Creating Healthy Homes in Mocolic Xot Alto

Funds Through Guatemalan Adoption (FTGA) has, once again, partnered with rural Guatemalans to improve their lives by creating healthy homes for 75 families in the village of Mocolic Xot Alto located in the municipality of Patzún. FTGA families and friends raised over $2,800 through its 2008 Holiday Give Back program. Combined with cash and in-kind donations from the local municipality and village families, those funds paid for a water system that serves 75 families and gray water filters for each home.

When fully funded, the project will provide a comprehensive basic infrastructure package for each family. Creating a healthy home consists of completing a village water project as well as installing a stove, latrine, and grey water filter in each of the 75 homes for $44. FTGA has raised about one-half the funds needed to provide each family with a new water system thanks to FTGA donations and a grant from the Seventh Avenue of Summit Financial for Lutheran.

Before they had running water in their homes, women and children spent two to four hours every day carrying water from contaminated sources. FTGA worked with the village development committee as well as the municipality to design and install a spring fed water system that runs from a main tank in the village to individual homes. Villagers provided all manual labor to dig the lines to each home and provided locally available materials such as wood. The municipality of Patzún provided three skilled masons who built the holding tank as well as the technical supervision of an engineer. The FTGA funds were used to purchase all of the construction materials, pipes and accessories.

The families of Mocolic Xot Alto all need help to build latrines and to pay the about $40 fee. If you would like to contribute to this project, go to the FTGA website at www.ftga.net and click on the “Hot Off the Press” link on the home page.

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BPD 860 And Fax Number No Longer Available

To save administrative expense, BPD has discontinued its toll-free (800) phone number and separate fax line. With the recent advent of the inexpensive long distance services, only four calls were received on the toll-free number in 2009. In addition, the widespread use of home computers and the Internet allows people to send documents via email rather than by fax. BPD’s phone number continues to be 414-483-0728 and our email address is BehrhorstUS@yahoo.com.

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Children at the Strong Family Centers learn to wash their hands before eating to prevent diseases.
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Letters and news. This section is fascinating due to their lack of scheduling and access to abundant, reliable food. In addition to providing meals twice a week, staff training women to preserve and store food for later use, providing educational talks about hygiene, safe water use, and nutrition, and offering skills on how to increase the nutritive intake in their family meals. There are also classes in leadership and self-esteem that help women become active participants in their village development and other committees. Class is the newest component to the program in early childhood stimulation. The first six years of life are very important in the formation and development of the central nervous system in children, which depends on their nutritional status. So, staff training programs to incorporate nutritious vegetables into the family diet that not only develop their child’s cognitive abilities, language skills and imagination through storytelling and music. “Learning Corners” are stocked with educational toys, books and craft materials. Another new component is learning skills that will bring in family income, including embroidery and basket weaving. In addition, staff will help women learn about the medicinal properties of plants used in the preparation of tea and natural medicines. Women also will participate in workshops on developing vegetable nurseries to have access to plants to grow in their family gardens. Other workshops will teach women composting, which they can use to fertilize their crops.

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The villages of Chuiquel have a school thanks to the generosity of Carolina Goldstein and Linda Davis, who funded the school in memory of their mother. They are pictured with their father, Morris Goldstein, and grandchildren Jessica and Justin Davis. This larger school has 15 teachers and 400 students who are provided with both meals.

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Before they had running water in their homes, women and children spent two to four hours every day carrying water from about 40 stoves. If you would like to contribute to this project, go to the FTGA website at www.ftga.net and click on the "Holiday Give Back" link on the home page.

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Several families in Guatemala’s department of Sacatepéquez find it difficult to access clean water. Many rural young girls spend hours every day carrying water from an distant spring to their homes. This woman no longer has to spend hours every day hauling water now that she has running water just outside of her home.

This is just one of the accomplishments of Partners for Development (BPD). In 2009, BPD partnered with rural Guatemalan women through Guatemalan Adoption (FTGA) to raise funds to construct a water system that serves 75 families in Mocolic Xot Alto, a village located in the municipality of Patzún.

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The water system was designed by the village development committee and implemented by the village permaculture committee. Supervision was provided by an engineer. FTGA funds paid for the holding tank as well as the technical materials, pipes and accessories. Gray water filters were purchased with funds provided by the Village Development Committee as well as the municipality to design and install a spring fed water system that runs from a mainsink to the village in the individual homes. Villagers provided all of the labor to dig the lines to each home and provided locally available materials, such as wood. The municipality of Patzún provided three skilled masons who built the holding tank as well as the technical supervision of an engineer. FTGA funds were used to purchase all of the construction materials, pipes and accessories.

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