

Hola! There's A New Clinic To Open Manana



Preparations have been underway for some time now, but the dream of having a fully staffed and functioning medical clinic, complete with medications is about to become reality within a few days for impoverished residents in Southwest Honduras. With the opening of the first phase of this medical clinic in the Copan region of the country, Manos Amigas, SATC's partner in La Entrada, eagerly awaits the opening of its doors in a rehabilitated building on the central thoroughfare of the main shopping district in town, just across the road from the Hotel El San Carlos. Although the building is still undergoing modification, the word is already out on the street that a new medical clinic has arrived in their community and there is an air of

anticipation, not only from residents but also from local officials and even the Ministry of Health.

Local doctors have met numerous times to work on details with Manos Amigas as to how they will utilize the clinic. Manos Amigas held interviews to select experienced staff to run the facility. When the doors swing open in the next few days, a physician, pharmacist, administrator and security guard will be on duty to serve the needs of their neighbors. This is a clinic for Hondurans, run by Hondurans and supplied by donors and benefactors of SATC, a 501 (c) (3) charitable organization.

The first few weeks will prove to be an operational test for the clinic and should provide us with an early indication of the number of daily patients seeking care along with a better understanding of the breadth and types of cases presenting themselves for treatment. In this way SATC will be in a better position to re-supply the clinic in a timely fashion with first aid consumables and quantities of medications most appropriate to the range of maladies encountered.