

# The Robertson Report



...And Jesus said, "I am the light of the world.  
Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness,  
but will have the light of life."  
John 8:12

## Christmas 2007 House of Hope & Mama Carmens

Christmas Day 2007! The days leading up to it were filled with activity. The precious shoe boxes for the children were started last August by our home church in Georgia. They then traveled via our truck from Georgia to Guatemala! We they arrived here we labeled them and choose which one was to go to which child! That was a two day project to make sure we had the right gender, right age, and right gift! It was a fun project as the boxes were filled with such wonderful things for the children. Then two days before Christmas the Cleckner family arrived and wrapped, labeled and bagged all of the gifts. Then on Christmas morning we were off to Mama Carmens an orphanage of 80+

children and House of Hope. Pastor Mario Mendez talked with the children about the true meaning of Christmas and prayed with them prior to opening presents. It is truly a blessing to be the hands and feet of Jesus bringing the gifts to these children, for many of them it was the only gift they received!



Carol & Ana Cleckner

## Christmas Dental Outreach



In the December we returned to the town of Magdalena Milpas Altas and did a dental clinic with Dr. Dennis Cleckner and Dr. Danilo Valdez a local Guatemalan dentist. It was a special time as we were able to do follow

up for many of the patients that we had taken care of the beginning of the month and also exciting to see the healing that had taken place. Monday the 24<sup>th</sup> we started the clinic then took the 25<sup>th</sup> to pass out the Christmas presents and resumed work on the 26<sup>th</sup>! The Guatemalan people were very grateful for the blessings of the dentists that volunteered their time. Again with the use of the new X-ray machine several complicated procedures were preformed. Praise the Lord for the tools He has given!

## Events of this month

- **Christmas 2007**
- **Dental Outreach**
- **Construction**
- **2008 School Year**



Mama Carmen



Present opening!



Lolita & America



**David & his crew pouring the roof over the family quarters**

## Construction

In December and January many projects were started all over House of Hope. Sewage waste lines were put in, fresh water plumbing lines, the public restrooms were started, the roof over the family quarters was started and many columns were reinforced. Now several of the projects have come to completion. It is so encouraging seeing projects completed it reminds us of how close we are

to the reality of having this larger building available to feed more children here in Santiago. Currently the second floor is being completed and the roof will soon be started on the rest of the second level. Please pray for safety on the construction site as well as God to bring the right people to help with the electrical work, and finish work once the main construction is done.

## School Year 2008 January - October



Marleny, Elmer & Victor

Who has ever prepared 40 children to go to school?

If you have not...next school year 2009 is your opportunity! This year God provided a HUGE blessing! We had a church in Gulfport Mississippi who put backpacks together for all of our kids! Inside each backpack was notebooks, under clothes, socks, notebooks, pens, pencils, markers, crayons and much more. Once the backpacks arrived here we added the items that are specific for Guatemalan

schools, the book for each grade, special paper and then covered each notebook with colored paper and plastic so that it will last through out the year! It was quite the project but so exciting to see the kids ready to go to school. They started the 21st of January. The first month has gone really well! Thank you for being part of this project!

## Praise and Prayer Requests

### Praise:

- Construction at HOH is going well David, the contractor is doing a great job, they just finished the public restrooms
- God provided additional funds from a church in the US to continue construction
- The children heard clearly the message of Jesus at Christmas and were very attentive
- The children are continuing to grow in Christ
- The outreach with the Cleckner Family
- For the smooth adjustment Connie has had living here in Guatemala

### Prayer:

- Construction at HOH as they are starting on the main building
- For the children as they study this year at school
- For more sponsors for the children
- Funds for finishing the building at House of Hope



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