



BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

When Dr. Jane began offering surgical services at the San Lorenzo Clinic over 10 years ago, she performed simple procedures such as uncomplicated hernias which could be performed under local or regional anesthesia. Today, the facilities at the Clinic have improved to the extent that she regularly performs hysterectomies, thyroidectomies and other complicated procedures which require general anesthesia.

Although the surgical services at the Clinic have expanded greatly in the past 10 years, the post-operative patient quarters have changed very little.

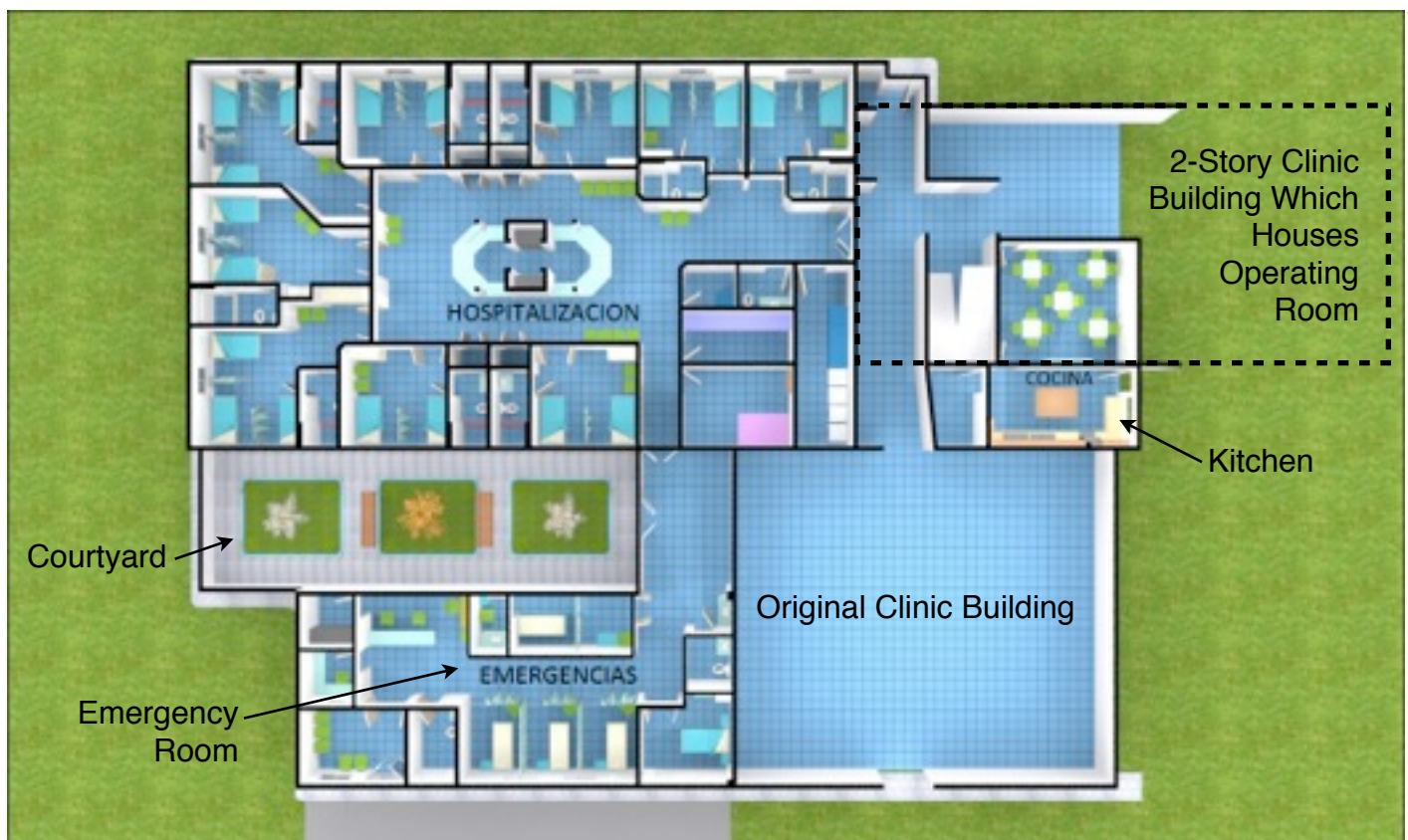
The albergue (al-BEAR-gay), where patients recuperate after surgery, is very cramped. It contains two small rooms -- one for men and one for women. Each room can accommodate five patients. Although adequate, the albergue is not ideal. It is in a separate building from the operating suite, has no nurses station and no space for monitoring equipment.

The Ecuadorian Ministry of Health is not satisfied with these facilities and has asked the Clinic to improve them. Also, in order to be officially classified as a “clinic” again, there must be an emergency room included in the facilities.

(You may remember that we reported in the April LAMBLines that the Ministry of Health will not permit the Clinic to function as a “clinic” until it has four separate specialties, improved post-operative facilities and an emergency room. For now, the Clinic is functioning as a “surgery center” which severely limits Dr. Jane’s practice. [Read the April edition of LAMBLines for more details.](#))

Dr. Jane and Dámarys have worked closely with LAMB supporter Paul Graber and an Ecuadorian engineer to finalize plans for a new, 20-bed hospitalization building. Pictured below, this new building will attach to the two main buildings of the Clinic and provide an improved patient care area.

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Dr. Jane, Dámarys and the Clinic staff have been dreaming to have a facility like this since at least 2008. We want to be able to begin construction of the hospitalization building in August, during the dry season, when it is easier to build. In order to do that, **we need your help!**

We expect the hospitalization building and emergency room to cost \$500,000. Already, over \$100,000 has been raised. We still need a little less than \$400,000 to complete this important project. **Every gift, large or small, will help us to reach the goal!**

Buy a Block and Help us Build!

It will take thousands of concrete blocks to build this new building. Including other costs of construction, each concrete block will cost approximately \$10.00. We are asking you to consider how many blocks you can purchase.



We are also asking churches, Sunday School classes, youth groups and other organizations to join with us in this effort. Whether it is 1 block, 10 blocks, 100 blocks or 1,000 blocks, your gift is important to help make the hospitalization building a reality.

When you invest in the hospitalization building, you become a partner in the ministry that will happen there. Every time a patient's life is changed, you share in that accomplishment! It's an investment that will continually provide outstanding returns.

You can make your investment by sending your contribution for concrete blocks to:

Latin American Missions Board
PO Box 15663 - Fort Wayne, IN 46885-5663

Contributions may also be made online by visiting:

www.LAMBOnline.org/hospital

The web page listed above will also keep you up to date on our progress toward the \$500,000 goal.

All gifts are tax-deductible.

FROM DR. JANE'S BLOG

Check out Dr. Jane's blog for these and other stories about what is happening at the San Lorenzo Clinic:

www.LAMBOnline.org/drjaneblog

A stray bullet breaks a window and passes through a box of medical supplies at Dr. Jane's apartment in Quito, where the Clinic office is located.

Well pumps at the Clinic have stopped working, leaving the Clinic without running water until mid July.



Dr. Jane and Clinic Staffer Carmen siphon water from the cistern.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray...

- For the resources to begin construction of the hospitalization building in August.
- For the Clinic staff as they continue to work without running water, and for safety as the Needys travel to San Lorenzo in July.
- For continued safety for Dr. Jane and all the Clinic staff (San Lorenzo can be a dangerous place to live.)
- That God will send one or more family practice physicians to work with Dr. Jane.
- For God's continued blessing on the ministry of the San Lorenzo Clinic.

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