

A refurbished argon laser was presented to the Nicaraguan Government's National Eye Clinic (CENAO) in January 2010. Dr Greg Pearl, President of VOSH/International had received the donation in Los Angeles, had it serviced in Calexico, CA and shipped to Miami. The American-Nicaraguan Foundation arranged for shipment to Managua. Dr Pearl then met it in Nicaragua and personally delivered it to CENAO. The Nicaraguan National Eye Clinic was without a functional laser for two years. Cost of shipping and refurbishing the donated laser was \$3000.

This donation is one of many new and refurbished instruments donated by the VOSH/International Technology Transfer Program (TTP). To date, thanks to the Esther Kahn Foundation grant, more than 60 donated instruments have been collected, refurbished and sent to clinics and hospitals in developing countries lacking equipment.

The TTP is currently providing equipment, donated primarily by the Southern California College of Optometry to a new eye clinic at the Xochilcalco School of Optometry in Tijuana. The clinic remodel is being funded by a generous grant of \$40,000 from Optometry Giving Sight to VOSH/International. The clinic will open in September 2010.

Please contact Dr Mike DeRosier <derosier@vosh.org> to make donations.