



February 2010

Chicxulub Food Bank Program

February dispensa was different this month in that I was not there! For the first time ever in 5 years I had substitutes doing the deed. I was double-booked; I had to meet 14 people arriving on the Carnival cruise ship to tour the village and accept donations for the school kids. It was a different experience.

The dispensa was very capably managed by Dave, Shirley, Hollie and Lorraine who also handed out vitamins to the various families with children.



This month all 77 families arrived for their dispensa. Vitamins for 85 children were also dispensed.

The Mark Polson group represented 3 different states Illinois, Georgia and Kentucky. The touring of the village and donation of school supplies and gifts for the children also went well.



English classes at both schools are proceeding well. There is one activity group (conversation) that is very well attended by both children and volunteers where they play games that solidifies the vocabulary they have learned in the classroom setting.



The Psychopedagogy Program at the schools continues to chug along. The discipline is a combination of Pedagogy (teaching) and Psychology.

Computer Class has begun at AQR school and the group is quite pleased with the work to date.

There was a wonderful experience this past Saturday when Erica Nordquist from Spruce Grove Alta on behalf of the Forzani Group donated a multitude of sports equipment to a representative group of boys from a local school.



What was even more fun was to watch the entire group take to the beach and have some experience throwing around an American type football and I am not sure who had more fun.



As you can see from the clouds we continue to have cold windy days that are so unusual for all of us. Long sleeves are certainly being seen all over.

Thanks to Karen Evans and Hollie Last, the Chix Food Bank had two successful bingo game fundraisers at Bamboo Beach. The fund raisers for the Food Bank raised a total of 12,840 pesos which is enough to buy groceries for more than 2 months.



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Group from Cocomar



Organizing Team



Louise Hintz

Volunteer Requests

As the season winds down for another winter the request for volunteers is coming to a standstill. There are local folks living here year round who will continue with their work but anyone interested in getting involved or wanting to continue their involvement for next winter please let me know.

- English and Computer Classes
- Computer Maintenance
- Handymen to help at AQR
- Exercise group at the local nursing home.

Tax Donation Process

I want to let you know that the process of making donations to the Canadian Food For Children organization that will send you a tax receipt has been working very well. Comments to me indicate they are efficient and prompt. I receive notification from their office when funds are transferred to the Food Bank account.

Here is how you do it.

All you need to do is write the cheque to:

Canadian Food for Children

40 King George's Road

TO Ontario

M8X 1L3

Attention Mary Reid.

Include my name and Chix Food Bank project and they will issue the receipt and deposit the money into the Food Bank account here in Mexico.

Please advise me if you are making your donation in this manner so I can keep the records straight for the Adopt A Family program.

The families of Chicxulub thank you for your caring and warm support.

Check out the website for the Chix Food Bank www.chixfoodbank.com

Sharon Helgason