## **UPF Honduras' Free Dental Care Brings Smiles to Low-income Hondurans**

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**Tegucigalpa, Honduras** – For two years now, UPF-Honduras has been working with a generous ambassador for peace, **Dr. Mariza Morel,** to provide free dental prostheses to low-income people. Dr. Morel provides this service to one person every month.

The latest recipient, in July 2024, was **Mr. Rufino Rivas**, who comes from a rural area. He now has a complete set of teeth, can show his beautiful and happy smile, and will be able to eat properly, greatly improving his nutrition.



This kind of support is of permanent benefit to the recipients, and thus much appreciated.

This project caught the attention of a private investor, whose support has allowed us to extend this benefit to many more people, through Dr. Morel's network of dental clinics, called Dental Marfil. More than 20 individuals have received complete dental protheses.

**Pastor Jose Santos Cruz Hernandez** is one of many collaborators in this program. In this case, he provided transportation and accompanied Mr. Rufino from his village to the capital city. Another ambassador for peace, **Mr. Juan Angel Canales**, runs the Campesina Clinic and provides general medical care for more than 50 farmers associations. Overall, about 2,000 people from southern areas of the country have benefited from this service.