



**“Not to us, LORD, not to us, but to your name give glory because of your faithful love and because of your truth.” Psalm 115:1**



Thank you so much, dear friends, for your continual support for the Dental Clinic operation. The pandemic brought its challenges, but we decided to trust the Lord and keep working as best as we could. This year we were so blessed to have been able to treat 1,260 patients with a total of 2,966 procedures. I have learned new techniques for pediatric dentistry that have been put to



good use. One example is a 3-year-old girl who came for treatment (photos). Please pray for people’s spiritual lives to be impacted through this place. – Rebekah Jones, DDS



We had many changes to the Puentes de Vida program this year, including stopping most of our home visits. But we were able to start working in a new, harder-to-reach area, and also do some additional training.

I’ve enjoyed seeing our Sunday fellowship grow, as well as the opportunity to learn guitar and lead worship with Joel on the hammer dulcimer, and Alekcey on the cajon (a rectangular drum).



School closures opened up opportunities to tutor some of the children in our community. For a time, Ari enjoyed having a Cabécar ‘brother’ sharing his room with him and doing stunts on bikes and making a world cake together. –Judith Dunteman, MD

When people show up at the medical clinic for phototherapy, it gives me the opportunity to share the light of God’s good news with them. One 23-year old man who was facing possible amputation of his right arm because of a bone infection heard the gospel, and he began seeking the Lord. Praise the Lord, his bone infection is gone, as well.

Gathering for Bible Study and discipleship this year has been a challenge, but we have seen a deepening in people’s faith and trust in God, including one of our dear friends who was baptized.

The micro loan project has provided continued economic opportunities in an especially difficult year.



Miraculously, in an industry where many small businesses have failed in 2020, the restaurant Aroma de Montaña (photo) has had several days of record earnings, in spite of a time of lockdown and restrictions, directly benefitting four families in our community. – ICDI Director Alekcey Murillo, MD



When the schools closed teachers assigned monthly homework packets and I tutored high school English students and helped some moms homeschool their children. Thank you for your faithful prayers and financial support so I could serve these wonderful students and families.

– Bridget Abbott, English teacher



We look back on 2020 as a productive year in which we could build one bridge and finish the dental/medical clinic addition in Grano de Oro. Thanks to all our donors who made these projects possible.

– Joel Stoll, Carpenter



This year the Emmanuel Community Development Center has experienced a decline in use by groups as a result of health restrictions. The silver lining is that it has afforded me the opportunity for a great deal of maintenance and renovations. In addition, a couple neighbors and I replaced panels on the bridge downstream from the center.

– Paul Abbott, Maintenance



In January (before the pandemic) twelve students from UTSA’s College of Business along with me, their finance professor, visited ICDI during our winter break. Our goal was to see how finance can improve the lives of people in an economically deprived region.



Students visited and interviewed partners who benefit from ICDI’s micro loans and participated in service projects related to this program. They sought to understand these partners’ businesses, how they determine the cost versus benefit of expanding, and how ICDI’s micro loans enable them to run their businesses more effectively. Business plans were reviewed by students and they provided feedback to the partners and ICDI’s managing board. The team finished the week by hosting a dinner for families in the community and giving a presentation summarizing their perspectives on the trip.



– Ron Sweet, ICDI Treasurer