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Bienvenidos/Welcome

JoAnn Goodrich (First Presbyterian Church, La Grange, TX), Doris Mathews (La Grange United Methodist Church, La Grange, TX) and Tom Boehmer (Canyon Creek Presbyterian Church, Richardson, TX) join the CUPS board this year. Doris first came to help CUPS in 2000 and the following year, she returned bringing her then eleven year old granddaughter. JoAnn Goodrich has participated in CUPS projects since 2000 Her children Jeanna and Jamie, both beat Mom to the boarder as volunteers. Tom brings humor and musicality for all to enjoy, he has been on six CUPS trips.



Lights of Hope

Fishing villages like Las Higuierillas and the surrounding small communities are literally at the end of the road. Most of the families living here have very limited resources. Services, supplies, professionals — all come from Matamoros. So it is a delightful and encouraging surprise to see that a library and a High School are found here. CUPS' volunteers joined hands with community members to help make them a reality. The CUPS' dedication of our finished projects calls each one a gift from God and nowhere is this truer than in these communities.



The high school began operation with the arrival of 7 teachers on September 30, 2001 extending education opportunities beyond middle school (7th—9th grade). Before that, only by moving to Matamoros, could students pursue further study. This was financially impossible for most families.

CUPS first project at the high school in 2002 was to build two dormitories for the teachers and then build two classrooms. These buildings provided badly needed space for the three year program. Northwoods Presbyterian Church, Houston, TX and First Presbyterian Church, Clarksville, TN worked with families, students and teachers to make this happen.

Used computer systems, school supplies, and a generator to power the computers were donated to the high school, thanks to Northwoods Presbyterian Church, Houston, TX, First Presbyterian Church, Nashville, TN, and First Presbyterian Church, La Grange, TX. Hope Presbyterian Church, Austin, TX made a special trip to help repair buildings at the high school after Hurricane Emily hit the area in Summer 2005.

Two fathers, Emilio Huerta and Pilar Mesa, talked about how much the school means to their families. It is first and foremost, a door to further studies, and secondly, it is an economic help because it is so expensive to send a student to Matamoros. Principal Jose Guadalupe Garcia, says that four "generations" have graduated from the school — about 120 graduates — and almost all have continued their studies at universities in Matamoros, graduating with degrees in education, engineering, or business administration.

Principal Jose Guadalupe Garcia says that he loves his work in the Las Higuierillas community because in the past 8 years, "we have seen the fruits of our labors as educators." This young principal, a man of faith and caring, sees the school as a positive force in the communities it serves.

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CUPS Web Page

The CUPS web page is full of useful information ranging from what is needed to organize a volunteer workgroup to work in Border Mexico, photographs, and progress reports on our current work. Check it out!

Cupsmission.org

CUPS E-Newsletter

CUPS would like to send you our newsletter via the Internet. If you would like to receive it this way, please e-mail Laura Garza (laurag@cupsmission.org)

2007 DONORS



These donors throughout 2007 supported our work in Border Mexico. With this assistance, children, especially special education children, receive services like this in buildings constructed with His love. Thank You—Gracias. God Blessings — Que Dios los Bendiga!

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Helping Hands...

Donations such as these would be most welcome in Border Mexico. If you have ideas, contact our office.

School Supplies: Help children with basic school supplies – crayons, pens, pencils, pencil sharpeners, spiral notebooks, notebook paper. Other useful school supplies — scissors, glue, colored pencils, pencil boxes and so forth.

Books in Spanish: Help encourage reading by Mexican school children (primary level); Provide reference books for middle school and high school levels and reference books for adults on subjects such as crafts, sewing, gardening, and special needs diets.

Special education schools: Special needs include puzzles (durable construction); Velcro (two inches wide and the kind that you attach by sewing/NO glue); Hand held device for labeling in Braille and the half inch clear tape used in the writer (Available at www.braillesuperstore.com); Computers with minimum Windows XP requirements—Pentium 300 MHz, 128 RAM, CD—ROM drive, video adaptor with super VGA (800 x 600) or higher resolution, and a sound card.

CUPS needs include: Five gallon plastic buckets, camper top that would fit Ford F-150 (2002) pick up with short bed (6 1/2 ft.) and a jack hammer.

It is not always junk : Old tennis balls retired from tennis games make great sports gifts for children.

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Lights of Hope



The City of Matamoros Library Committee collected a large number of books to help establish libraries in the rural areas of Matamoros but there was no building to house a library in Las Higuerillas. CUPS' volunteers built the first section of the library in 2004 and it was expanded the following year. This expansion was finished the week before Hurricane Emily hit the area. The library had only minor damage. Groups working on the library included Pine Valley Christian Church, Wichita Falls, Kansas, First Presbyterian Church, Nashville Junior High Group, and First Presbyterian Church, La Grange. Lakeside Presbyterian Church,

Brandon, Mississippi, helped with minor post hurricane repairs.

CUPS' volunteers donated many books to the library. Local people support the library as well. When I was there to visit, a father from Las Malvinas Island brought books donated by his daughter. She grew up there but now teaches in Ciudad Victoria and obviously has not forgotten the needs of her community. The library is used by students from the high school, the middle school and the primary school. Parents say that it is a wonderful resource for their children when they must research and write papers for their classes.



Yes! I want to help CUPS in their important mission: Working together with communities on the Mexican border to meet their needs and share God's love.

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