



MEMO REPORTS



MEMO Newsletter
May 2014

A New Chapter Begins

With our last report you were told of our introduction to Shalom Clinic in El Salvador and our opportunity to assist the small family directed mission "Harvesting in Spanish" (H.I.S.). Remember they had an orphanage then began a school to provide education for their children and many others in the area as well. A couple of years ago they saw a need for a medical clinic and constructed a beautiful building but had no money for equipment, furnishings or staff.



MEMO had the equipment so we joined hands on this project.

After a year of silence from the Cuban government we had also received an email saying we had permission to ship to Cuba and work with the Ministry of Health in Villa Clara

directly. It looked as though the path before us was fairly straightforward and so we enjoyed our Christmas season. We are most grateful for the many donations sent to MEMO through the World of Hope and other avenues.

As we stepped into the New Year we had *four specific projects* in view as well as the usual shipping of containers:

1. Getting the lab in Shalom Clinic up and running which would involve Ruthann Robinson (our lab consultant from Langley) travelling to El Salvador several times to source, obtain and set up all that was needed.
2. Finding and installing a simple digital X-ray machine essential for diagnosing many conditions.
3. Locating an ambulance for the clinic. This is a real need as El Salvador is a mountainous country.
4. Offering support to Cecilia Huevo, a single woman missionary of the EFCCM, who has begun work in a community about an hour's drive from Shalom Clinic.

Cecilia was born in El Salvador and at the age of fourteen moved to Canada with her family to live in Thunder Bay. As an adult and having come to truly know God, she felt a great pull to return to El Salvador where many of her relatives still live to help them. She is working with the children and women in a very poor region focusing on education and training to raise their standard of living.



This is a co-op of farms located on a large section of land which her uncle has given permission to use. She has built a house and centre for her activities. Eventually she hopes to see a church develop. MEMO has provided desks, chairs, shelving, computers and other such items. We have also been able to send items for Cecilia from friends and relatives in Thunder Bay. Such a neat connection!

Well, those were our plans, *so how are we doing?* The first surprise of the year was realizing that after giving permission to ship to Cuba, their government ceased to communicate. The Cuban government is no longer communicating with any groups who were sending supplies and we can't find out

why - all is silent. This is our answer to the question "is the door to Cuba closed?" But clearly the door to El Salvador is open and miracles continue. So we'll look at those four projects:

1. In April, Ruthann travelled to El Salvador with suitcases of equipment to begin setting up the lab. (We are able to obtain lab equipment from the USA for a fraction of the cost.) Shelves have been set up, supplies from containers organized and more is to be done, but she was able to meet people and assess the situation she will be working in. Future trip(s) will be needed.
2. Erwin Stuka travelled from Alberta to Lansing Michigan to remove the simple x-ray machine he found in a hospital there, pack and transport it by truck to our warehouse in Thunder Bay. He added a digital component so it won't need film and developing fluid. It will be shipped in May along with the ambulance - another miracle!
3. The ambulance was donated to MEMO by the City of Thunder Bay and is now fully equipped to transport and save lives in El Salvador - siren and all! The beautiful signage in Spanish was done, gratis, by *Signs Now* of Thunder Bay. Later in the year we plan to provide EMS training to hospital staff in El Salvador, so stay tuned for that report.

The miracles have continued with the provision of a new warehouse just when needed. St. Joseph's Care Group offered the former laundry building of the psychiatric hospital for our use. It is large, bright, clean and economical, especially for me as it is only five minutes from our house. We are so thankful! It is being well used!

There is one more miracle to share with you now. In January, a team of six people travelled to El Salvador with Jerome to begin organizing contents of containers and set up the clinic.



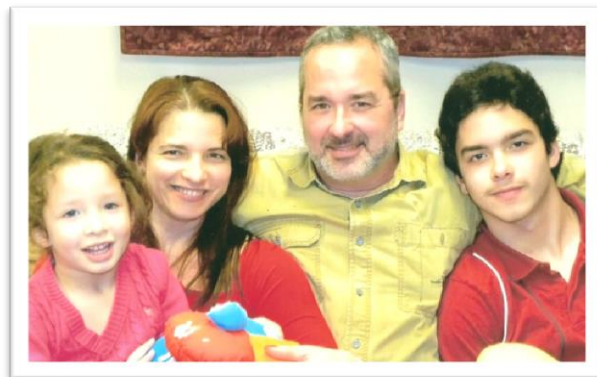
Shelves were built for the central supply and pharmacy, pharmaceuticals organized



and all the essentials to set up a telephone system for the clinic were installed.



One couple in that team (Eduardo Pulin is a telecommunications expert and his wife Martha a nurse) had emigrated from Cuba to Thunder Bay seven years ago. They set up the telephone system and helped with all the other tasks. On their return, they felt God was leading them to go as missionaries to El Salvador and have been accepted by EFCCM as missionaries! Having been at the Shalom Clinic in January, being fluent in Spanish and gifted in administration, Eduardo has been called upon to step into the gap left just now as Teri Benner's 90yr old father has required major surgery for bowel cancer and needs Teri's care. Eduardo has been continuing with preparations moving the clinic to operational readiness. The family



(Eduardo, Martha, Eddie and Natalie) will move to El Salvador as soon as they have

raised the required support. Meanwhile Eduardo is working, sponsored by MEMO, at Shalom Clinic and Martha is continuing her laboratory job in Thunder Bay.

We have just had a call from Aurora and Armando to say they have left Cuba with their family and moved to the USA. She leaves behind a well-trained and functioning breast screening clinic. We trust the Ministry of Health will continue to care for all the medical equipment and use it well. In a years' time they may, as American citizens, be able to visit us. Who knows?

MEMO will continue to follow the opportunities which open up to us in El Salvador as God continues to provide miracles and donors provide funds and prayer.

Blessings,

Maureen Harvey 

for MEMO

If you would like to receive future letters by email, please notify us. tjharvey@shaw.ca

If you no longer wish to receive our newsletter please let us know.

Contact MEMO

Address: 380 N. Court Street
Thunder Bay ON
P7A 4X1

Phone: (807) 346-8170

or

(807) 627-6360

E-mail: tjharvey@shaw.ca

Website: www.memoministries.org

Sending Donations

Address: EFCCM
PO Box 850
Langley Stn. LCD1
Langley BC V3A 8S6

E-mail: info@efccm.org

Phone: (604) 513-2183

Please make your cheques payable to

"EFCCM - MEMO" #2-5055

Send them to the Langley, BC address.

To donate by credit card, please call

(604) 513-2183

OR

go to www.efccm.ca and use the

"Donations" link.

Official tax receipts will be issued for donations of \$10.00 or more.