

# 2016 Eye Trip Report

## Ocotal, Mozonte, Macuelizo, Totogalpa

Jan 22-Feb 1, 2016

### Participants:

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### Summary:

During Monday to Friday we saw **2749** people starting in the cities of Mozonte, Macuelizo, and Totogalpa and spending the last two days in Ocotal. We saw 772 people on the last day. We are grateful for the Red Cross (Cruz Roja) for their great assistance.

**Jan 22, Friday:** Travel to Nicaragua from Madison and check into Las Mercedes Hotel.

**Jan 23, Saturday:** After a relaxed breakfast we traveled to the warehouse and loaded the eyeglasses and autorefractor. We then visited the new Walmart Store in Managua. Dave S. became the designated driver for the Toyota pickup and we returned to Las Mercedes.

**Jan 24, Sunday:** The suitcases were loaded and tied onto the Toyota and after being joined by Lilliam and Mirna, we headed for Ocotal. Along the way we picked up Jonathan, Karen, and Kevin in Tipitapa. We also stopped at Condega to visit the airplane park on the hill. This was a DC-3 of Somosa's national guard that was shot down by the Sandinista's. We settled into the Hotel La Frontera, our headquarters for the next 6 nights.



Parque Mirador El Avion - Condega

**Jan 25, Monday:** This day we traveled to Monzonte, about 18 kilometers east of Ocotal. Our equipment was set up in a community building. In the back yard were several big pottery kilns that were an old AID project. We saw **517** people.

Much to our surprise on entering the municipal building there was a large banner on the wall indicating the project was in the memory of Anne Jilek. This went with us to each site and was much appreciated.



**Jan 26, Tuesday:** Macuelizo, located about 12 kilometers west of Ocotal, was our next city. We saw **277** people.



**Jan 27, Wednesday:** Located south of Ocotal is the city of Totogalpa. The Centro de Salud was opened to us and we saw **527** people.





**Jan 28 -29, Thursday-Friday:** The last two days were worked at a Catholic church compound in Ocotal. On those days we saw **656** and **772** people.

