



Dear Friends of MAMA Project,

These have been very exciting days for MAMA. Undoubtedly some of you have noticed that MAMA has been changing shape... Well, now it is time to let the secret out:

MAMA has been expecting a BABY!



So, after months of preparation, and a lot of anticipation, the **NEW BABY** finally arrived! Baby's **BIRTHDAY** was the 1st of October, 2017.

Are you wondering about the name?

MAMA's baby will be called by the name "**Healthy Niños Honduras**"!

So, here's the deal. The work in Honduras that was started by MAMA Project has grown over the last 30 years, and is now ready to survive as a separate organization with a separate Board of Directors both in Honduras and in the USA.

The new organization will be a non-profit registered in Pennsylvania, just as MAMA Project is.

Healthy Niños Honduras, partnering with the Honduran Board, will continue to carry out the program that MAMA established in Honduras. **The service teams will visit the villages** that MAMA visits around San Francisco de Yojoa. The new organization, Healthy Niños Honduras, will continue **Medical**

and **Dental Brigades**, the project of **cementing floors**, the **water bucket** and **guinea flock projects** and perhaps some new activities will be added as the needs arise. Also, the new organization, in partnership with the Honduran Board, will support the **Nutrition Center**, and **distribute donations of material aid, medical supplies, and deworming medications** to other organizations in Honduras who are doing lifesaving work in Honduras.

Who will be directing this project? Most of you know Dr. Herman Sagastume who is a Honduran physician. He has worked for MAMA Project for over 10 years, and is a very familiar face in both on both sides of the MAMA partnership. He has organized many teams to go to Honduras, as well as heading up the shipments for many years. He is well loved by team members, and also by the staff in Honduras. In addition, he helped to form the Honduran Board who will be the main partner of the US Board of Healthy Niños Honduras.

And, to drop a few more names, the US Board of Directors of Healthy Niños Honduras will be comprised of members of the current Board of MAMA Project.

MAMA Project, meanwhile, will continue to do the same work that we have been doing for 30 years. We will continue working to **combat malnutrition** on many levels, **working in villages, partnering with other organizations, working to influence those in power to prioritize the needs of children suffering from malnutrition**. We will do **Child Survival Trainings** for people living in poverty, and for those who work with them. MAMA will continue to work to provide **food supplements, deworming medicine**, and other **low cost medications** to those places that are in desperate need. We will continue to promote and **share our Child Survival Tools** like the **Infantometer**, the **MAMA Water Purification system, our anemia detection scale**, teach how to manage malnutrition and serious illnesses with resources in the villages and promote messages for **safe motherhood**.

Right now, for example, new partnerships are forming and developing in **India, Kenya and Tanzania**.

So, to our friends who have supported MAMA Project over the years, please understand that the Birth of this BABY organization is not a signal that the work in Honduras is done. NOT AT ALL!!!! Healthy Niños Honduras will need a lot of support from the MAMA Family to continue to grow to its full potential!! And the mother of this new baby, MAMA Project, will still need your support to carry our global vision for local health.

How will you get the news about MAMA Project and Healthy Niños Honduras? We will both send out our news to our friends, and each organization will maintain a Webpage. **Contact information:**

MAMA Project 2781A Geryville Pike Pennsburg, PA 18073	Healthy Niños Honduras P.O. Box 53 East Greenville PA 18041
www.MAMAProject.org	www.healthyninos.org (under construction)
Phone: 215-679-4338	Phone: 267-377-5058
Email: info@MAMAProject.org	Email: office@healthyninos.org

What about the donations?

Any undesignated funds received prior to 1st of October 2017 will be shared 50/50. Donations that you have given to Haiti Scholarships will stay with MAMA, and MAMA will send the funds to Haiti.

Money that has been sent to cover costs for future teams will go to Healthy Niños Honduras.

For those who have arranged planned giving to MAMA in your will, or with other legacy gift plans, we would encourage you to review and amend your will if necessary to be sure that your gifts go the intended recipients. Both MAMA Project and Healthy Niños Honduras are extremely grateful to be remembered when you are doing your planned giving. We want to honor your intentions!

This year, on Saturday, 5:30 pm, the 11th of November 2017, we will hold our Annual Banquet and Silent Auction at Quakertown Christian School. This year it will be a joint event of both MAMA Project and Healthy Niños Honduras. Half of the proceeds will go to each organization.

We are thinking of this a **BABY SHOWER!**

Please join us to celebrate the birth of this new organization, and to congratulate the "**MAMA**".

On behalf of the families that we serve, the staff, and the Boards in US and Honduras, THANK YOU for all of your support for this work of love!

Priscilla Benner, MD
Director, MAMA Project

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Reservations for the Annual Banquet & Silent Auction** on Saturday, 5:30 pm the 11th of November 2017 Location: Quakertown Christian School, 50 E. Paletown Rd, Quakertown, PA 18951: Call MAMA Project 215-679-4338 or Email: info@MAMAProject.org
- **Do you have donations for the Silent Auction?** Email Barb Rice: barbandjakerice@verizon.net or office@healthyninos.org
- **Child Survival Training** at MAMA Project office on Friday Evening 7-9 pm and Saturday 9am - 4pm on the 3rd and 4th of November 2017. Call or email for details and to reserve your spot.
- **Interested in Service Teams to Honduras in 2018?** Contact Dr. Herman at 267-377-5058 or Email: office@healthyninos.org