

NEW SHOES FOR HONDURAN POOREST VILLAGES!

During 2007 we shipped seven containers of benevolent items into Honduras. Several of these containers have been distributed and heart-touching reports have been returned. Here is a report on the distribution in some of the poorest villages in Honduras. This container had over 3,500 pairs of new shoes! Those involved in our efforts probably never imagined they would be part of providing the first pair of shoes that a 90 year-old woman would ever own. I think you will be encouraged by Erlindo's words! Thank you for your involvement, John

From: Erlindo Nunez <mailto:iglesiacristohond@yahoo.com.mx>
Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2008 9:36 PM
To: John L. Kachelman, Jr.
Subject: Thanks to Christ and His father!!

Hello brother John! Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ!

Yesterday was an Especial day for many people, and I learned a lot. First at all, thanks brother to you and all those involved in the proyect to help poor people in this country and worldwide.



There was a special report written by a hight sensitive for the social cause journalist and published by one of the major newspaper in Honduras, last December.

The neighborhood could be said is the most poorest in the capital city of Honduras. It called my attention that many families living there does not have food, shoes, beds, all the element necessary for basic living and the very misery could be seen here.



Touched by this report, so yesterday we decided to start the distribution in the morning in that area. Here are some preliminary pictures, the journalist covered the activity and will be published as a especial report by the newspaper. I do not know yet if it will be published in the web. He has better pictures and will pass them to me.



"Thanks to Christ and His Father" was the exclamation of an elderly woman of 90 years old when she received some shoes!



In the afternoon I moved to another community and finished distribution at 10 pm. I am already preparing pictures to be sent to you that show how this donation is being distributed and who are receiving the benefic.

May God bless your family, Erlindo Nunez

News Media Coverage of our Honduran Project

From: Erlindo Nunez [mailto:iglesiacristohond@yahoo.com.mx]

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Subject: Distribution published by newspaper!

Hello brother John,

You could see the report published by la Tribuna (www.latribuna.hn).

The report is published in the first page and is named AYUDAN A FAMILIAS POBRES DE EL BERRINCHE. (*Poor Families from El Berrinche are helped*)

He makes mention that some thirty families were helped but after he says that he says another community was also helped. It was the next community.

I want you to know that I did not receive any cloth, for that reason I could not pass cloth to those people too.

He made mention of your name working in other countries and also about the donation given to El Hospital Escuela.

So here you have enough information by now and it is good it is mentioned also.

Have a good weekend
May God bless you

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Reportaje de LA TRIBUNA "toca corazones"

Por: *Efraín Banegas*

TEGUCIGALPA.- A raíz del reportaje publicado por **LA TRIBUNA**, sobre los vecinos del cerro El Berrinche, miembros de la "Iglesia de Cristo" se desplazaron hasta la zona para ayudar a más de 30 familias que residen en casuchas de cartón, sin contar con agua, energía eléctrica y mucho menos un empleo digno para enfrentarse cada día con la pobreza.

En la Navidad del 2007, dentro del compromiso de este rotativo con los más desposeídos del país, miles de lectores se conmovieron al conocer del hambre, frío y enfermedades de los pobladores de este sector.

Los niños de pies descalzos jugando con pelotas desinfladas en los callejones de tierra, las ancianas cocinando bajo los inclementes rayos del sol y la desesperanza reflejada en el rostro de padres y madres, por no tener dinero para alimentar a sus hijos, "tocaron" el corazón del coordinador de la "Iglesia de Cristo" en Honduras, Santos Erlindo Núñez.



"Gracias a mi Señor Jesucristo, porque no nos desampara, anteayer tuve un sueño, miraba que alguien venía con algo bonito y hoy se hizo realidad", dijo María Rivera, de 82 años, sentada a la par de un barril convertido en fogón.

El pasado 14 de febrero, Día del Amor y la Amistad, Núñez se desplazó hacia El Berrinche para entregarles a los residentes del lugar zapatos, colchonetas y baldes plásticos, entre otros implementos para el hogar y prendas de vestir.

