

Dear Friends,

When Concern America celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2022, we looked back and celebrated decades of powerful work. We also looked forward with a challenge: to double our impact within 10 years. In less than three years, we opened a new health project in Mexico and began new trainings in Guatemala and Colombia, reaching more communities than ever. Then, in Guatemala, another new group of health promoter practitioner students began in April of this year, just five months after the last cohort graduated, and they will reach 5,000 more people with local and affordable health care. Read more about this new first level from our newest field volunteer in the region, Dr. Gerson Marquez, on page 2.

Concern walks alongside people affected by armed conflict, displacement, material poverty, and rural isolation, providing training in communities in remote regions so they are able to provide their own essential services, like health care and clean water. This community-centered and led model works, especially at times when international funding and support are impacted. At a time of pulling back, Concern is expanding and growing. This is only possible because of the committed people working to transform their communities, and you, our Concern community, inspired to have a global impact.



As we look ahead to 2026, we invite you to continue your support. In Mexico, Guatemala, and Colombia, health promoter practitioner cohorts will gather every other month to study. The new Midwife Training Center in Guatemala, fully funded (thank you!) as of mid-October and to be completed in December, will begin hosting new midwife trainings early in the new year. Families in all projects will benefit from clean water through household water filters and systems. More than 3,000 youth in remote areas of Chiapas, Mexico, where no public schools exist, will benefit from school materials created by and for their communities, in their indigenous languages. Your ongoing generosity will make all of this possible, and more!

Thank you for all of your support in 2025, and may our work with communities in 2026 continue to be a light for what is possible when global hearts beat together.

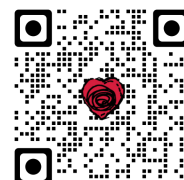
With gratitude and peace,



John Straw
Chief Executive



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A PERFECT FIT: TEAMWORK IN A NEW COMMUNITY

It is always a joy to hear about Concern America's health promoter practitioner model through the words of someone experiencing it for the first time. One of our newest field volunteers, Dr. Gerson Marquez, joined our program in Guatemala in April of this year, providing invaluable support as the program expands. Here is an excerpt from his first quarterly field report.

Field Report

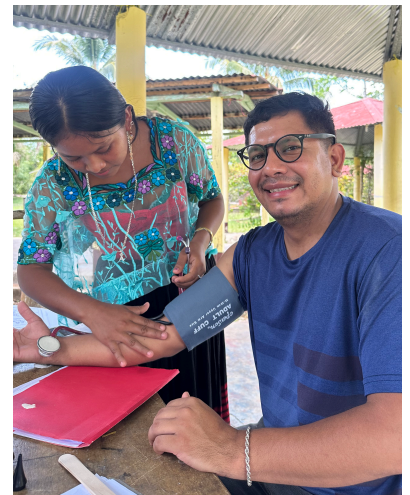
Gerson Alonso Marquez, MD.

Concern America Field Volunteer, Guatemala

This marks my first experience serving as a volunteer with a nonprofit organization. My decision to participate in this remarkable project in Guatemala has opened a new chapter, both personally and professionally.

Residing at the Las Cruces teaching clinic presents significant challenges (like adapting to community living, the food, etc.) yet it offers an incredible opportunity for growth. Immersed in the daily rhythms of the clinic, I am learning firsthand about the operational processes, organizational structure, and the nuances of community coexistence.

The depth of knowledge and preparation demonstrated by the clinic's multipliers, the advanced health promoter practitioners and midwives, is truly admirable. Their ability to deliver quality care to patients is the result of years of dedicated effort, continuous learning, and collaboration with volunteers who have contributed to this project over time.



This commitment is reflected in the steady stream of patients who seek medical assistance at our clinic. Many individuals travel great distances, sometimes five or six hours, with the hope of finding solutions to their health concerns. These patients choose our clinic, a testament to the reputation and trust established through our collective work.

I began my service just as a new group of promoters was starting their training. Witnessing the enthusiasm of so many young individuals eager to learn about the vital role of health

promoters was truly inspiring. Their commitment and the ongoing support from our program to educate and empower these young people, ensures the continuity and future of this meaningful project.

It is deeply rewarding for me to share, integrate, and adapt my own expertise to the unique context in which our project operates in Guatemala. Teaching alongside the experienced multipliers brings immense satisfaction, especially as we welcome new promoters from the Q'eqchi' culture, who will have a vital role in increasing quality care, in their indigenous language, to their own communities.