

PERMANENT CLINIC SITES

SAN JUAN DEL SUR, NICARAGUA

VOSH-NECO established this permanent one-lane clinic within a local health clinic in San Juan del Sur, Nicaragua in 2000. The town is situated on a small bay. Ideal for optometrists willing to combine service/Spanish language study/vacation. Volunteers can be accommodated most any week of year, subject to schedule of local health doctor who oversees multiple projects.

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SAN PEDRO SULA, HONDURAS

This is a full eye clinic that is housed in a two-story building with 2,200 square feet. It includes areas for examining, dispensing, prepping, surgery, post op, etc. Most recently, Ruth has added a clinic for general medicine and a pharmacy. Optometric volunteers are welcome.

For scheduling, info, contact *Fundacion para Servicios Medicos Voluntarios, Ruth Berkling*, rberkling@sulanet.net

EL PROGRESO, HONDURAS

Lions and Rotarians are in the process of establishing a full eye care clinic in El Progreso, Honduras and welcome optometric volunteers. They anticipate having four lanes up and running in July 2003.

Project coordinator is Harold Weiler, weiler@sylvaininfo.net

CUERO Y SALUDO WILDLIFE REFUGE, HONDURAS

33 km west of la Ceiba, Caribbean coast of Honduras

This is a small, two-room Primary Health Care Clinic, built by VOSH-Oregon in 1998, in conjunction with the Cuero y Saludo Floundation (FUCSA) and staffed 5 days per week by a local public health nurse from the Ministry of Health. Available equipment includes a chair, stand, phoropter and slit lamp. Electricity is wired to the building but only accessible if Dole Fruit Co. is operating the coconut plantation within the refuge and their gas generator is running.

FUCSA has a visitor's center with rough accommodations for volunteers. Bring your own food, supplies, and potable water. Consider it a camping trip. This wildlife refuge is home to a manatee, howler monkeys, incredible bird species, and the human village population, which was allowed to stay when it received national designation as a protected area in 1986.

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LA ESPERANZA, HONDURAS

The clinic was established by VOSH-MI and the La Esperanza Lions Club. It has two lanes of equipment including slit lamp (one with a Goldman Tonometer), keratometer, projector with slides, lensometer, Humphrey Auto Refractor, Focometer, a Perkins tonometer, retinoscope, and ophthalmoscope. The Lions operate the clinic on Saturdays and will assist with translators for VOSH missions. In the future there will be a Dental Clinic as well.

Project coordinator is Bob Foote, OD, boone@chartermi.net .

CATACAMAS, HONDURAS

In 2003, VOSH-Kansas OD's established a clinic in conjunction with host organization Prednisan in the town of Catacamas. The clinic consists of an exam chair and stand, phoropter, slit lamp with Goldmann tonometer, keratometer, projector with slides, autoplots, lensometer, and miscellaneous equipment. The set up would be perfect for 1-2 OD's, working with equipment comparable to what we have in the states. The only equipment required of the OD would be their hand diagnostic equipment. The site is available any time of the year.

Contact Don Kuehn, OD @ Russell, Kansas; dkuehn@eaglecom.net; 785-483-4508.

JEREMIE, HAITI

Haitian Health Foundation has a multi-disciplinary permanent clinic with a separate, modern eye care facility. Optometrists can be accommodated any week of the year. Housing is provided.

Dr. Robert Pannone of CT 860-887-2060 dr.pannone@snet.net

APOPA, EL SALVADOR

Dr. Ken Henderson of Bellingham, WA, a member of VOSH-Northwest is in the process of establishing a permanent clinic in Apopa, El Salvador. This will be in association with an existing community clinic just outside the capital city, San Salvador. Donated equipment includes a Zeiss/Humphrey auto-lensometer, slit lamp, keratometer, BIO, and fundus lenses. A supply of used glasses is available. Additional equipment is being sought to complete the lane. Anyone interested in donating or working in the clinic contact Ken Henderson at hendersonkod@qwest.net.

SANTA ANA, EL SALVADOR (ASAPROSAR)

A well-equipped, multi-disciplined facility founded by Dr. Vicki Guzman. VOSH is encouraged to use these facilities. Patients receive follow-up care and cataract surgery. A computerized recycled eyeglass program is intact and an optical laboratory is onsite. Comfortable quarters, excellent cuisine and super hospitality make for an excellent working holiday.

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JUTIAPA, GUATEMALA

In 1997, VOSH-PA and SVOSH of the Pennsylvania College of Optometry formed the Vincent Pescatore Eye Clinic in the Peten jungle region of Guatemala, naming it in honor of the American missionary who invited them to build it. Before the clinic was up and running, Mr. Pescator died tragically in a plane crash in 1996. Located in Jutiapa, Guatemala, this is a full eye care clinic that provides eye examinations, eye surgery, and prescriptive eyewear. Optometric volunteers are wanted.

Contact Dr. Doug Villella, doogie@erie.net

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ENSENADA, MEXICO

Optometrists and opticians wanted to work weekends/several weeks at the eye clinic/Eye Glasses Recycling Center, recently located in Ensenada.

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GUANAJUATO, MEXICO

After a VOSH trip in 1998, the EyeCare Center in Guanajuato, Mexico was formed in conjunction with Indiana School of Optometry and the Department of Infants and Family, a Mexico state organization charged with supporting indigent people. This has become a 4th year clinic rotation with Dr. Doug Horner as faculty advisor/coordinator.

See the website at www.opt.indiana.edu/clinics/mexico/hx.htm .