

## April 2017 Monthly Report

This month we took care of 576 medical patients, of whom 102 were unable to pay. In the dental clinic there were 130 patients with 60 unable to pay. That makes a total of 706 patients and 162 with no charge. Eleven patients were given economic assistance and we paid for ambulance assistance for 7 to the Hospital Escuela in Tegucigalpa.

We had a patient in the clinic for an ulcer on his left foot caused by poor blood circulation. The patient said he had had the ulcer for ten years and that finally given up taking care of it to the point that the ulcer which had at first been 3 centimeters in diameter had advanced to covering almost all of the foot and part of the leg. It oozed so much liquid that it wet his pant leg and had a bad odor. The patient complained of terrible pain such that there were nights when he could not sleep.

He had once sought help at the Hospital Escuela in Tegucigalpa and they told him that if continued in the same manner the foot would need to be amputated. That is why he did not return and came to the clinic for help.

The patient is a carpenter but because of his poor health he could not work. In the clinic we gave him medicine and special liquids for cleaning and wound care as well as treatments that are very good for this type of lesions. The patient is now better and without pain and the bad smelling seepage has abated. Signs of healing can be observed which indicates that the ulcer is on a good path.

The important thing is that the patient feels very well because he was very afraid that his leg would be amputated. He is in good spirits and has returned to work.