



WE STRIVE TO . . .

- ⇒ **Go to patients and individuals in their place of need**
- ⇒ **Serve on “their turf” as much as possible**
- ⇒ **Operate 100% independent of government**
- ⇒ **Use electronics very discreetly, as they separate us from villagers relationally**
- ⇒ **Be practical and simple in our care approach, using the least amount of equipment possible when in villages**
- ⇒ **Behave serious, humble, and tender when working in clinics**
- ⇒ **Wear clinic-appropriate clothing and dress modestly everywhere**
- ⇒ **Continue building a reputation in Nicaragua that COL is a “serious” organization, dedicated to a well-communicated mission**
- ⇒ **Under-promise and over-deliver, create a WOW factor for both team members and patients**

WE ARE CAREFUL NOT TO . . .

- ⇒ **Use or bring items that are 100% foreign to the villagers**
- ⇒ **Promote items or methods that are counter-cultural**
- ⇒ **Over-rule native leaders**

WE DON'T PLAN TO . . .

- ⇒ **Work in hospitals or city clinics**
- ⇒ **Create a highly technical environment**
- ⇒ **Expand our services to include building homes, bridges, or other outside-of-our-mission projects**
- ⇒ **Introduce “green” techniques or objects that are not sustainable**
- ⇒ **Give cash donations to Nicaraguans that fall outside of our programs**
- ⇒ **Partner with other NGO's who are less sensitive to autonomy**
- ⇒ **Ignore the shortcomings of Nicaraguan government or society**

Read: “IDEALISM WRAPPED IN A TRENCH COAT” by David Brooks

MISION EN ESPAÑOL

La Visión del Ministerio Cristiano Esquina de Amor es ser una familia global de manos de Cristo que trabajan juntos para cambiar vidas de voluntarios y beneficiarios, que se distinga por su amor, eficiencia y multi-nacionalismo, fortaleciendo liderazgo local, para transformar a esta región en una verdadera esquina (del mundo) llena de amor y bendiciones para sus habitantes.