

PARAJÓN



David
Parajón

NICARAGUA

LANGUAGE

Spanish

MINISTRY PRIORITY

Health and Wellness

BIRTHDAY

3/3



LOCATION

Nicaragua



ABOUT

DAVID is an international associate global servant and medical doctor who has been serving in health ministry since 2001 through AMOS Health and Hope. AMOS uses an empowering approach that engages communities as full partners by training local health promoters. This program provides preventive and curative

health services to remote and vulnerable communities where there are no doctors. David supports the ministry of AMOS through medical, global public health and management training, as well as serving as a bridge between churches and volunteers who would like to support the work of AMOS. David's wife, Laura, is also a medical doctor who serves International Ministries in a volunteer role as a special assistant for health and wellness in the Iberoamerica and Caribbean region.



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MINISTRY STORY

The dream for AMOS Health and Hope began in 1967 with the work of Dr. Gustavo Parajón, a physician, medical missionary and American Baptist pastor. Faced with overwhelming need in the poorest rural villages, my father frequently remarked: *"In Nicaragua, a doctor shouldn't just be a doctor; a doctor must also be a teacher."*

This vision for empowerment gave birth to an integral healthcare initiative devoted to local leadership development. The heart of my father's work focused on communities themselves, teaching local people to provide basic primary health care services, thereby dramatically reducing unnecessary illness and death. This focus on strengthening communities through education and preventive care lives on in AMOS today, and strengthening local leadership is fundamental to International Ministries (IM).

The leadership at AMOS has inspired me. Since Laura and I moved to New Mexico in 2020, trainings of health promoters and the amazing health work they do has been ongoing. Christy Lafferty just became an IM global servant in Nicaragua with AMOS, and Dr. Gabriella Woo, a Nicaraguan physician and executive director of AMOS, continues to lead and expand the work to reach more people in both rural and urban areas. As I conclude my role as an international associate global servant, I am so grateful to International Ministries and supporters



Health promoters after a training session.

who made it possible to be a part of a ministry that continues to reach out to people in need, through the participation of local leaders, churches and people who come to serve.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for all of the AMOS health promoters that they may continue to save the lives of babies, pregnant women and community members who otherwise would have no access to healthcare.

Pray that children in Nicaragua will not die every year from completely preventable causes.

SCRIPTURE

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in."

Matthew 25:35 (NIV)