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June 1999

During our October visit, we became aware that the Del Hierros were in the planning stages of building a small clinic next to one of their churches. This church was in El Floron which is outside the city of Portoviejo. The Del Hierros hope to bring Christ to the 25,000 people of El Floron (via the clinic) that probably would not attend church.

We held a garage sale to raise funds (their government put a freeze on all bank assets that year—making continued work on the clinic impossible) and took the proceeds plus some college students down to work on the clinic for two months.



Initial clinic stage



Clinic building takes on a new face



Clinic progresses and 50 locals are trained in basic medical practice

September 1999

After raising the necessary funds, Elizabeth took four doctors, two nurses, and two interpreters to El Floron to train 50 “laypersons” in basic clinic care (CPR, diarrhea, upper respiratory infections, burns, vital signs, asepsis, etc.). Afternoon clinics were held for the people of El Floron as the “new” students practiced their new skills under supervision.



Nursing group



Teaching nurses