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LETTER FROM THE CEO



Dear Property Owners,

It has been an exciting past couple of months here at Gran Pacifica, and I am excited to once again deliver updates to you through the Gran Pacifica Wave. We have been working at a feverish pace lately, not only at the property where new homes are going up all of the time, but also in the surrounding communities. The newest Roberto Clemente Clinic has finally broken ground. This clinic will be located on-site, on land donated by Gran Pacifica, and will service local community members who currently do not receive the care that they need. Giving back to the community that has been so kind to us is always a central goal of Gran Pacifica's, and that's what makes the news of the clinic's groundbreaking that much more exciting.

We have also been working with many other fine philanthropic organizations, such as Patrick Hiebert's Help Them Help Themselves, who recently had a successful medical mission. The mission gathered volunteers from the United States, Canada and of course Nicaragua. It was a rousing success, having treated over 700 patients during the five days of service. For anyone interested in participating in future medical missions, there is one scheduled for September 3-10 of this year. Check out the article to find out more on how you can get involved.

Back at the property, there has also been a flurry of activity. The teak plantation has officially been established, and the teak saplings are safely nestled and growing in the nursery. In only a few years they will become stronger and be replanted, and soon a mighty teak forest will be growing at Gran Pacifica. In addition, Gran Pacifica is preparing to host the DISES (Division of International Special Education and Services) conference here at the resort. DISES will be working improve the lives of vulnerable children, as well as creating sustainable gardens at local schools.

We certainly have been busy here at Gran Pacifica lately. I'm happy that we got to take a little time out of our busy schedules to prepare this month's issue of the Wave, and keep you all informed on our many activities.

I look forward to seeing you all on your next visit.

Sincerely,

Michael Cobb

Chairman and CEO
ECI Development

Ground Broken on the Roberto Clemente Clinic III

Adam Mcgeehan

It's was a momentous day in March of 2016 when the ground was finally broken on the Roberto Clemente III Clinic. The clinic is being built on land donated by Gran Pacifica, and will be located directly outside the gates to the resort. This \$80,000 project is part of Gran Pacifica's Corporate Social Responsibility Program (CSR). The clinic will provide medical services to over 2,000 residents in the surrounding communities of California, San Bartolo and San Diego, all of which belong to the Villa El Carmen municipality of Nicaragua.



Bricklaying Ceremony for Medical Clinic
Left to Right: Dr. Carl Ross, Joel Nagel, Mike Cobb, Mayor
Denis Espinoza, Patrick Hiebert

Gran Pacifica is very excited for this momentous event, one that has been long in planning and which is now finally coming to fruition. The clinic will be built on 6,500 sq.ft., donated by Gran Pacifica. The clinic itself will be 1,500 sq.ft. and will feature a pharmacy, dentist's office, emergency room, maternity services, and waiting room. It will work to address specific health issues that affect the local communities, such as prenatal care, treatment of kidney disease, respiratory problems, and fractures, among other ailments.

Of course, Gran Pacifica has partnered with many other organizations to make this dream a reality. Organizations such as the Pittsburgh Rotary Club, Rotary Club Tiscapa-Managua, Help Them Help Themselves (NGO), the Municipality of Villa El Carmen as well as many individuals from the local community.

The construction of the clinic is well underway, and it will be completed and operating sometime in the near future. Everyone here at Gran Pacifica, as well as the members of all of the partnering organizations and the members of the local community, are excited for this momentous development.



Presenting Check of Donated Funds for Clinic
Left to Right: Ruth Vado, Rotary President Claudia
Samper, Giovanni Rodriguez, Valeria Espinoza

Medical Mission A Success

Adam Mcgeehan

Care is being spread all throughout the communities of Nicaragua. This is thanks to a recent Mobile Medical Mission. The Mission was led by Dr. Suzanne Cutter, and was supported by Help Them Help Themselves and Travel To Do Good.

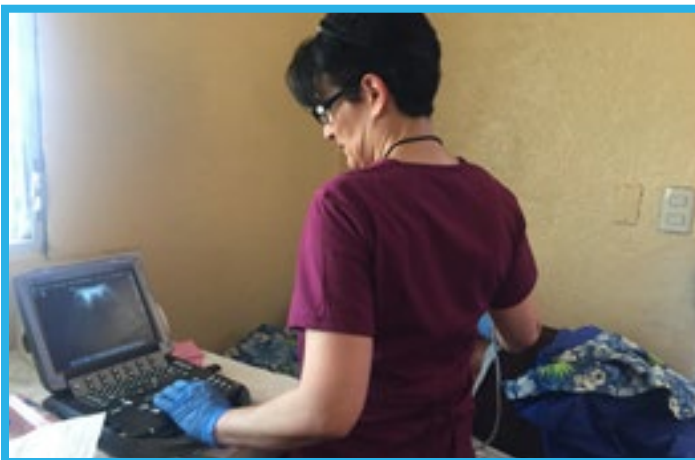


Patrick Hiebert and Volunteers Checking Blood Pressure

The Mission brought together volunteers from the United States, Canada and Nicaragua. It was an excellent display of how international professionals can come together to do good in an area that is being under-served by the current medical facilities. Attendee accommodations were provided by Gran Pacifica Beach and Golf Resort.

