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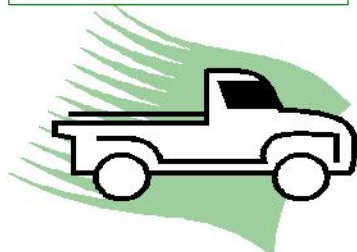
Special Edition

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FINALLY! T-Shirts!

Thanks to Steve Blue from McComb, MS, 2006 work groups will have the opportunity to order T-shirts with the name of your church or other organization on the front "pocket" area and a CUPS logo on the back. Shirts will be available in adult sizes S, M, L and XL for \$10 apiece and \$12 for sizes 2XL and 3XL. Complete ordering information will be sent to 2006 group leaders.



Last year at this time the CUPS Board asked you to consider giving a "truck part" as a Christmas gift to friends and family. A great number of you responded, raising more than \$3200 toward the purchase of a desperately needed new truck. Thank you! First Presbyterian Church of Nashville, TN made a special gift of \$10,000

What a year!

2005 has been an amazing year. It began with the aftermath of the tsunami in the Indian Ocean. In July Hurricane Emily hit in Mexico, in the Laguna Madre area where CUPS has been active for years in the fishing villages of Las Higuerillas, and the islands of Amor, Mano de Leon, and Las Malvinas. Hurricane Katrina devastated New Orleans and the Gulf coast areas of Mississippi and Alabama which includes some of the towns where long-time CUPS mission trip

participants live and work. Then came Hurricanes Rita, and Wilma along with widespread damage in Texas, Louisiana, and Florida. Unusual autumn, middle of the night tornadoes wrecked parts of southern Indiana in November.

Yet even though there were myriad needs and many worthy places to donate, CUPS supporters gave generously! Thanks to you, we funded three hurricane relief mission trips and another, shorter, trip to take supplies to stricken

areas. We built houses (which we don't normally do) in special cases where the need was great. We repaired schools and teacher dormitories. CUPS was on site in Mexico sometimes before the government got there and had relief supplies available within days.

THANKS to YOU, despite unprecedented natural disasters all over the world, the needs of the poor and marginalized in northeastern Mexico were not forgotten.

God does amazing things!

in April. Inspired, the CUPS Board of Directors stepped out in faith and authorized the purchase of a 2005 work truck for \$20,000 at its May meeting. This was a real test for CUPS! We have always been a pay-as-you-go organization. The new truck was purchased.

Private donors subsequently chipped in over \$2400 more. Another \$3500 materialized from FPC Nashville when a mission fund was discovered with unused money. FPC Clarksville, TN and Bethlehem United Methodist church, Franklin, TN each contributed \$1000 and voila! The truck

was paid for. It cost CUPS just over \$21,000 total. Gifts added up to \$22,000. A coincidence? We don't think so. We really needed a new truck. God knew it and He sent the money through you! Special thanks to those of you who helped make it happen. We love our new truck!

IT TAKES A VILLAGE

Men from Canyon Creek Presbyterian Church in Richardson, Texas get together to frame a recent project.

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Opportunity is Knocking!

The CUPS Board of Directors has initiated a major fund raising campaign with the goal of raising \$200,000 in new and continuing contributions in the next few months. Board members are leading the way by examining and increasing our own commitments as well as our redoubling our efforts in contacting others for their support.

As friends of CUPS, you already know that the human needs in Mexico and the political issues surrounding our border with Mexico are ongoing concerns. CUPS plans to comfortably host more than one work group at a time and expand the number of groups served each work season. Tools and equipment require maintenance and replacement. We have already been blessed with the dedication and servant hearts of our staff and each of our work groups. Please join us in making a special gift to CUPS this holiday season and in remembering CUPS in your 2005 and 2006 giving plans. Nearly a third of our budget comes from individuals just like you! *¡Muchas gracias!*

¡Feliz Navidad y Próspero Año Nuevo!



From Louise, Julio & Fidencio
and the

CUPS Board of Directors