

2018 NICARAGUA MEDICAL MISSION HANDBOOK

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Photo: Sanctuary of the Lutheran Church of Nicaragua – Faith and Hope
(Iglesia Luterana Fe y Esperanza - ILFE) Managua, Nicaragua

Medical Mission Trip Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

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“Gather, Grow, Give and Go, All to the Glory of God”

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church has a long-standing relationship with the Nicaragua Lutheran Church – Faith and Hope (Iglesia Luterana Fe y Esperanza - ILFE). Since 2003 Mission Teams from our congregation have traveled annually to Nicaragua to provide free medical evaluation and care to people in areas selected by the Nicaragua Lutheran Church leadership. Those receiving the care are among the poorest of the poor. They often do not have access to medical care or cannot afford it. In addition to providing medical care, each year's Mission Team brings love and hope in the name of our common Savior, Jesus Christ. Through interaction with the Nicaraguan people we have become their companions in the faith. Yet even as we bring them love and care, they richly bless us by allowing us to be with them, to know them, and to serve them.

Preparation for the trips always involves our entire congregation. Members provide funds for medications, donate medical supplies and equipment, and offer prayers and encouragement. The work of the Mission Team is a reflection of this congregation's commitment to “Gather, Grow, Give and Go, All to the Glory of God.”

In recent years a modest travel fund has been established to provide some financial assistance to team members needing it.

You have expressed an interest in being a member of the 2017 Mission Team to serve our Lord and His children in this unique and challenging way. Thank you. May our Lord lead you in your decision.

Pastor Chris Zuraff
Mission and Outreach

Brief History of our Medical Mission Trips

In 2003 Gloria Dei Lutheran Church began a medical mission program to minister to the Nicaraguan communities served by Iglesia Luterana Fe y Esperanza (ILFE). The first few years our mission group worked with the existing fledgling medical personnel employed by ILFE part-time to evaluate the multitude of health care needs in the most impoverished nation in Central America. Travel during the winter months (Feb/March) was chosen in order to access the more remote Nicaraguan communities served by ILFE, many of which would be inaccessible during other times of the year. Deficits of basic public health (lack of clean water, proper sewage elimination, and access to health care) along with extreme poverty (contributed by air & water pollution) have led to a plethora of difficult-to-treat challenges: malnutrition, parasitic infections, asthma, depression, premature dental decay, and others. Despite these formidable obstacles the Nicaraguans served by these medical mission groups have expressed amazing thanks and support, indicative of their strong faith in God.

Medical supplies and medications have been generously supplied, along with financial donations to purchase additional medications in Nicaragua. A side benefit of this project has been our attempt to stimulate the Nicaraguan economy by working to purchase as many health care supplies as possible within the country. Increasing restrictions on importing medications and supplies by the Nicaraguan Ministry of Health have necessitated more purchasing of medications on-site.

We have had the opportunity and extreme pleasure to establish relationships with Nicaraguan health care providers, especially Dr. Juan Ramirez of Managua. We are thankful for his patience and assistance. More recently, basic optometric and dental services have also been offered.

In 2005 a project was undertaken to purchase land in the northern province of Chinandega, in order to better serve the various needs of the rural Nicaraguan ILFE communities. In 2006 construction of a multi-use building was completed. Medical mission groups have been able to utilize this structure to more efficiently serve as vehicles of God's abundant love.

Our mission groups have traveled in a nomadic fashion, working from make-shift facilities in the various communities as directed by ILFE . . . always guided by God's hand.

Paul Amundson, MD

(See pages 15 - 18 for previous Mission Team members and communities served.)

The Lutheran Church of Nicaragua, Faith and Hope (ILFE)

The Lutheran Church of Nicaragua, Faith and Hope (Iglesia Luterana Fe y Esperanza – abbreviated as ILFE) was begun by Lutheran refugees from El Salvador who had fled during the Civil War in their country. When the refugees returned to El Salvador, the Nicaraguans who received them decided to continue the Lutheran witness in their own communities. In June of 1994 ILFE was received as a full Member Church of the Lutheran World Federation.

ILFE provides holistic ministry. Along with Word and Sacrament, church members reach out through development work in such areas as education, medicine, small business development and more.

Victoria Cortez is the Bishop of ILFE. The church is served primarily by lay pastors who live and work in the rural communities they serve. The church also has a strong presence among the poorest of the poor in Managua, the capitol of Nicaragua.

