

News at Noon – Lights, camera Action!

To document the activities at the Manos Amigas clinic, two teams of reporters from the local TV studio and national broadcast news arrived on the scene in August when the healthcare brigade from Geisinger Hospital started up their activities. They were there to report to the community that two US doctors, returning to La



Entrada with a team of specialists, were in the community offering services in pediatrics, pulmonology and internal medicine. Here you don't expect to see white news vans with satellite dishes dashing in and out and camera men with bright lights and a grip to coil up the microphone cable and to position cameras. Life is much simpler in this part of the world.



One self-contained news crew showed up on a motor scooter with a hand held digital camera and a newscaster sporting a freshly pressed open collared shirt, wielding a microphone and darting about asking questions of the clinic staff and doctors. Watching the repeat performance of the clinic in operation on the evening news, you would not know whether this “happening” or special event was an uplink or a down load

because life is easy going here and the people, visitors in this case, are the human interest side of this story.

At the end of a very busy week, more than 700 patients were treated by a very tired and enthusiastic group of visiting healthcare professionals, who were taking home with them many lasting impressions and experiences from patients, still living and struggling to survive in the land of the Mayans.

