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## Honduras: Ahuas Clinic

Dr. Gerard Rudy shares a glimpse into the activities of the clinic:

"Catrina tipped the scales at 4.7 kilograms (10.4 pounds) at eight months old. She is malnourished. I delivered a bigger newborn earlier in the month. Catrina's mom got pregnant soon after Catrina's birth, and she stopped breastfeeding. Twelve days after admission for malnutrition Catrina weighs 5.6 kilograms (12.3 pounds), and she eyes formula with anticipation. A case of formula will help her reach her first birthday alive.

Leonicia is 34 years old. She has a husband and seven children, ages two to 17. She arrived one cold and rainy night by boat from down-river. She was semiconscious. Her blood sugar was too high (over 500mg/dL) for our device to measure. With time, insulin, IV fluid, and the grace of God, she has done well. I tried to switch her to pills but her sugars were still high. She left without her insulin.

Insulin is something we take for granted now in the United States. Only rarely can my patients here afford it. I don't know exactly when people started isolating insulin from pigs for human use. I'd guess that happened during my father's lifetime. A couple generations ago, doctors would have known what it was like to treat diabetes without insulin. People go blind and lose limbs. They die young. Insulin remains for me one of the indicators or reminders of how great the gap is between health care in Honduras and the States.

Thank God for Sara Donoso. Sara, from Chile in South America, believes she is called as a missionary to India. She is a health care provider with special training in labor and delivery. Decision making and monitoring of labor and delivery is often stressful. It is wonderful to have help in that specific area during Norvelle's time

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become a ministry which many can participate in as lead.

Onward readers are invited to contact Helen if you wish to prayerfully provide daily prayers for a period of a week. For more information about this opportunity, contact Helen Gullgedge at [helngull@aol.com](mailto:helngull@aol.com).

So as this new direction ensues with Onward, may we all be moved to cross boundaries, remove barriers, and go forth for Christ.

With and through Christ,  
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away (in the States).

Medical treatment is handled under much less sophisticated conditions in Honduras than in North America. Volunteers often provide much needed assistance and expertise. Please keep all the doctors and nurses who serve sacrificially in the Clinica Evangelica Morava in your prayers.

