

U.S. Brigade Carries out Free Operations Dozens Have Benefited From Last Sunday

Like the remainder of communities in the Sula Valley that constantly benefit from medical brigades, Santa Cruz is receiving this type of help from North American physicians.

The Karen Smith Clinic, in the community of Canchias, provides care for the people of approximately 25 villages near Santa Cruz and Meámbar in Comayagua. They benefit from general medicine and surgeries of different illnesses.

Lenín Turcios, director of the hospital and coordinator of the brigade, declared that they do not know how many people they attended. "The goal was to help the most people that they could."

The surgical consultations that began Sunday finished Wednesday night. The surgeries that remained were scheduled for Thursday morning.

Support

Turcios added that the brigades in this sector are coming twice a year. That has permitted dozens of people of scarce economic resources to receive the help that they cannot pay for in a private clinic.

"This is an activity carried out in conjunction with local physicians and U.S. physicians through Heart for Honduras and the Karen Smith Clinic," he stated.

The people took advantage of the situation to have surgeries such as hernia repairs, excision of moles and supernumerary fingers, among other health problems, as well as general medicine.

The physician indicated that they (area physicians) evaluated the patients beforehand to determine who needed an operation. The number was high.

The goal is to help the poorest population of the area. The clinic continues giving normal attention to the sick who could not be helped by the brigade, said Turcios.

Other municipalities

In the middle of September, approximately two thousand people of all ages of El Progreso benefited from medical attention and free medicine by another American brigade that set up in the school of the village of Berlin of the Pearl of the Ulúa.

The activity was coordinated by Matthew Goins, pastor of the Baptist church, The Lighthouse, of the village Quebrada Seca, near San Pedro Sula.

The physicians also offered gall bladder and hernia surgeries for this work. The authorities of the public hospital of El Progreso lent their operation rooms.

The group of 45 volunteers, doctors, nurses, and others, comprised the brigade.

Bradley Edmondson directed the ministry that provided the health care for the people of El Progreso. They promised to return soon to help the sick of the area.

Another center in which this type of care is offered is the hospital Asturias, in the community of Toyós, in El Negrito.

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