



Angels of the Amazon



Newsletter #20

Dear friends of Angels of the Amazon, Angels of the Amazon (AoA) continues to make a difference helping the people of the Tahuayo River region with their healthcare needs both at our clinic in Esperanza Village, as well as providing access to specialized treatments in Iquitos and Lima.

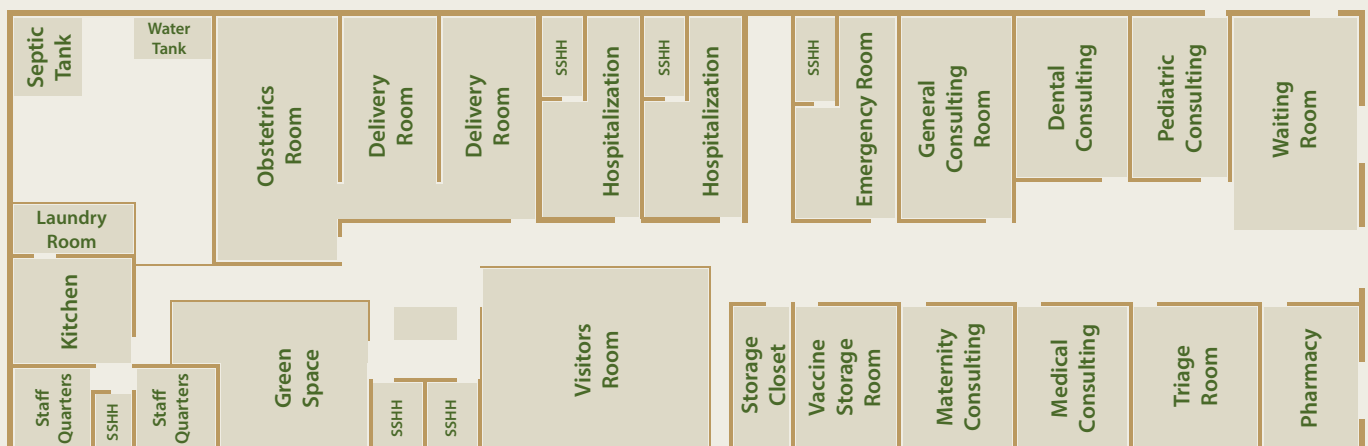
Here is just one recent story of how your contributions have helped to make a difference. This is the story of Mr. Sergio a father, 48 years old and a member of the small community of Jerusalem. While in the forest hunting, Sergio tripped over his canoe and a sharpened arrowhead was driven deep into his leg.



His hunting companion helped him to their canoe and then from their village of Jerusalem, made the 25 km journey over 9 hours by small boat to the clinic. Mr. Sergio arrived at Esperanza clinic near midnight, in agonizing pain. The professional medical staff paid by AoA is well trained in trauma and emergency care and so immediately provided great care. The arrowhead was removed, the wound stitched, fluids were administered, and antibiotic therapy was begun. Without the Esperanza clinic services Mr. Sergio would not have been able to get the urgent medical care he badly needed. The next place to go for this type of care would have been the city of Iquitos (several days away). Maybe Mr. Sergio would not have survived this journey if the clinic sponsored by AoA and staff didn't exist!

Health care update

Because of the great demand for our services we are in the process of rebuilding the Esperanza clinic to provide better space for the staff to serve their patients. We have our final blueprint approved for continuing with construction.



ESPERANZA CLINIC BLUEPRINT - OCTOBER 2019 - UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Education update

Construction also continued this year on the high school at El Chino Village. This past summer the 4th classroom was completed! Our partners BTCV (Be the Change Volunteers) once again worked with the community members on the construction. The school also received many new books for the library, as well as musical instruments, teachers' desks, white boards, art supplies etc. In the coming year we plan to work on building a science classroom.

The education of the children has had a huge impact in what they aspire to become in the future. They are excited to continue their education and break free from the cycle of agrarian poverty. Having the infrastructure and tools gives the students the opportunity to realize their potential and pursue a brighter future. The entire community shares in the labor and makes every effort to support the work towards the high school. Everyone in the El Chino community understands that their contribution is necessary to make this dream possible. Investing in our children's education has a ripple effect through the community.



Economic Initiative

AoA also works closely with the association of artisans Manos Amazonicas, a local women's cooperative established by AoA. Recently, wooden stands were installed to hold artwork and crafts at their workshop. While looking at their beautiful artwork on display the women were very proud to see how far they have come. From humble beginnings (selling on the dirt floor) to now, a highly professional and powerful initiative operating out of their own studio. This has been just one of AoA's great success stories.



In AoA we see every problem as an opportunity to serve and create new ways to find solutions. Because the area where we serve is so remote, our challenges are greater. But when we hear people share their happy stories and see the lives that have been saved or transformed, we are reminded that this is why we work here and what our mission is; our contribution to our society big or small makes a difference in someone's world! We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your continued generosity, all this great work could not be done without you!

One child at a time!

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The Jungle's Daughter
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