

Casa de Angeles

"House of Angels. Home of Hope."

Spring Newsletter, 2013

Memo from Mickey

Once again I write this message after many of the board members of the Casa de Angeles Foundation have had the opportunity to be in Guatemala this spring and to spend time at the orphanage. We were again amazed by the energy of Sisters Elvira and Betsebe, the ongoing growth and progress, and the ever increasing number of children.

There are now 109 children!! On the last day of our visit, we were presented with three babies, aged 1-2 weeks, that had been brought by the police from an outlying hospital because they had been abandoned.

Our staff now consists of 22 adult members of the orphanage community including seven ayudantes (helpers), two rotating armed guards (covering 24/7), seven teachers, a gardener, two nineras who take care of the most severely disabled children, Rosa, and the two Sisters. All of the children continue to flourish in the love provided them.

One accomplishment of the last year was the building of a granja (barn) to house our animals. We have a pig who is expected to deliver 6-8 piglets in late June, a goat, a calf, a Jenny (female cross between a burro and a horse), which will be used for equine therapy for some of the developmentally delayed children, a half-dozen turkeys, and 30-40 chickens -- some laying and some maturing -- which are currently producing 40-60 eggs a week. The children are happily responsible for (Please see over:)

OUR SOCCER STAR!

Do you recall the great news in the last newsletter of our girls' soccer team winning the Cupa Samsung? Well, that was followed by another great performance:

The Barcelona Soccer Team (World Cup Champions) came to visit Guatemala and held a two-week training camp for 500 young local male players. Five of our boys were admitted to the camp. They each had a fun and educational experience.

At the end of the camp, there was a surprise announcement of the youth the Barcelona team felt was the most promising young player. **IT WAS OUR FRANCISCO!** As a reward, Francisco was provided with an all-expense paid trip for him and Sister Betsebe, as his chaperone, to Barcelona to see the team play and to partake in team activities. A series of "firsts," including a passport, airplane ride, visiting another country, watching a professional soccer game, etc., has given Francisco an experience he will never forget!

So, what colleges do you know of that would like to offer a soccer scholarship to a budding young star???



Memo from Mickey, cont'd:

most of the animal husbandry. They are delighted with their "farm."

After four years with our own primary school, we are now also approved as a middle school. Sister Elvisa, who oversees education issues, has a special education class for our developmentally delayed educable children. In addition, she supervises our preschool of 21, the kindergarten, and grades 1-8. Approximately 100 children are in our school, including a dozen children from the village. There are eight teachers holding class in the mornings. In the afternoon, three teachers remain to supervise homework and do projects with the children.

To accomodate all of this activity, we have just finished building four more classrooms and a preschool play area. These facilities are in addition to our previously built five classrooms.

Lastly, there are 7 students attending 3 different secondary boarding schools, in grades 9 and 10, in Guatemala City. Which secondary school a student attends is chosen by the Sisters on the basis of the intellectual and maturity level of the individual child, and the "personality" of the school.

All of this has been made possible because of your continued support, both spirituall and financially. The Board of Directors, on behalf of the children, wants to thank you for this senerous support. You continue to change and improve the future of an increasing number of well-deversing children.

Gracias!

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Welcome Aboard the Board!

Casa de Angeles Foundation is delighted to welcome **Dr. Ted Peters** of Southlake, Texas, to our Board of Directors. Ted and his wife, Nan, are long time supporters of the orphanage. His energy and counsel will be most welcome.

This seems an appropriate opportunity to introduce the remainder of the Board: **Karen Eaton**, a physicians's assistant from Belvedere, CA, was an early leader of the Faith In Practice medical missions to Guatemala. She was one of the original group who went with Padre Jose in 1999 to meet the two Sisters who had come to Guatemala to care for "disenfranchised children," a phrase which is part of the name of their order. **Linda Fox**, an ob -gyn from Corvallis, OR, met the Sisters via joining the Corvallis FIP mission group and became an immediate supporter of the orphanage. She joined the Board a few years later. **Mickey Golbus**, an ob-gyn and geneticist from San Rafael, CA, was in the group that met the Sisters in 1999. He went on to found the Casa de Angeles Foundation in 2000. **Peter Hinckle**, a surgeon from Corvallis, OR, was also on that 1999 medical mission trip and there for the first meeting with the Sisters. He became the focus of the wider Oregon support effort for the orphanage. **Mort Hourihane**, an ob-gyn from Savannah, GA, also met the Sisers via Padre Jose on early FIP medical missions. Mort created a strong area support system for the orphanage before he had to resign from the Board due to medical issues. **Scott Miller**, an Episcopal priest in Palm Desert, CA, and friend of Pete Hinckle since prep school, also met the Sisters via an FIP mission. He has been our newsletter editor even since. **Norman Laboe**, a lawyer from San Francisco who was a pledge brother of Mickey's in college, provided the legal advice for the founding of Casa de Angeles Foundation and has given ad hoc legal advice to the Board ever since.

These are the folks that see that everyone of your donated dollars is well spent on behalf of the children!

Fall Fun Fund Raiser Dates!

Bay Area: 9/21/2013

Corvallis: 11/9/2013



Mother's Day Flowers



Rosa - from the beginning



Lunch

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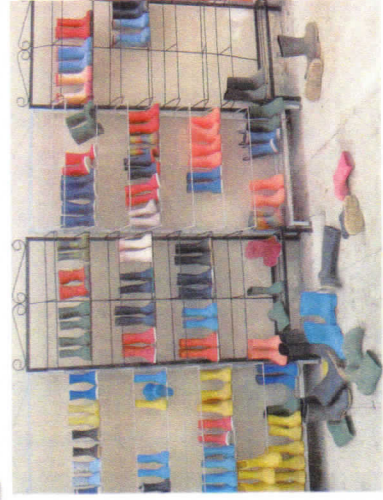
Spring



Soccer Star



Practice, Practice, Practice



Rainy Day