



Review

It was about sixty years ago when my grandmother informed me during a conversation that as we grow older, time seems to pass more quickly until finally it's flying by. Guess what? She was correct!

It seems impossible that sixteen months have elapsed since the last MEMO report was dispatched in the mail – and so, so much has happened!

Throughout the year there were a string of “doors” opening with equipment which “happened” to meet the requests we had received. One of these doors was the opportunity to ship a container to an EFCCM agricultural ministry in Nicaragua called La Semilla. It was realized that though the crop improvement program was being highly

successful in lifting these subsistence farmers out of poverty, they had no medical care in their remote village area.

Three medical clinics have been built and MEMO was asked to furnish and equip them. The government will provide medical staffing.



Seniors enjoying “new” wheelchairs at La Semilla Ministries, Nicaragua.

Two containers have been shipped to Nicaragua to meet this need as well as furnish and support a home for the aged run by La Semilla.

In Thunder Bay, the long expected loss of warehousing with no possibilities of another and with funding in short supply reminded us that we needed to keep praying and keep working.

At our October fundraising breakfast we presented our needs to those present. Jerome had also, for several months been sending out monthly e-mail updates. It is true that when people know of a need, God answers our prayers, and they are prompted to give. That really is teamwork!



To sum up what happened next seems impossible! An anonymous donor matched all donations at the fundraiser and \$23,000 became \$46,000. This was followed by generous surprise donations until the end of the year. We were able to pay for shipping that container to Nicaragua and the twenty pallets of supplies sent to Mississauga to join another container destined for Zimbabwe – with a generator!



A few of the twenty pallets constructed and packed, ready to ship for Zimbabwe – November 2017.

Once again we were free of the thought of debt. The total number of containers shipped is now at **77**.

For some of you receiving the Report, you have already heard a bit of this in your e-mails, but for all of you including the just over one hundred friends who are still on the snail mail list, you are now caught up.

As we surveyed our situation in December, we realized that there was much to be done. We have our small warehouse (1,200') which acts as a center for receiving, sorting, repairing, doing inventory and packing all donations. The inventory must then be stored in our four 53' highway trailers (which are once again full and must be emptied; i.e. shipments must be arranged). So we will be shipping to El Salvador on February 28. This means lots of outside work so pray for sun & mild temperatures!

Then we continue to wait for authorization to ship:

1. A container of material for hurricane relief to Cuba.
2. A container to Matanzas Children's Hospital in Cuba for the work of Dr. Abel Santana. (He meets the many tourists who travel to Cuba carrying medicines and small surgical supplies for MEMO, all legal.)
3. A container will be shipped with supplies for the conference centre and children's camp at Las Palmas, Cuba.
4. Later in the summer we will be shipping to Zimbabwe again.

All this should keep us awake and reasonably busy, I expect.

As I mentioned earlier many of you are now receiving news from us via e-mail, but there are still approximately 100 who receive the MEMO Report courtesy of Canada Post. Due to health constraints and being past the famous "three

score years and ten", some of us are slowing down. Therefore, this will be the final Report sent in this fashion. We are asking again that if you wish to hear from us, please send us your e-mail address. You will receive news at least monthly in that form, or check with your friends who do so.

Please know that you have been greatly appreciated for your interest in MEMO and your support both financial and in prayer. It has been such an encouragement and pleasure to write the Report for the last fourteen years. We hope you will all be following in one way or another as God enables His plans for MEMO to work out.



Oh-oh, there goes the phone....and I can still talk....I'm coming!

Tempus fugit 

Blessings,

Maureen Harvey
for MEMO

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