

# Casa de Angeles

**“House of Angels, Home of Hope”**

**Spring Newsletter 2015**

## **MEMO FROM MICKEY**

My wife and I have just had the good fortune of having taken a group of our family and friends to Guatemala . Additionally, four other members of the board have been in Guatemala in the last few months so there has been a great opportunity for contact and interaction with the orphanage. It continues to be amazing to see the growth and progress of the individual children in the orphanage.

Over the last fifteen years we have matured to the point of having a fairly stable population of children and staff. The physical plant is essentially “built out” (see It’s Raining for the exception), and our focus has, over time, changed from one of physical construction to one of education (including our first university student). Maintenance, health care, and general operations have all settled into a “normal pattern”, and there is a sense of having completed one phase of our history. On the other hand, having 38 children contract chicken pox in the last two months keeps us aware of the vagaries of life...

All of this has been possible only because of your support, spiritually, psychologically and financially. The Board of Directors, on behalf of the children, wants to again thank you for this generous support. You continue to change the future for an increasing number of children. . Gracias!

## **IT’S RAINING---INSIDE**

Our original cement quadrangle building leaks! This structure houses dormitories, the library, clothes closets, laundry, multipurpose room, dining hall, kitchen, pantries, and infirmary. Over the dozen years of its life it has progressively developed more and more roof leaks. The structures built since then (by a different contractor) have never developed leaks. This has progressed to the point where we need to replace the entire quadrangle roof (when it stops raining)... This is a large capital project and we have invited three different architect/contractor teams to view the problem and submit their suggested plan and bids. We have one set of these and are awaiting the other two, but it is clear this will be a budget shattering project. We need whatever help you can provide to keep our “ducklings” dry! Once again, thanks for all the help you have provided and will provide.

## **FUN AND FUNDS**

The annual Bay Area fund raiser fiesta has been set for Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. As usual it will consist of a silent auction while enjoying wine and nibbles followed by dinner and a slide show highlighting the children of the orphanage. It will again be at St. Stephen’s Church in Belvedere. If you live in the area save that date!

The annual Corvallis fund raiser has been set for Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. It will consist of a silent auction, raffles, dinner, and a slide show update. If you live in that area save that date!

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**CASAANGELES.ORG**