

Hola Amigos,

We hope that all of you are well. The rains have begun in full force and the lake is rising quickly. Normally the hard rains begin in June, but the weather is changing everywhere. The flowers are in full bloom and it is more beautiful than ever.

Exciting NEWS!! Hospitalito Atitlán has grown up and now has it's own web site. www.hospitalitoatitlan.org Please bookmark this site. We hope that the financial support continues at this new site, especially since it is a little scary being "on our own". You will see that the DONATE buttons are clearly marked for hospital operations or for construction. The two accounts have never been nor ever will be used differently.

If you look at the calendar on the Medical Volunteer page, you will see that HA is short of medical volunteers in the coming months. **PLEASE HELP** by printing the attached poster and hanging it where potential volunteers can see it. Best to print it on photo paper if possible. We appreciate your help with this. Tell your friends... and remember that clinicians have the best work experience when there are few volunteers at HA.

Pediatric neurologist Ivan Abadia Herrera Newurolo and his wife Ana, a radiologist, are here from Panama to volunteer for a week. These are the only Central American volunteers besides surgeon Dr. Fernando Leiva. Dr. Ivan is seeing many special needs children in Atitlán.

There have been only four confirmed cases of swine flu in Guatemala City. Flights to and from Guatemala are full and the flu doesn't seem to have affected tourism.

Thank you for thinking of us, and please consider volunteering. The end of July is *feria* here (like a county fair) lots happening.

The staff and Board of Directors of Hospitalito Atitlán

P.S. Guatemalans celebrate Mother's Day the entire month of May. Banners hang in the Hospitalito and around town. Everyone wishes Happy Mother's Day when they greet a woman and gifts are often given to women who are not your mother, but to a woman you respect. ¡Felíz Día de Madre!