



January 2010

Chicxulub Food Bank Program

Happy New Year

January dispensa was no different than any other one as we passed out 73 dispensas as 2 new families were added on. The day was cloudy and cool, thanks to an extended norte we were experiencing. The cold was so severe that the schools changed their start time in the mornings hoping the sun would come out and warm things up.

There was no more Santa this month but still lots of smiles.



Note the various types and layers of dress!

The English classes have now begun at Andres Quintana Roo so both schools are now in full swing. The conversation group is to begin this week so that will be fun to see what happens.



Cruise ship visitors continue. In December and early January there were 11 "cruisers."



Illinois



Arkansas



Kentucky

The first official report from the school psychologists indicates they have seen and have a plan of care for 80 of the referred children at both schools.

The Geek Squad has repaired 4 more computers to be used at AQR for classes. It was a bit of a challenge finding the replacement batteries but Tony managed to come up with them. If anyone has an extra working hard drive kicking around, please think about donating it to this project. There are 2 computers sitting idle because their hard drives are not working.

Volunteer Requests

- The list of volunteers interested in teaching **English and Computers** to elementary school kids in Chicxulub is growing. Currently there are 17 names on the list. Seems we have reached our quota for now but folks are always coming and going, having visitors etc so can always use backup volunteers.
- Still needed at AQR, 2 white boards and a handyman to change two large blackboards to cork boards. Have found a keen volunteer and we are now waiting to get the needed material.
- Anyone interested in volunteering at the local nursing home. The work consists on an exercise group that would be nice to have at least 4 of the 5 week days and people who like to shave men and assist with passive exercises.

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

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