

2003



Dr. Jose and patient

March 10th, 2003

Our clinic opened for the first time without much fanfare. Dr. Jose Lopez was hired as our staff physician. The Engkjer's were unable to be there for the opening day. Much still needs to be done as the staff numbers need to be increased as well as the necessary items installed to make it a functioning clinic.



*Consul General Yanez,
Elizabeth, 1st Lady Guterez and Richard*

April 2003

Richard and Elizabeth traveled to Washington DC to meet with Prima Dama (1st Lady) Guterez. We've had great difficulties getting medical shipments for FYTA through customs; when the invitation was extended to meet the 1st Lady, we accepted. Pablo Yanez was the newly appointed Consul General. Over the past 5 1/2 years of our work in Ecuador, Pablo Yanez helped to provide all our accompanying letters CAE (customs) for mission trips, bringing Daniel and Carmen to the USA as well as assistance too numerous to fully detail.

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Our annual garage sale was held at Cherry Creek Presbyterian Church in Denver.

May and June 2003

For the first time, our annual garage sale was held at Cherry Creek Presbyterian Church (CCPC). We were given one day (May 31st) for the sale. Remaining items were taken to the Engkjer's home and the sale was held the following weekend for two days. We thank God that the sale was a huge success! We reached our goal of \$10,000 in order to purchase a Ultrasound machine for the Buen Samaritano Clinic.

September 2003

This was the first year we essentially had two different teams. Our Dr. McVay needed to fly in on a different flight schedule than the rest of the team so joined our Ecuadorian staff to

do a PAP clinic. The other team was stranded in Houston for two nights due to the use of standby tickets. Clinics were held in Los Geranos and Jocay—over 730 patients were seen along with 200 PAP's collected.



Medical team with two local MD's



Medical team with Carmen (Rosa and Pedro's maid)



Construction team working with bamboo poles, which are used to support the construction of a roof/ceiling

October 2003

Esnerio Velez had his second hip surgery on the 16th. Both hips have now been replaced! His life has been totally changed. Our thanks to Johnson & Johnson of Ecuador, Dr. Augusto Bonilla of Quito and Gloria Sandoval of Manta who helped coordinate all the required visits and procedures.

A construction team (18 members) from CCPC and the Denver area went on the 25th to build an addition to the clinic — for the much-needed dental and x-ray rooms.