



April 2012

Chicxulub Food Bank Program

This month continued to be a time of winding down as many folks left for their homes. In doing so you left many donations for the Food Bank Christmas hampers and the Chix lunch program. The kitchen graciously accepted no less than 30 packages of food to use in their menu preparations.

The census is quasi-complete and showed that the majority of the families continue to require support of the Food Bank.

The day of the despensa, April 15th was sunny and the last day of the semana santa holidays. Needless to say Chicxulub was bustling that day and we had some new volunteers join us. Also we said adios to Dave and Shirley who are heading home after being here for 7 months and who helped out every month. See you in October!





Beach Clean-Up

On two consecutive Saturdays in March we met in the town square to get organized for a beach clean-up hoping to have fun and reinforce lessons learned at the children's Ecoarte workshop held from September to December. The children were energetic and wanted to work. We had a great time.





What did the children see and learn? That we are all responsible for keeping the beaches clean and that both foreigners and local people are involved in helping to keep the beach clean and that you can have fun while working. The activity was followed by a hot dog and water break before going home.

Thanks to everyone who participated. Thanks to the people who donated gloves, water, bags, hot dog buns and your time.

The plan is to hold a monthly beach cleanup starting in October for anyone who wishes to participate.

Leap Year Fundraising Dinner Photos thanks to Dianna for her expertise



Charlie and Pauline



Love the purple



I won!



Raffle Table



Cocomar Ladies



Outside group



Inside group



Having a good time!

Albergue de San Joaquin

Before the volunteers went home we had an ice cream party thanks to a donation from Suzanne. The corn ice cream was enjoyed as was the spontaneous entertainment put on by the volunteers.





Casa Cristiandad Soup Kitchen

The kitchen now has 3 volunteers from the extranjero (foreign) community working alongside of the local women slicing and dicing and preparing the lunches and serving them to the folks who attend.



Susan, Addy, Graham and Sharon

Cookbook Project

Have you sent in your favourite recipe for the cookbook project? If not, please send your recipes, biographies, and interesting information to: chixcookbook@gmail.com. The idea is to create a cookbook with recipes tried here in the area so long as the ingredients are available and the sky is the limit! Deadline for recipes is June 30th 2012.

Adopt-A-Family Program

As you know the success of the food despensas relies on your donation of \$75 to cover the cost for one year. As your donation comes in you are assigned a family. If there is anyone who wants to know about your adopted family please feel free to ask the question and I will send you a photo and summary. FYI: the program's fiscal year is from November to October.

Sport Camp

Another baseball season over and the consensus is this year was even more fun than last year.



English at Andres Quintana Roo



English for adults will continue next year and might even begin earlier than this year. The group of students that Ralph taught were keen to learn more.

Items required:

- Wool;
- Toiletries;
- Knitted slippers and toques
- Any leads on buying a Canon projector or microphone.
- Please save the pop-tops for a fundraising initiative. There is a woman in Chicxulub who is crocheting bags similar to my black one for next season and we need lots of the tops...gracias

Cruise ship visits:

Two groups visited in March and brought school supplies or made a donation. It is so satisfying to meet people from these visits who want to make a difference in the lives of the folks here in Chicxulub.



Arkansas



Michigan

Here is some local news to keep you up to date:

- Thanks to the Rotary Club of Winnemucca, NV, USA, Andres Quintana Roo now have 2 new cartridges for the HP printer.
- There has been another change for the artisans. The new mall Las Velas officially opened Monday, April 16th but not without upset. Apparently without any discussion, the Autoprogreso bus company decided to transport the people from the cruise ships to the new bus terminal on calle 82 instead of the artisan's market on calle 80.
- The sailing regatta from Nantes France to Progreso has come and gone and the wind-up was Saturday April 14th.
- For all those here full-time, there will be a Canada Day-4th of July celebration on June 26th and you are invited. It will be at the Casa de Malecon from 5-7PM. Watch local business areas for more information.

New Service of the Month

Let's give a big welcome to baker Augusto Gonzalez who has opened a new bakery specializing in cakes, specialty coffees and other delectable goodies to satisfy your sweet tooth. Augusto is a professional pastry chef who trained in Oregon.

Dulce Tentacion, on calle 31 at 62, with its bright green exterior is the third bakery for Augusto. He and his wife, Isabel also have a bakery in Cancun and Isla Mujeres.

We tried both his chocolate cake and chocolate mocha cake and raved. The flan is creamy and rich and his brownies are wonderful. He does cakes for all occasions, as well as cheesecakes, tiramisu, profiteroles and éclairs.

Gustavo also features pizzas, breakfast items and baguettes and the all-time favourite club sandwich.

Dulce Tentacion is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., seven days a week.

Call 103 00 26 or 999 265 8791.

Tax Donation Process

The process for making donations to the Canadian Food for Children organization who 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.

Ensure you add your email address on the back of the cheque so you can receive the monthly newsletter.

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.

Sharon Helgason

