

Mission UpReach Newsletter

\$500,000 Challenge Fund for new clinic, church building construction

By Phil Waldron, CEO

On April 11th we announced, via social media campaign, the good news that once again God has blessed us with an incredible funding opportunity. To explain just how great this opportunity is for our work here, I need to share a "little context."

In March of this year, we received a matching grant pledge of \$500,000 earmarked for the completion of our fixed-base medical clinic in Santa Rosa. The corresponding \$500,000 to be raised in cash and pledges is almost exactly the amount needed to complete the renovations to the rest of our warehouse building that we use for a whole host of activities. Presently, even in its very rustic warehouse form, it serves as an auditorium on Sundays for our worship services. At other times it is used for different activities like Sunday school, DESEO basketball leagues, and afternoon tutoring just to mention a few.

This facility, when we are not battling a pandemic, is used every day of the week for different activities. Now with the construction of a medical clinic combined

with the other improvements, we will have 4,000 Square Feet of clinic and another 10,000 Square Feet of auditorium/basketball court, and classrooms.

To take full advantage of the \$500,000 challenge, we are seeking cash and pledges (to be donated over the next two years) by May 31st. We know that this is a short time to raise such a large amount, but we already have \$167,000 committed, and we still have almost the entire month of May before us. Can you help?

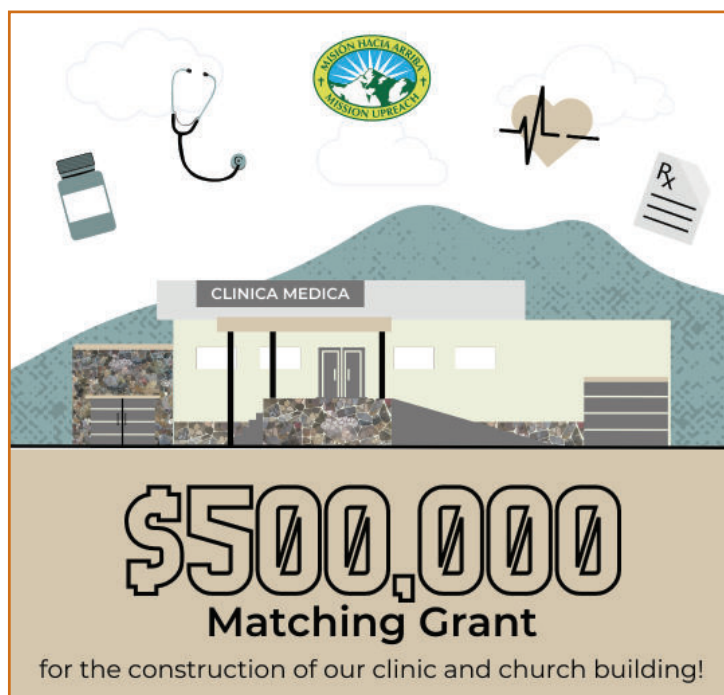
After various efforts to raise the funds to buy the 8,000 sq. ft. warehouse we have been renting for

several years, we thought that it may have been beyond our ability. Yet here we are. Sometimes God provides in such surprising ways. And now, due to a fundraiser last year, we have not only bought the property, but we have begun Phase 1 of the construction of the Clinic.

This year, due to this latest challenge grant that we have received, we now have the opportunity to raise all of the money we need to build out the Clinic and the rest of the building as well. This facility will bless future generations due to the long-term service it will provide to our various programs and the local church. Your funds can make all the difference in the world in our ability to build this vital tool.

Remember, you can help by giving or pledging a donation by May 31st. When you decided what you can give, please email me at phil.w@missionupreach.org

By letting me (Phil) know the amount you can pledge towards this goal over the next two years, I can keep our Challenge Donor apprised of our progress. Every dollar pledged encourages others to give, so please contribute today.





Planning retreats for Church Planting, ESPERO & DESEO

Mission UpReach made the decision to implement an operational system called EOS. We first implemented it with our Moses Products division with great success. We have seen so much improvement in production and sales as a result. In February it was decided to begin to implement the system in the various programs of MUR. The church planting team, the ESPERO team, and the DESEO team all had separate retreats in which they were guided through the process of creating their annual plan and the implementation of various tools and systems. It was hard work, but all three teams were productive and excited about the system and the difference it will make in the coming years.



Backpack distribution for DESEO Project



The nearly 100 children who are sponsored in our DESEO Project program have received their school uniforms, shoes, socks, backpacks, and school supplies. It was a happy day for them! Prior to receiving their supplies, many children were bringing what little they had to and from school in grocery sacks. The joy on their faces (and those of their parents) was priceless.

The only sad part is that we can't do the same for all the children in our program. Wouldn't that be fantastic? Would you be willing to promote our DESEO Project in your home congregation? We can give you all the instructions and information for a promotion. Please contact Donna Waldron at donna.w@missionupreach.org for more information or visit www.deseoproject.org to sponsor a child.

Visitors look to future opportunities

We hosted a good number of visitors this month. One group of 3 individuals from the White Tail Automation group out of Calgary, Canada came to see how they might partner with us. They plan to start bringing groups down in 2024 and hope to focus on school projects, such as improving facilities or adding on to existing facilities. We look forward to that relationship developing into something mutually beneficial.

We also hosted Sophie Savage (along with her husband Peter and one-year-old son Hugh). Sophie has committed

to assisting us as we raise awareness of Mission UpReach's work among various governmental and private funders and prepare to delve into the world of grant writing. Sophie has 13 years of experience and has led communications activities for over \$150+ million grant-funded portfolios across five global humanitarian organizations.

We were also thrilled to host and spend time with Enrique (Keke) Kellis who is working to produce marketing videos for our Subida coffee.

ESPERO Celebration of Summer

Even though our school for the deaf is made up of adults, we are still an elementary school, and as such, love to provide the types of festivals and events they would have enjoyed as children if they had been allowed to go to school. Our Celebration of Summer is one such event. The decorations were fun and cheerful, and the event consisted of games, skits, visiting clowns, and of course lots of food. There were over 100 in attendance, and everyone had a blast!





A note from Donna

This past month has been full of activity and productive work. In Honduras, Holy Week is a big holiday with businesses closing and people scattering to visit family and the beach. Phil and I

stayed at home and took advantage of the opportunity to catch up on some work.

This coming month will involve a lot of traveling for us. We will travel to Tennessee to watch our Laura's graduation from UT Chattanooga with her Masters in Industrial and Organizational Psychology. This will be the first real graduation for Laura since she was

homeschooled for high school and her graduation from Harding University in 2020 was cancelled due to the pandemic. You can just imagine how excited and proud we are of her!

Additionally, Phil and I will take a few days away to celebrate our 40th wedding anniversary. We aren't sure how we got here so fast, but we sure have enjoyed the ride. When we return, we will celebrate our 13th year in Honduras, another time warp event for us.

Thank you to each person who has prayed for our marriage and family over the years. We do not take lightly how blessed we have been, even through the challenges and struggles. We thank God daily for our health and the energy to keep working in His service. And we especially thank Him for the privilege and honor of being a part of expanding His Kingdom here in western Honduras.

2022 Brigade Season

Feb. 26 – March 5 Tusculum Church Medical Team
 June 11–18 Pine Tree Church Medical Team
 July 2–9 Southside Church Medical Team
 July 23–30 Tusculum Church VBS Team
 September 3–10 Surgical Team

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