

# Cristo Sana News



January 2016 with Bishop Solórzano Pérez

## Mission Dates

2016

Jan . 16-23

April 16-23

July 23-30

## Eye Clinic receives Canon Auto-Refractor

This year's January 2016 trip to Granada was a tremendous success.

With the addition of an auto-refractor ,provided by Bayou Optics for the Cristo Sana Clinic, Drs. Jeanne Herman and Jane McDow were able to see many more patients during their stay.

Therapeutic drops provided by Alcon allowed more patients to be treated for glaucoma, corneal foreign bodies, eye infections and chronic dry eye. More than five hundred patients were also prescribed glasses.



Dr. McDow reported, "interesting cases included Steven-Johnson Syndrome patient and a foreign body in the cornea for eight months. The people of Granada are very appreciative of all the help we do for them. Because of this gratuitous appreciation the Medical Mission trips to Nicaragua are very meaningful and rewarding."

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*"Mission is part of the 'grammar' of faith, something essential for those who listen to the voice of the spirit who whispers 'Come' and 'Go forth.' Those who follow Christ cannot fail to be missionaries..."*

Pope Francis

**Christ the Healer ~ Cristo Sana**

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**Mission Statement**

Christ the Healer is an ecumenical medical mission program of the Archdiocese of New Orleans called to serve the people of Nicaragua. In the name of Jesus Christ, it aims to improve the quality of life and physical healing in a partnership of ministry. Employing a holistic approach to mission, it seeks to develop an appreciation for the people and culture of Nicaragua. Christ the Healer provides an opportunity to evangelize through the medical, dental, and social ministries, as well as an opportunity to be evangelized through this same service from the people of Nicaragua.

**Wayne Gravois, MD, Zachery Louisiana**

It was a privilege for me to participate in the Christ the Healer medical mission the week of January 16th through the 23rd. I joined nine other pilgrims on the trip. Rev. David Munn was our Trip Coordinator and my cousin, Father Jimmy Jeanfreau, was our spiritual director. I had known of Father Jimmy's missionary work in the past, but had never joined him in this work before. As God so often orchestrates, I visited with Jimmy at a family gathering in September and soon after, I signed up for the trip.

On Monday and Tuesday we traveled to Malacatoya and Los Cocos with the help of the medical team including nurses, Kathleen and Christine, and the valuable help of Thelma, both translator and guide, we were able to treat nearly one hundred people each day. The next three days we worked in the Women's Clinic in Granada. Even one of the missions founders, Adela helped with the clinics displaying an amazing love and compassion towards her fellow Nicaraguans. Father Jimmy celebrated mass for our group almost every day. We also toured the Granada hospital and visited local orphanages including Calcutta and the Little Sisters of the Poor.



Words cannot describe how rewarding my experience was caring for the people of Nicaragua. The genuine appreciation and love they expressed was felt by everyone. The blessings I received from these people far outweighed any help I could provide them.

Being able to spend time with my cousin Jimmy and reuniting with Michael Dunn was another blessing.

**Helping Hands of Christ the Healer**

Coming up in May, Helping Hands of Christ the Healer will make their journey to Granada, Nicaragua. The date is May 28-June 4, 2016. If you are non-medical and feel called to mission—sign up today! [Application form.](#)

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