



MEMO UPDATE – READ ALL ABOUT IT!

We have **GOOD NEWS!**

The MEMO fundraiser October 28th raised **\$42,000.00** after expenses!

\$23,000.00 was received in donations from all of you and then it was matched by a very generous anonymous donor, dollar for dollar.

This means we can pay off our considerable deficit.

We can pay off the cost of sending the container to Nicaragua in October.

We can cover the cost of sending 20 pallets to Mississauga destined for Zimbabwe, including the cost of a generator.

And we have money to ship the next container in the Spring without having to go into debt. (A bad habit I have!)

AND MORE GOOD NEWS

I just returned from a 9 day trip to El Salvador which in every way was successful.

Thank you Lord.

The **first purpose** of the trip was to see if things we had sent had arrived safely and were being used appropriately.

I can give a resounding **YES** for the 4 hospitals we (Dave and Arlene March were my companions) visited...and for the four clinics we visited.

In each case the El Salvadorian doctors and nurses were extremely grateful for the improvement in care allowed by our donations.

The **second purpose** was to determine what each of these healthcare facilities need that we could supply.

Arlene March has provided me with a 24 page document of needs we discussed with the El Salvadorians!

I was able to visit with our EFCCM missionaries in El Salvador.

Eduardo Pulin along with his wife and family are happily serving the northern city of Metapan.

Eduardo is the Chaplain of the hospital and is busy counselling employees. Because he is not an employee, he is trusted to settle disputes that every hospital inevitably has.

He is also being used by the Lord to bring increasing harmony and cooperation among the churches in the area.



Eduardo & Marta in the Metapan Hospital Chapel.

Cecilia Huezo's Christian Community Centre is a going concern.

The day we visited her the following was going on:

- 9 women ages 18 to 65 were busy taking the one day a week, 9 month seamstress course that will provide them with a livelihood. We send sewing material and sewing machines.



I had them give a fashion show wearing the blouses and skirts they had made!

- 8 men and women were taking an ambulance attendant's course from Thunder Bay's Steve Wiebe. We have provided an ambulance and equipment.



Learning CPR in the ambulance.



Ambulance Attendant graduates.

- 12 older boys and girls were taking guitar lessons from a trio of young Christians from the capital city 2 hours away. Locally made guitars are available to them for \$5.00 when they complete the course.



- Young boys and girls neglected by their parents were being fed and learning that Jesus loves them in the Kids Klub.
- A doctor from a larger town was seeing patients in the small clinic equipped by MEMO.



Kid's Club at Cecilia's Christian Community Centre



Visiting MD at MEMO-equipped Health Clinic

This was *just on the Saturday*. During the week there are Bible studies, tutoring classes and much more.

I could fill several pages with all we saw and learned, but let me share what is happening at the Don Benner Afternoon School.

This school for kids from destitute families was begun partly as a result of the need in La Presa. (Where MEMO built a railing and community centre).

Many of the kids could not afford the bus fare to go to school. Many of them were untrained in social and living skills.

Now with the support of HIS ministries and American sponsors they are fed one meal a day, are being educated and they have a future here and for eternity.



Children hungry for physical and spiritual food.



FINALLY : FOR THE PERSON ON YOUR CHRISTMAS GIFT LIST THAT YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT TO GIVE...

The other day one of our volunteers told me that this year she is giving Christmas gifts to her relatives that seem to have everything and don't need more trinkets, by donating in their names to MEMO. Christmas gift cards are being made to use for this purpose.

If you are interested in solving the problem of buying gifts for the person who has everything on your list, let us know.

Send the name and address of the person to receive the card along with your cheque made out to **EFCCM-MEMO acct 2-5055** to:

MEMO
380 N. Court Street,
Thunder Bay, ON
P7A 4X1

Donations over \$50 will be income tax receipted.

These special gifts will buy things like blood sugar testing strips for the clinic in Nicaragua, CO2 monitors for children having anaesthesia at the Matanzas Children's Hospital in Cuba, batteries for monitor / defibrillators in the Metapan Hospital where Eduardo is Chaplain, and a hundred other small but necessary things we supply and do.

Thank you to those who support us in prayer and donations; both are so important and necessary.

God bless,

Jerome