The South Dakota Synod of the ELCA

The South Dakota Synod of the ELCA established a Companion Synod relationship with the Lutheran Church of Nicaragua, Faith and Hope (ILFE) at the SD Synod Assembly in June of 2000 and began providing a series of short-term missionaries to Nicaragua. The relationship was established for the purpose of exchanging encouragement in the faith and proclamation of the Gospel through correspondence and personal visits. The people of the South Dakota Synod ELCA and the Nicaragua ILFE further committed to lifting each other up and loving one another through prayers, correspondence, and education. The two churches have much to offer one another. Through the building of relationships and travel, each church has been strengthened and grown.

Planning our Companion Synod Trip

- The Lutheran Church of Nicaragua, Faith and Hope (ILFE) asks that groups be no more than 12 people.
- Carla Borchardt and Dr. Paul Amundson have been our congregation's primary communicators with the Synod, ILFE, and the short-term missionary Sergio Ríos Carrillo. Pastor Chris Zuraff serves as the contact person with the Mission & Outreach Team of Gloria Dei.
- A financial record keeper is chosen from the team. This person will handle our cash, keep a record of group expenses, and assist the in-country personnel.
- We will meet together before we travel. We may do some pre-trip Bible studies and share information as a group to build our "team" and prepare for being in Nicaragua. This is an important part of our trip. While we
- We usually have devotions and a "de-briefing" session each day of our trip. Group members are encouraged to prepare a brief devotion to share. As a group we will talk about the highs and lows of each day's experiences, share what we learned, how we grew, and what surprised us about each day. We will pray for each other.
- Please prepare a brief bio to share with other team members and with the short-term missionary before traveling. Tell about your profession, your family, and your interests. (We might want to print them in a "brochure".)
- We will check with the short-term missionary/ILFE if we are bringing donations. Some donations are very much needed and others might not be beneficial in Nicaragua's cultural context. If we bring any in-kind gifts, we will try to include an accurate inventory in Spanish to give to ILFE.

GETTING READY TO TRAVEL

- Get your passport or renew it if it is within 6 months of expiring.
- The group leaders have already contacted the SD Synod Office to coordinate trip dates on the master trip calendar and with the ILFE. Many Nicaraguans and the ILFE staff are on vacation in January, so that is not a good month to travel. All trips must be scheduled through the SD Synod, who then requests permission from ILFE to travel, in order to avoid scheduling conflicts.
- One of our group leaders will contact a travel agent about group airfare discounts and reservations.
- A group leader will communicate with the South Dakota Synod-ILFE Missionary in Nicaragua to share information about our group's size, gender distribution, any special needs or interests, flight schedules, etc.
- We will plan to have the entire group arrive and depart Managua on the same flight.
- Get and/or update your immunizations! Some need to be administered several months before our departure date.
- Break in your shoes and expect them to get dirty/dusty.

COSTS

Deposit: A **\$200.00 deposit** is due November 13th. Make your check payable to Gloria Dei Lutheran Church. Write "Nicaragua Deposit" on the memo line. It will be used as follows: \$150 per group member to give to ILFE for hosting our trip, dormitory upkeep, vehicle repairs, etc. and \$50 per group member to give to the SD Synod to help support the short-term missionary who will be hosting and translating for our group in Nicaragua. We will send one check from our group to the SD Synod Office.

Flight: The largest single expense is your airline ticket. Rates can vary dramatically. Recent amounts were: 2009-\$1,150; 2010-\$1000; 2011-\$900; 2012-\$800, 2013 \$1,100, 2014-\$740, 2015-\$865. We will work with a travel agent to make group arrangements. Once the group reservations have been made, each traveler will make his/her airline ticket payment directly to the travel agent.

Group Funds: **\$300** per group member for meals, transportation, gas, interpreters, bottled water, and group expenses in Nicaragua. This money will be pooled and kept track of by the group "treasurer". Money left at the end of our trip will be disbursed by group decision before we leave Nicaragua.

Extra money: for meals coming and going.

Entry/Exit Fee: In the past we have *sometimes* had to pay Nicaragua entrance and exit fees. Reserve about \$45 (\$10 and \$35) in cash just in case you have to pay it. Notes about money:

- Bring cash in denominations of \$20 or less in CRISP, NEW BILLS. U.S. bills with pen marks, tears, ink stains, etc. will NOT be accepted by Nicaraguan banks, therefore they are not accepted by anyone else. Traveler's checks are hard to cash. Cash machines are available in emergency for taking out cash in Nicaraguan currency.
- Gloria Dei Lutheran Church has a Travel Fund that may provide some financial assistance for those needing it. Please contact Pastor Chris Zuraff if this financial help is needed. All information shared will be kept confidential. Disbursement decisions will be made before the October 29th deposit deadline.
- You may wish to notify your bank that you will be traveling in Nicaragua and may use your credit card there.