The results of this mission were astounding. By the third day of travelling, already over 400 patients had been met with. And after this there were still two more full days of doing good. The Medical Mission travelled through several communities, including three villages which had next to no medical care, as well as travelling through two larger towns, where the medical mission gave assistance in government funded clinics.

It was an emotional week. Sick children can certainly make your heart sink to new lows and wish you could do more. But there were some real highs too as expectant mothers were able to see their unborn babies for the first time on the team's portable ultrasound machine!



A Woman Receives Her First Ultrasound

Education was another important part of the Medical Mission. This includes the medical team learning about the people they were serving, as well as the being able to teach good health practices. For example, it was discovered that many in the area, up to 80%, were experiencing symptoms of unhealthy kidneys and dehydration. Upon realizing this, the medical mission team was able to provide advice and lessons on how to combat this problem.

All in all, the Medical Mission was a great success. It was a time of many highs, getting to see all of the people that were helped. The good news is, although the medical mission is over now, it isn't over for good. Another medical mission is planned for September 3-10 of this year, and anyone who is interested in participating, whether they be a doctor, dentist, nurse or anyone not in the medical field who would like to donate some time to a great cause, can do so. Contact Patrick Hiebert at phiebert@granpacificacom to get more info.

Gran Pacifica Gets a New Teak Plantation

Adam Mcgeehan



Teak Seeds Get Water During Planting

Gran Pacifica got a few (thousand) new residents this past March. Those residents are a new plantation of teak trees. The teak trees are just saplings right now, but they will soon grow to be mighty trees.

The teak saplings are located in a nursery towards the entrance of Gran Pacifica. In fact, they can be seen when driving in on the main road to the resort. The nursery they are in now will act as temporary housing while the seedlings grow and become stronger. The nursery provides all of the necessary accommodations to ensure that the seedlings grow large and strong.



Teak Trees After a Few Years

After approximately the first few weeks, once the saplings have grown stronger, they will be transplanted to a new location, where they can reach their full heights. The teak trees will have excellent care and surveillance. Being located on the grounds of Gran Pacifica means that the full security of the resort will be ready to watch over and protect the teak.

Gran Pacifica is happy to welcome our newest residents. These teak trees will add a layer of beauty to the already stunning grounds of Gran Pacifica. The next time you are at Gran Pacifica, take a moment out of your day and catch a glance of these glorious trees.

DISES Conference at Gran Pacifica

Patrick Hiebert

Gran Pacifica is proud to host DISES (Division of International Special Education and Services) 4th annual international round table! DISES is a division of the Council for Exceptional Children.

The Round Table conference will be hosted this week. Last fall, DISES delegates visited Gran Pacifica to determine our ability to handle their large group and we all enjoyed showing them the resort, surrounding area and the needs of the villages around us. Many great ideas were hatched, such as online education options that will allow DISES' very qualified members to educate school kids in our local villages over the Internet.



DISES promotes knowledge, exchange, collaboration, human rights and advocacy to those who provide services for individuals with disabilities.

DISES is committed to improving the lives of vulnerable children, and together with Help Them Help Themselves foundation and Gran Pacifica we are all doing just that!

During this conference, DISES participants will also be building more of the sustainable gardens Help Them Help Themselves volunteers have been creating at local schools. They are bringing a garden curriculum, designed by Carlow University (PA), which gives practical skills to the kids on how to make and maintain a garden that provides sustainable food for them, their classmates and their families.

Just like with the gardens that we've already built, if the kids at the schools can produce more vegetables than they need for themselves and families, then we have committed that Sea Salt Restaurante will buy their excess produce and they can use the money for additional school supplies or other items they may need. It is a great way to promote helping them to "help themselves" which is the core of our philosophy!

Thank you to DISES for choosing Gran Pacifica for your annual Round Table conference. We are very excited to be your host and can't wait to work with you on the garden projects!

Gran Pacifica Team Goes Through First Aid Training

Angela Smetana



Gran Pacifica Employees Learn How to Help Someone
Who is Choking

For the second year in a row, certified firefighters from Managua have come out to the property to provide first aid training courses to Gran Pacifica employees. These types of training courses will continue to be provided on a yearly basis, so that employees are properly educated on how to prevent or minimize accidents and give adequate first aid supplies and proper first aid care. The training courses are also done to foster good will among the employees by showing them the care that Gran Pacifica expends to provide a safe and healthy work environment. Many of the local Nicaraguans have never received any first aid training courses before. Gran Pacifica hopes that the training provided to them will not only serve them at the work place, but can also serve them in their own communities.

The courses that the employees have received over the past two years have included basic first aid care and identifying the different types of fires and fire extinguisher and their proper usage. Gran Pacifica management will be assessing the property to be mindful of the jobsite and/or work process that could cause illness or injury to employees and/or the clients. Once we feel that the basic elements of proper first aid care are understood, we can implement more in depth training on the different scenarios that can present themselves here at Gran Pacifica, and know exactly how to manage them.



Gran Pacifica Employees Learn How to Deal with
Various First Aid Situations



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