

Attachment A – Final District Grant Report

Billings West Rotary

Guatemala Hearing Aid Project & Audiology Training

Describe the project:

Nebaj, Guatemala is a town of 18,500 with a municipal population of 50,000 people. The average pay is \$12.00 per day. There are limited medical facilities and no hearing or hearing aid services in this region. Billings West Rotary member Dr. Gene Bukowski, Doctor of Audiology traveled with Tim Doerr, Audiometric Technician from Billings, Montana to provide hearing and hearing aid services from February 24 to March 3, 2018. Mark Arneson traveled from Minneapolis, MN to provide translation services and book transportation and lodging for the project. All transportation, food and lodging expenses were paid for by each individual on this project.

Two Special Education teachers, Margareta Guzman and Jacenta Ceto Cebo, have received audiometric training from Dr. Bukowski and from Dr. Michael Mallahan. (Guatemala Clinical Audiology Equipment and Training Grant, Mill Creek, Washington Rotary) They provided the center for the project, counseling and follow up to the people being served. Seventy people were evaluated for hearing and ear infections. Seventy-seven hearing aids were fit to seventy adults and children. A large supply of batteries were left with Mrs. Guzman and Mrs. Ceto Cabo to be distributed as needed.

Dr. Bukowski is a member Faith Chapel in Billings, MT. Faith Chapel will be sending an annual team for the next 10 years in cooperation with Guatemala based Food for the Hungry Agency. Hearing aid batteries and supplies will continue to be sent. A medical mission is scheduled in November 2018 that Dr. Bukowski and Tim Doerr will also participate in. The Rotary District Grant provided critical audiology equipment and hearing aid supplies in order to make this a sustainable project.

The goal is for basic hearing and hearing aid services to be established by local providers in Nebaj.



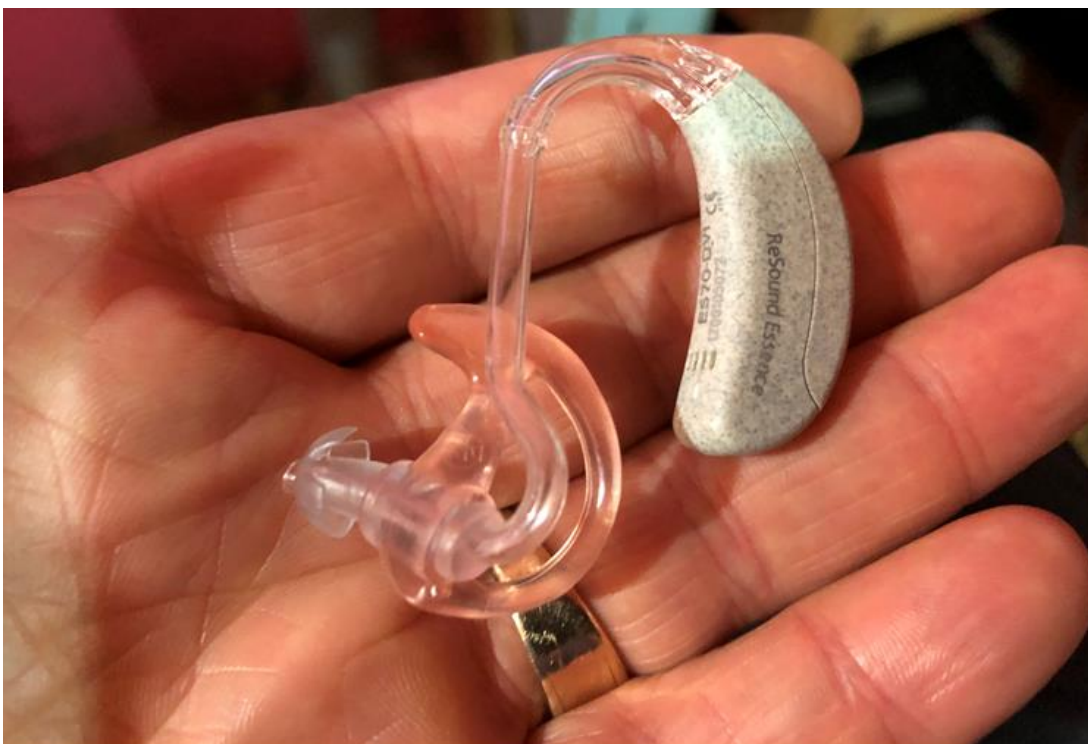
Dr. Gene Bukowski administers a hearing aid test in Nebaj, Guatemala. One of the newly audiometric trainees is standing next to Dr. Bukowski Feb 2018



A newly fitted hearing aid – Feb 2018



A local patient in Nebaj thanks Dr. Gene Bukowski after he has fitted her with a hearing aid.
March 2018



One of the hearing aids purchased with the Rotary Grant Funds