

Public Health Issues Addressed



Using health care as an entry point, indigenous nurses and educators in rural areas address life-threatening issues of poverty :

- ⇒ Inadequate food supply
- ⇒ Contaminated water
- ⇒ Open cooking fires
- ⇒ Make-shift houses
- ⇒ Lack of Sanitation

Opportunities to Support International HMA Members

Site Visits, led by HMA staff, are available for health professionals and people passionate about international health.

- Encourage indigenous members
- Share skills with staff
- Observe methods and practices
- Experience the native culture

Health Teams work directly with indigenous staff to provide care in specialty areas and train them so they can provide better care after the team leaves.

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HMA envisions sustainable health and well-being for all.

HMA is an association of people passionate about health, promoting wholeness of body, mind, and spirit.

HMA is an affiliate of Community of Christ.

Village Health and Education

Abolish Poverty and End Suffering



Ways to Help

- **Donations**
- **Education Scholarship**
- **Site Visit Participation**
- **Mission Team Care**

Contact HMA with
your response today!

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“Promoting Health with a Heart”

Health Education Endowment

Inspired by Dr. John Blumenschein, HMA continues to work in rural areas that have limited or no access to health care. HMA envisions a day when health teams are no longer needed. Educating indigenous health professionals makes this possible.

HMA created an international endowment fund to assist qualified students in health careers. This endowment grows through planned gifts and donations.

Please extend your passion for health by helping a future nurse or health professional.

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Friends of Education, Honduras

An education in a health career provides greater opportunities for improving many lives. In Honduras HMA supports young women to graduate high school along with earning an Auxiliary Nursing certificate.

HMA partners with Friends of Education, Honduras (HMA members Leonard and Lottie Brown's program) to identify and financially assist students in junior high then high school. Graduates of their program have proven a dedication to education.

Guatemalan HMA Member Nurses

Pedro Pineda is active in public health issues in his community as well as providing health care. His medical duties now includes pharmacy organization and medication knowledge. During the clinics in his village and at the San Martin office, Pedro manages the pharmacy and inventory.



Jose Trinis Balan attends university classes to become a professional nurse. Jose encourages the women of his village of Pacoj to address the community health issues such as clean water piped to their homes. He also provides daily care for special medical needs between the monthly health clinic held in the new community center.



Maria Ambrosia Lares is in her second year of university for professional nursing. She still provides care in the village health clinics where she puts into practice her additional nursing skills and knowledge. Much of her time now focuses on coursework while she lives away from her rural home several days a week.



Honduran HMA Member Nurse

Saira Giron provides medical services out of her house in the village of La Boquita, Honduras. Saira's medical expertise and loving care assists persons with acute and chronic health issues.



Saira attends university classes to become a professional nurse. She hopes to one day be a training site for other nurses interested in rural healthcare.

HMA Members in Guatemala teach men and women in their rural communities to organize and work together for common goals. Using the Participatory Human Development Process, they are able to access and create opportunities for better health, education, and living conditions for children, families, and entire communities.

