2004

January 2004

Gloria Sandoval, Elizabeth and Richard had the unique privilege of visiting Esnerio at his home in the jungle for the first time. Richard captured the event with a DVD camera—a portion of which is on our promo DVD (a link for viewing the video is on the Resources page).



Help is numerous and fun!

Jan-Feb 2004

Our 1st Denton Program shipment of approximately 6 tons finally arrived. Since it is sent standby on USAF military aircraft, it took two separate shipping dates—on Jan 9th, 11 out of the 19 pallets arrived in Guayaquil while the other shipment of 8 pallets arrived on Feb 5th. Both times a flatbed truck with guards delivered the goods from the main airport in Guayaquil to the Buen Samaritano clinic in El Floron.

March 2004

At Rosa and Pedro's request, FYTA-CO began a child sponsorship program in one of their projects—Los Geranos. The FYTA board named Glen Steelman as Director of the Child Sponsorship Program. The cost to sponsor a child was \$20/mo (\$240/yr). The program ran for 5 years and then Compassion International undertook the village. So we began a School Sponsorship Program for the struggling school on the Church Compound next to the clinic.



A child scholarship was started by FYTA-CO

May 2004

Our clinic physician, Dr.
Jose, travels to the US to be trained on the Ultrasound machine that will be shipped on the Denton shipment later this year.



Dr. Randi McVay and Dr. Jose

June 2004

This was the 2nd year that CCPC has allowed us to hold our Annual Ecuadorian Fundraiser/Garage Sale in their parking lot. Again, the sale went extremely well whereby we raised over \$9,000 despite the heavy rains.



September 2004

This year we had 13 team members and the mission went without any hitches. Over 1500 patients were seen—thanks to our first-time mission dentist—Dr. Wanda Dufrene. We also had an Ecuadorian dentist and allergist from Quito who came to work with our team.





October 2004

In October, Elizabeth, Richard and Dottie McGuire traveled to Kitimat, Canada and met Joanne Monaghan to discuss the possibility of arranging for the shipment of medical supplies and equipment to Ecuador. The items were to come from a hospital that had been closed. Problems in the logistics of shipping caused such a long delay that we turned the project over to Project C.U.R.E. and they had it shipped to Africa.



A meeting in Canada to discuss the shipment of medical supplies and equipment to the clinic.



Other October news:

Due to staffing the Buen Samaritano clinic had to be closed for a short period of time but was officially re-opened again on October 29th. A large opening day ceremony was given to over 100 in attendance. Dr. Parrales (far right) would be the staff physician and Medical Director.

November 2004

A water delivery system (tank on hillside) for El Floron was completed by Rotary International. The water lines were installed on every street. A system to hook up and charge the residents still needed to be worked out.



New El Floron water tank system-however the water was not potable.