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• **Project Partners**
  - Doctors for Global Health & Atención Primaria en Salud.

• **Populations/Communities Served**
  - Underserved Rural and Urban Communities throughout Nicaragua and those affected by Hurricane Felix.

• **Timeframe**
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- **Project Goals**
  - Gain clinical experience in a limited resource, developing world setting.
  - Train rural and urban APS health promoters in physical examination and diagnostic skills improving access to care for underserved communities.
  - Provide relief and medicine for communities near Bonanza, Nicaragua affected by Hurricane Felix.
  - Help establish an urban health promoter program in Tipitapa, Nicaragua.

- **Expected Outcome**
  - Learn about the workings of APS and sustainable health promoter training and functioning.
  - Improve clinical skills of APS health promoters.
  - Gain clinical skills relevant to practicing medicine in resource poor settings.
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• Progress to date
  • Field experience completed 9/21/07.
  • Ongoing work in creating an evaluation tool to assess strengths and weaknesses of APS health promoters in clinical medicine.

• Next steps
  • Submit Completed Promoter Evaluation Tool.
  • Secure medical supplies donation from Medshare International and others to help support the work of APS Promoters.
  • Seek funding for new APS Dental Health program ($28K for start-up).
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Health Promoters of Tipitapa, Nicaragua