IMMUNIZATIONS

There are no required immunizations for entering Nicaragua, but the following are strongly recommended for travel to this third world country:

- Updated Tetanus (every 5-10 years)
- Hepatitis A (single shot, with occasional booster)
- Hepatitis B (series of three shots over several months)
- Malaria Medications (We are traveling during the dry season so there are few bugs. We will check with the missionary to see if this is necessary. In 2010 mosquitoes were abundant!)
- Typhoid (pill or shot form are available)
- MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)

Check the Centers for Disease Control website (www.cdc.gov/travel) for the most current recommendations. Please discuss these recommendations with your personal physician WELL BEFORE our planned travel date.



WHILE IN NICARAGUA

RELATING TO THE CHURCH

The **primary purpose** of our trip will be to connect and form relationships with brothers and sisters of faith in Nicaragua through medical care and personal visiting. We will have the opportunity to stay in communities with Nicaraguan host families –a wonderful way to build bridges across cultures and meet new friends!

Members of ILFE will be our hosts while in Nicaragua. ILFE may also have places they will want us to visit and people they will want us to meet. The key to our trip is **FLEXIBILITY because schedules and plans are subject to change at any time.**

Our group will plan to stay, work, and eat together at all times. Drivers and vehicles are rarely available.

We will always be accompanied by an ILFE church member or Missionary Volunteer. Nicaragua is relatively safe, but we will be easily identified as US citizens.

We represent the South Dakota Synod of the ELCA; and as such, we are considered ambassadors. The people we meet will form impressions about US citizens and Lutherans in South Dakota based on our presence and behavior.

If we are carrying a financial gift or in-kind gifts from the SD Synod for the Nicaraguan Church, we will present them in a public setting, where we will also announce the specific purpose of the gift. The presentation will be made to the highest-ranking person from ILFE present at the gathering.

We may present a small gift to the Church from our group. One of our group leaders will present this gift.

ILFE discourages gifts to individual communities or people. In-kind gifts will be presented to one of the leaders in Managua, who will distribute them fairly to the communities. **We will make no promises to anyone about aid or in-kind gifts. ILFE has designated project priorities.**

ILFE also discourages giving to beggars. (We will be approached because people will know we are from the US.) ILFE would like to help people move toward having more sustainable incomes, rather than “teaching” them to rely on begging.

We are always asked to sing for a gathering, so we may prepare a couple songs to share for worship or group settings. Hymns and other church songs are appropriate, as would be American folk songs.

One of our group leaders will be prepared to bring a greeting from our delegation; and may also bring a greeting from the SD Synod. Pastors may be asked to offer prayers, benedictions, or even brief homilies.

Be prepared to give an offering during a worship service. It should be in proportion to what the congregation members give, which means \$1-\$2 or the change in córdobas you have in your pocket.



ACCOMODATIONS

We may be staying at the ILFE retreat center (Cedro Gelan) in Managua. The retreat center is rustic –like summer camp.

The sleeping rooms are dormitory style. There are a few standard electrical outlets. There are bathrooms with showers, but the water flow & pressure is erratic. Water is stored in a big tank. We may end up taking “bucket” showers and flushing the toilet with a bucket. There is also an outhouse.

Sheets and pillows are provided. Bring a light blanket. Mattresses are thin. If you have significant back/spine issues, please talk to Pastor Chris Zuraff prior to making your final travel decision.

Staying at the retreat center will give us an idea of how many families in Nicaragua live. We actually will have better accommodations than most families.

There may be days on which we will travel to reach a community or two that are further from the retreat center in Managua. In these cases we will either be staying with host families or in a hotel. We encourage our SD Synod Missionary to arrange host family stays so that we can experience the hospitality of the families that we serve, build stronger relationships, and get a first-hand experience of the living conditions of most Nicaraguan families.

EATING AND DRINKING

- Wash your hands often. We will bring antibacterial wipes and/or hand sanitizer. (Clean water is not always available.)
- Drink only bottled (purchased in sealed bottles) or boiled water. Staying hydrated is vital during this hot/dry time of the year. Do not drink tap water, fountain drinks, or ice cubes. Brush your teeth with bottled water.
- Eat only thoroughly cooked food or fruits & vegetables you have peeled. Avoid salads, unless cleared by an ILFE representative.
- Eat dairy products only if sure they are pasteurized.

