, Jose helped provide care to patients at ten medical clinics. Jose has increased to full time employment with HMA in 2010 to better serve his community with interest groups and medical clinics.

He has a wife and eight children and wants to help his village of 225 families work together to provide health care and better schools for the children.



Jose is also involved in a worm project that creates organic compost for higher yielding vegetable gardens and a source of income for the farmers. The containers used for the worms and the gardens are old tires found on the side of the road.