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As Mayflower Medical Outreach (MMO) approaches 20 years of providing critical hearing health care and deaf education services to many under-served residents in rural Nicaragua, we find ourselves at the cusp of being able to significantly expand our reach in order to build fundamental capacities with our Nicaraguan partners.

Working closely with rural communities has given us specialized insight into root causes and solutions for many hearing health care issues. **Our findings have led to research opportunities within the U.S. and Nicaraguan Universities as well as recognition by international foundations, universities and like-minded organizations for our innovative programs.**

These are some of our recent achievements:

- **Hear The World Foundation** funded the development of our Audiometric Technician Training program - the first of its kind in Central America. Two graduates are now practicing in our MINSA Jinotega and Estelí audiology clinics.
- **The Oticon Hearing Foundation** funded an Early Hearing Loss Detection Program that will launch this summer - another first in Nicaragua. Our partner, **Arizona State University's Department of Speech and Hearing Science** will develop and provide services to hearing impaired babies.
- A three-year study by **MMO** and **Dartmouth College** on hearing loss in school age children has led to a grant by the **National Institute of Health (NIH)** to develop hearing screenings for first graders.
- The **University of Nebraska** and the **Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Nicaragua (UNAN)** are developing improved ENT and Audiology services.
- **MMO** provides deaf children at the **Albergue Mayflower** their only opportunity to learn a formalized sign language, and an education curriculum that serves their specific needs.

Successful programs with meaningful outcomes such as these demand strong infrastructure and experience. Thanks to you we have developed both, but there is more to be done. **Now we need your continued financial support to raise general operating funds. These funds will give us the flexibility and adaptability we need for new opportunities and allow us to plan strategically for the future.**

As the new Executive Director, I am honored to serve to further develop MMO's capabilities. Please read our newsletter and be inspired to help in any way you can. Thank you for helping us reach this exciting milestone!

With warm regards, Lupe Ramsey