OTHER HEALTH ISSUES

- Mosquito-acquired infections (dengue fever, chikungunya virus, and Zika) are prevalent in this region; therefore, use insect repellent with DEET if in areas endemic with mosquitoes. (We will be there in the dry season, so there should be very few, if any, mosquitoes; although 2010 was an exception!)
- If you take prescription medication, bring enough to last for the entire trip plus a few extra days.
- Bring high SPF sun block, hat, sunglasses, chap-stick, and lotion. Avoid scented products that could attract mosquitoes.
- Check with your medical insurance to see if and how you would be covered outside the USA for a medical situation or for emergency transport.
- Do not go barefoot. Flip-flops are only appropriate for the bathroom. The terrain is too rugged otherwise.
- Do not handle animals. Rabies is prevalent.
- Bring Imodium-AD and celebrate if you don't have to use it! Our medical supplies will have some basics we may need.

TRANSPORTATION

- ILFE will provide transportation for our group. This will likely be an old school bus, although it might be in the back of a pickup truck or cargo truck. You likely will not have a seatbelt and the ride will be rough.

MAKING CONTACT BACK HOME

- It will be hard to make regular contact with people back home. One of our travelers usually has “international calling” on his/her phone, so you may have an opportunity to call home.
- Tell your friends and family “no news is good news.” If they don't hear from you, it means things are okay.

WHAT TO BRING

In Passport Holder:

- Passport
- 2nd form of picture ID
- Airline ticket/e-ticket
- Credit card/debit card (to use in cash machine if needed)
- \$300 to pool for group expenses (in cash in denominations of \$20 or less – see page 6 & 7)
- Miscellaneous spending money
- Cash for travel including \$10 for entrance fee and \$35 for exit fee
- “Consent to Travel” form if under age 18 and traveling without a parent
- Medical insurance card

In Luggage:

- Clothes – casual is fine. In Nicaragua it is okay for women to wear shorts or slacks. Bring something to wear for attending worship (can be casual). Women should wear a skirt, capris, or slacks to worship.
- Comfortable shoes
- Light jacket
- Toiletries/mirror
- Swimsuit
- Bandana
- Towel
- Lightweight blanket
- Camera & batteries or charger, and memory stick/film
- Sunscreen/Insect repellent/lip balm
- Sun glasses and hat
- Antidiarrheal medicine – may be in group supplies
- Antibacterial hand gel and/or wipes – will be in group supplies
- “Leatherman” type tool or pocket knife
- Backpack
- Pictures of yourself and family, hometown, etc. to share with your host family during your home stay. You may wish to bring an extra photo or two to leave with the family, as leaving gifts for individuals is strongly discouraged by ILFE.
- Band aids/first aid cream

- Flip flops for the shower
- Wide-mouth water bottle
- Gatorade or some other flavored powder to add to your water
- Earplugs for light sleepers. There are roosters on the farm that have no internal clocks and crow throughout the night, and there are roommates who just might snore!

For staying at the retreat center our group may want:

- Garbage bags
- Flashlight
- Extra toilet paper
- Duct tape

In Carry-on:

- Copy of passport kept separate from your passport
- The address and phone number of ILFE. Some customs officials or documents ask for the address where you will be staying. See below under Contact Information on page 12.
- Any prescription medicines
- Change of clothes
- Notebook/journal and pens
- Pocket Bible/devotional book
- Spanish/English Dictionary or phrase book
- Granola bars/crackers/etc.
- Small photo book with pictures/postcards of family, South Dakota landmarks, church, workplace, etc.
- **ANYTHING YOU DON'T WANT TO HAVE LOST OR NOT HAVE WHEN YOU ARRIVE!**

LEAVE WITH FAMILY/FRIEND AT HOME CONTACT INFORMATION

- A copy of your passport picture page
- Travel schedule
- List of local contacts for each member of your group
- Contact numbers and email:
 - ILFE phone: 011-505-2266-4467
 - Email: luterana@turbonett.com.ni
 - Missionary Name _____ Phone _____
 - Email: _____
- Mailing address for ILFE: Apartado Postal P-151, Las Piedrecitas, Managua, Nicaragua.
- Street address of ILFE: de la Estatua Monseñor Lezcano 6 cuabras y media al Lago—*Translation: From the Monsignor Lezcano statue, 6 ½ blocks towards the lake (Lake Managua)*

