

The CURE Clinic in Paraguay - 29 May to 1 June, 2023 - emphasizing women's health issues

Project C.U.R.E. is the world's largest organization that collects donated medical equipment and supplies for shipment to more than 135 needy countries for more than 35 years (www.projectcure.org). It now has warehouses in several parts of the USA and additional collection centers. For many years they have organized CURE Clinics for countries that have received shipments. These offer to the local people free basic medical checkups and some specialties. There have been several previous Clinics sent to different locations in Paraguay but COVID caused a planned Clinic in 2020 to be postponed until 2023. This time the Clinic was designed to address women's health issues but we served some men and children in addition. Our team of 15 was of medical and non-medical volunteers.

As our departure date approached on 13 May we had a packing session in the Denver (Centennial) warehouse, loading supplies into canvas luggage bags.



On 25 May the team had dinner and then our first full meeting at a hotel near the Miami airport.

The afternoon flight on 26 May flew over Cuba to Panama City where we changed planes. The next flight was to Asuncion, Paraguay, landing in the late evening.



Panama Canal

Hotel Los Alpes in Asuncion

Team approaching national capital



Our bus to Loma Plata





The Highway 9 trip from Asunción to Loma Plata, in the Chaco region of northwestern Paraguay, took nearly all day.

The elevation rose from about 60 to 120 meters above sea level during the trip across this low flat land. The shales below the surface are very salty, so the ocean likely covered this area in the past.



River crossing near Asunción



Typical flat land

For four days the Clinic was held in the village of Choferes, a little southwest of Loma Plata. We were in a building beside the Infant Maternity Hospital. Our arrival was a significant media event with the governor of the state of Boqueron.



The governor (masked) greeted us.



Felicia being interviewed



Unloading clinic supplies



Getting ready for official greeting



Our team being greeted by governor

Patients were registered under the first canopy, to the right. Basic measurements were made at the next table. The last table, on the left, was the pharmacy where we had many typical medicines. Inside the building we used many of the rooms for various consultations with our medical experts. Because of privacy, there are



Waiting for their examinations

few photos in those rooms when occupied.



The clinic process starts with registration



We examined all, not just women



Next: the usual basic measurements



Sometimes blood samples were taken



Checking infant



Gifts for mother and child

Patients were then directed to the various doctors according to their expected needs.

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A game for the children



Welcoming the children



Physical therapy was popular, needed.



Loading prescriptions at pharmacy



Team photo

During the 4 clinic days we served 335 local people for their health needs.

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