## 2022 Guaymas Mission Rotary Report

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About the Guaymas Mission ("Ayudame a Escuchar")

#### Guaymas, Mexico



#### **Guaymas Statistics**

- •44 % live in poverty (live on less than \$4.00 US dollars/day).
- •Healthcare concentrated in large cities.
- •Guaymas and nearby communities lack Audiology/ENT services

#### Mission History

- Fact-finding trip in 1992
- First mission in 1993
- Addition of students in 2003

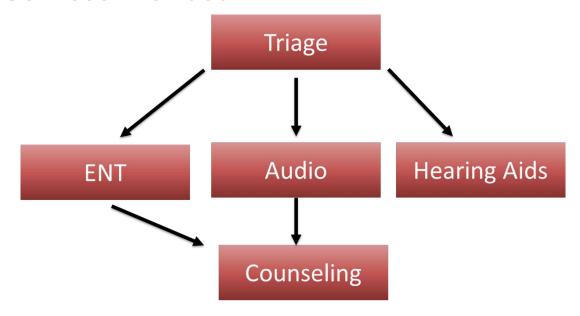
#### Current trip status

- October or November each year
- 2 travel days, 2 work days
- ~30-50 volunteers each year
- Trained audiology tech from Alamos in 2018 to provide quarterly maintenance services in Guaymas





#### **Services Provided**



#### 2022 Trip Statistics

Dates:	Nov. 9-12, 2022
Patients seen:	Adults: 136 Children: 67
Earmolds made:	122
Hearing aids fit:	73

#### **Historical Trip Statistics**

- ~5800 individuals served, ages 6 months-108 years
- ~2400 earmolds made
- ~3100 hearing aids fit





#### 2022 Trip Budget

Expense	Projected	Actual Expenses	Notes
Hotel Rooms	5000	-	Paid for by Guaymas Club
Food	1200	5147.15	Sunset Grill primary additional expense
Stipends to Alamos Doctors	1200	1200	
Stipend to Rodolfo Fernandez+expenses	300	500	
Matrix Earmolds	400	167.91	
Medicine	400	265.13	
Batteries	400	0	Donated by Bob
Van Rental and Gas	2800	3234.46	
Tips to Hotel Staff	0	135	
Toll Road Fees	0	30	
Total:		10,679.65	

#### What would services cost if provided in US?

Cost of medical services	\$60,900
Cost of HAs fit	\$137,500
Cost of earmolds	\$9760
Hearing aid batteries	\$11,050 (cost for pt. purchase)
Total of donated goods and services:	\$219,210

# Importance of Hearing Health Care

## Children with hearing loss will have difficulty with...

- Learning plurals, tenses
- Being able to differentiate words and sounds
- Performing tasks that involve language comprehension
- Auditory attention and memory
- Speech perception and production
- Conversational and social language

#### Academic Implications of hearing loss

- Lower performance on verbal IQ tests
- Higher rates of grade repetition and failure
- Increased needs for special education
- Progressive academic delays as progressing through their schooling

## Psychosocial implications of hearing loss in children

- Social isolation, exclusion, embarrassment, annoyance, confusion, helplessness
- Decreased independence in the classroom
- Social immaturity
- Hesitation to participate in classroom and extracurricular activities
- Poor self-image

#### Hearing loss in adults

Brain	Vision	Sickle-Cell Anemia
Older adults with hearing loss may lose over a cubic centimeter of brain tissue annually beyond normal shrinkage	Visually impaired older adults are more likely to experience hearing loss	Up to a third of people living with sickle cell anemia may also have hearing loss
Dementia People with hearing loss are two, three, or five times as likely to develop dementia, depending on the severity of their hearing loss	Depression Hearing-impaired seniors have a 57% greater risk of deep depression	Smoking Those who smoke are at greater risk of hearing loss than nonsmokers, and secondhand smoke is linked to sensorineural hearing loss among adolescents
Memory Hearing-impaired seniors experience thinking and memory problems 30-40% faster than their normal-hearing counterparts	Hypertension Hypertensive patients have a higher threshold below which they cannot hear - indicating hearing loss	Anxiety Seniors with untreated hearing impairment are more likely to report feeling worried and anxious versus those using hearing aids
Heart Disease Those with heart disease are up to 54% more likely to have hearing loss	Diabetes Hearing loss is twice as common in those with diabetes and 30% higher among adults with diabetes	Relationships Partners of those with hearing loss may also experience stress, fatigue, isolation and other impacts

#### Report from Rodolfo



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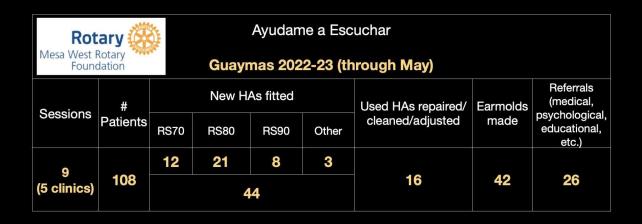


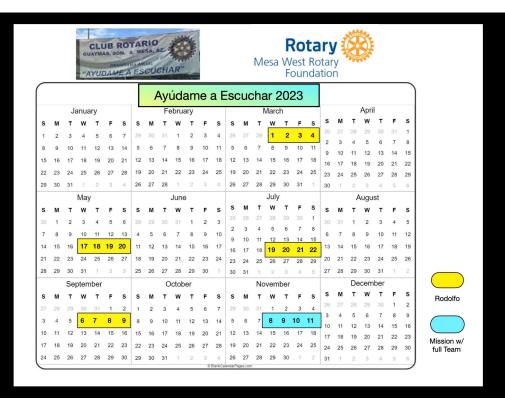
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#### Guaymas 2022

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Sessions		RS70	RS80	RS90	cleaned/adjusted	made	psychological, educational, etc.)
5 (3 clinics)		3	14	5		18	15
	50		22		7		

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Guaymas 2023 (through May)								
G	#	New HAs fitted				Used HAs repaired/	Earmolds	Referrals (medical,
Sessions	Patients	RS70	RS80	RS90	Other	cleaned/adjusted	made	psychological, educational, etc.)
4		9	7	3	3			
(2 clinics)	58	22			9	24	11	





#### Dr. Abby's contribution has been huge.

- She takes care of all medical related issues.
- General health consultation.
- Specific audiological testing: otoscopy, oto-acoustic emissions, tympanometry & audiometry
- Cerumen removal.
- Medical referrals.

#### Rodolfo's activities

- Coordinate with Guaymas Rotary Club: Hotel accommodations, lunches, patients' lists, etc.
- Coordinate with CAM School: Facilities, volunteers, patients' lists, mini clinics' logistics, inventories, etc.
- During mini clinics: Everything but medical consultations. Setup and break-down of equipment, clinic area, inventories, etc.
- Otoscopy, Tympanometry and audiometry testing. Counseling.
- Ear mold fabrication.
- HA fitting/cleaning/repairing/adjustment.
- Patients database management
- Activities report.
- Expenses report.

## Thank You

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### Questions?