OUR MEDICAL WORK

- We will inform ILFE as to how many days we are prepared to hold clinics, based on the number of medical and non-medical personnel participating.
- We will need to file papers with the Nicaraguan Ministry of Health (MINSa) at least two months before arrival (early November at latest).
- We are required to send (via the short-term missionary) copies of all physician/nursing medical licenses, lists of all medications brought from the US (with expiration dates no less than one year from the time we will arrive), and a letter of introduction from our church on official letterhead, etc.
- We are required to bring an accurate inventory of all medical supplies, medicines, and equipment we bring. MINSa requirements are subject to change, so we will be in regular contact with our missionary.
- We will bring money from a Gloria Dei fund designated for the purchase of medications for the daily clinics. (The average amount of medication used costs about \$500/clinic day.)

- Dr. Juan Ramirez (who has been part of our team every year!!) and the short-term missionary will help us purchase medications in Nicaragua. They are familiar with the regions we will serve, the maladies we can treat, and the supplies needed. Buying the medicine in Nicaragua helps the local economy, plus we can get more medicine for the money than available in the US.
- We typically utilize very basic patient information sheets to document who we treat and their medical needs.
- We will have one translator, if necessary, for each medical provider directly treating individuals.
- Those not performing direct patient care will help fill prescriptions, support the entire team, and interact with patients and their families. Everyone has a vital role!

HELPFUL SPANISH PHRASES

| | |
|-----------------|----------------------------|
| Hola (oh-la) | Hello |
| Buenas días | Good morning |
| Buenas tardes | Good afternoon |
| Buenas noches | Good evening/night |
| Adiós | Good-bye |
| Hasta luego | See you later |
| Hasta Mañana | See you tomorrow |
| Señor | Mr. |
| Señora | Mrs. |
| Señorita | Ms. or Miss |
| Don | Title of respect for men |
| Doña | Title of respect for women |
| Lo siento | I'm sorry |
| Permiso | Excuse me |
| Por favor | Please |
| Gracias | Thank you |
| De nada | You're welcome |
| No es nada | It's nothing |
| Mucho gusto | Pleased to meet you |
| El gusto es mio | The pleasure is mine |
| Igualmente | Likewise |
| Mi nombre es | My name is |
| Cómo se llama? | What is your name? |
| Cómo está? | How are you? |
| Bien | Good |
| Mas o menos | So-so |
| Feliz | happy |
| Servicio | Bathroom |
| Ducha/baño | shower |
| Comida | food |

MISSION TEAMS AND COMMUNITIES VISITED

2003 – February 12-18 - Communities: Daniel Teller, Gracia IV,

Aquespalapa

Paul Amundson, MD
Carla Borchardt, RN (Registered Nurse)
Dan Elsasser (Peace Lutheran, SF)
David Rose
Siri Sorenson, Pastor
Gregg Thompson (Peace Lutheran, SF)

2004 – February 11-17 - Communities: Antonio Martinez, Los Trejos, El Jobo, and Estanbul

Carla Borchardt, RN
Dan Elsasser (Peace Lutheran, SF)
Kim Heck
Rich Jensen, MD
Claudia Kapp, NP (Nurse Practitioner)
Andrea Oliver
Bonnie Petersen, CNP
Glenda Pray
Marit Pudas, RN
David Rose
Siri Sorenson, Pastor
Lori Vermilyea (from Sioux City, worked at Gateway with Dan Elsasser – they set up laptops for the ILFE church offices)

2005 – February 16-22 - Communities: el Carbonera, San Luis

Paul Amundson, MD
Denise Austad, RN
Melissa Austad
Carla Borchardt, RN
Adam Broin
Miriam Broin
Justin Egge
Jackie Miller
Bonnie Petersen, CNP
Marissa Schon
Chelsey Shupick
Judy Shupick, RN
Siri Sorenson, Pastor

2006 – February 15-21 - Communities: Managua, Grecia I, Elviejo

Paul Amundson, MD
Carla Borchardt, RN
Darrel Johnson, PA (Peace Lutheran, SF)
Becky Nelson
Kristi Nelson
David Rose
Jennifer Rose
Mark Schramm

2007 – February 14-20 - Communities: Chinandega, Somotillo, Managua Central

Mathew Amundson
Paul Amundson, MD
Carla Borchardt, RN
Kristin Hanisch
Patti Hanisch, RN
Joleen Hessman, RN
Alex Hoefkamp
Loren Odland, Pastor
Elaine Tinklenberg, RN
Jill Wiesner, RN

