Sponsor a nurse

Our nurses are essential to our medical work. Not only do they treat patients, they also provide much needed community education, showing people practical ways to prevent disease.



£75 will pay the wages of one of our nurses for one month. Just 35 people giving £15 a month would support all of our nurses in their vital work.



Each of our sponsors will be matched with one of our seven nurses and will receive annual updates about their particular nurse and the medical work in general.

To start sponsoring a nurse simply fill in the enclosed standing order form and return it to us at the address below.



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Sowing seeds of hope in Nicaragua

Extend a healing hand



Healthcare for everyone

The island of Ometepe in Lake Nicaragua is home to around 35,000 people, most of whom live in rural farming communities. As most of the state healthcare facilities are centred in the main towns a large number of people have little or no access to adequate healthcare. If they are able to see the doctor they have to pay for any medicines they need and this is often more than they can afford.

SIFT has been running health clinics on the island of Ometepe since 2005. We employ a highly qualified doctor, Dr Sandra Villagra, and seven local nurses to bring healthcare to the people who need it most.

When five year old Luis Ortiz's parents brought him to see Doctor Sandra he had been diagnosed with juvenile rheumatoid arthritis. He was suffering from severe rigidity in his neck and arms, and fluid had built up in his hands. Under Doctor Sandra's care Luis' condition improved significantly. The mobility returned to his neck and arms and the buildup of fluid in his hands reduced. In addition his blood count returned to normal and he put on weight.

Thanks to SIFT's clinics Luis was provided with the medicines he needed free of charge and his parents were saved a costly trip to mainland Nicaragua to see a specialist.









Patients at our four rural clinics pay a small, affordable fee for a consultation and receive medicines for free, enabling everyone, no matter what their income, to receive the care they need. As well as treating illnesses, Doctor Sandra and her team seek to prevent disease by giving community health education talks on topics such as hand washing and dental hygiene.

Last year our medical team treated 2,908 people, 45% of whom were children. They also provided 98 community health education talks.

It would not be possible for us to provide this high level of care without the financial support of people in the UK.

Standing Order Form

When you have completed this form, please return it to:

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