2008 – February 13-19 Communities: Chinandega, Somotillo, Managua Central

Paul Amundson, MD
Carla Borchardt, RN
Darla Bruggeman, RN
Adam Heck
Kim Heck
Patti Hanisch, RN
Loren Odland, Pastor
Mark Schramm

2009 – February 28 – March 7 - Communities: San Jorge, Los Trejos, Batahola Sur (at school), and Managua Central

Paul Amundson, MD
Carla Borchardt, RN
Denise Hanisch Cameron, MD
Kari Heck

2009 continued

Kim Heck

Loren Odland, Pastor

Jana Thompson

Joleen Hessman, RN

Michelle Krueger

Kris McKinney, D.D.S.

Lee Meyer

2010 – February 10-17 - Communities: Santa Teresa near Somotillo, Managua Central, Pocomil (school building), Los Trejos in Managua

Paul Amundson, MD

Carla Borchardt, RN

Darla Bruggeman, RN

Anita Dixon-Dueis

Neil Groon

Patti Hanisch, RN

Caiti Kean, RN

Julie Meyer, RN

Loren Odland, Pastor

Ricci Parsons, RN

Tim Selbo, Pastor

2011 – February 16-23 Communities: Santa Teresa, Los Limones, Sagrada Familia in Somotillo, Managua Central

Paul Amundson, MD

Heidi Binstock, Pastor, Our Savior's Lutheran, Sioux Falls

Carla Borchardt, RN

Anita Dixon-Dueis

Nicole Elsasser, High School Student, Peace Lutheran, Sioux Falls

Elaine Ensz, RN

Tim Fitz, CRNA

Cheryl Gaeckle, Our Savior's Lutheran, Sioux Falls

Joleen Hessman, RN

Loren Odland, Pastor

Yvonne Oppold, MD

Kelli Rolfsmeyer, Our Savior's Lutheran, Sioux Falls

Deb Soholt, RN

Molly Soholt, College Student

Allison Tendler, MD

2012 – February 15-22 - Communities: Somoto; Carbonera and San Luis; Oscar Baltadano, Carazo; and Managua Central Church

Carla Borchardt, RN
Andy Heck, Student
Kim Heck, Engineer
Dan Lindquist, RN
Ann Nachtigal, Wife, Mom and Free-lance Journalist
Jack Nachtigal, Student
Loren Odland, Pastor
Dan Rath, MD
Jayson Santi, Urgent Care Implementation
Kathi Sweeter, CNP

2013 – February 13-20 – Communities: Los Limones near Somotillo, Los Trejos in Managua, and Managua Church Central

Carla Borchardt, RN
Dan Gran, Hospital Administrator
Nicole Grinager, Student
Susan Leddy, CNP
Dan Lindquist, RN
Jayson Santi, Urgent Care Implementation
Loren Odland, Pastor
Kathi Sweeter, CNP
Dan Schmidtman, Student

2014 – February 12-19 – Communities: San Luis, Carbonera (Comarca Pocho Cuape), Managua Central (Barrio Monsenor Lezcano)

Paul Amundson, MD
Carla Borchardt, RN
Anita Dixon-Dueis
Shadoc Hanson
Kate Leddy, Student
Susan Leddy, CNP
Dan Lindquist, RN
Andy Mortenson, MD
Loren Odland, Pastor

2014 continued

Jayson Santi

Kathi Sweeter - CNP

Danielle Versteeg – RN

2015 – February 10-17, 2015 – Communities: Managua Central (Barrio Monsenor Lazcano), El Rodeito, El Caimito, Pocho Cuape School

Paul Amundson, MD

Julia Blue, Student

Carla Borchardt, RN

Samantha Headrick, RN

Dan Lindquist, RN

Loren Odland, Pastor

Jayson Santi

2016

The Gloria Dei Medical Mission Team was unable to travel and serve during 2016 because there was no SD Synod Missionary present in Nicaragua at the time of arrangements/travel. This highlighted the important relationship between the SD Synod and ILFE. Our work together depends on strong relationships.

2017—February 22-Mar 1—Communities: Managua, La Carbonera, Estambul, El Bonete, La Flor

Carla Borchardt, RN

Nancy Hartung, RN (Nurse Educator, Bethlehem Lutheran, Aberdeen)

Lyle Biegler, MD (Bethlehem Lutheran, Aberdeen)

Jayson Santi

Darwin Kampa

Mark Schramm

Aiden Schramm

Chris Zuraff, Pastor

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