Muchas personas de escasos recursos económicos de la colonia "El Porvenir", próxima a El Berrinche, se beneficiaron también con la obra de caridad impulsada por la iglesia.

La donación proviene de Estados Unidos, donde el coordinador general de la obra social es el predicador internacional John Kachelman, quien se dedica a recolectar artículos, entre los que figuran zapatos y ropa.

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Julissa Ávila Reina, de 10 años, alumna del quinto grado de la Escuela Álvaro Contreras, no paraba de sonreír al recibir nuevos zapatos.

Además de ayudar a los más necesitados de Honduras, el norteamericano, junto a su iglesia, se han trazado la meta de paliar la pobreza en los demás países de Centroamérica, llegando hasta comunidades donde los moradores no satisfacen siquiera sus necesidades básicas.

La iglesia también ha ayudado a Sudán y Ucrania y aunque comenzó recolectando productos ya usados, ahora la mayor parte de las ayudas son ropa y utensilios domésticos nuevos, debido a la credibilidad y transparencia alcanzada por la organización religiosa en numerosos países.

Recientemente, la Sala de Rehabilitación Ortopédica del Hospital Escuela fue dotada con equipo médico enviado por "La iglesia de Cristo", ubicada en Judsonia, Arkansas, Estados Unidos.

También en coordinación con el Despacho de la Primera Dama, Xiomara de Zelaya, se donó un equipo de diálisis a dicho centro asistencial.

Núñez manifestó que para que las ayudas se estén concretando ha sido importante la intervención de la funcionaria de la Secretaría de Relaciones Exteriores, Patricia Santander y también de Leslie Pineda, por parte de Casa Presidencial.

Agregó que la iglesia en varias ocasiones ha traído a Honduras brigadas médicas, víveres y en ciertas oportunidades ha construido viviendas para los indigentes.

El coordinador de la "Iglesia de Cristo" concluyó manifestando que uno de los principios del templo es no pedir diezmos, porque consideran que las ofrendas deben ser voluntarias y no forzadas.

De esta manera, llevando las enseñanzas de Jesús en el corazón, los miembros de la "Iglesia de Cristo" recorren cientos de pueblos alrededor del mundo, como embajadores de la palabra y del amor, dando abrigo y comida a quienes la miseria les ha arrebatado hasta la fe.

Opiniones



"No tenía chancletas"

Karen Yamileth Rivera Andrade (vendedora de verduras): "Negocio con verduras y frutas, pero por el momento no estoy vendiendo, porque no tengo dinero para comprar el producto, sólo Dios sabe que no tenía ni chancletas para ponerme, estaba chuña, ahora con estos zapatos ya tengo para salir".

"Moríamos de hambre"

María de Los Santos Lagos (ama de casa): "Estoy fregada, como que sabían que nos estábamos muriendo de hambre, antes trabajaba vendiendo verduras en las calles de la capital, pero ya no puedo porque me enfermé de un brazo, además me toca mantener a cuatro nietos pequeños, ya que sus padres murieron".



"Sólo Dios nos provee"

Vladimir Aguilera (padre soltero): "He trabajado de vigilante, pero ya no puedo seguir ejerciendo este servicio, porque me enfermé, además tengo una niña pequeña que se la quité a mi señora cuando nos dejamos, porque era muy alegre, sólo Dios nos provee".



"Recordaron a los pobres"

Marco Tulio Mejía (beneficiado): "Le doy Gracias a Dios y a esta gente que se acuerda de los pobres, que el Señor les provea a ellos para que no dejen de ayudar al prójimo".

Rejoice in the Honduran Distribution's Continuing Record

Here is brother Erlindo's follow-up report on the distribution of the benevolent items that we shipped into Honduras. The hard work of Erlindo and the brethren with him in Honduras was the perfect compliment to the hard work and energies of the brethren in the United States. Together this fellowship brought praise to God, a commendable reputation to Christ's Church, and a reminder to those in affliction that God loves them and He wants them to be a part of His one, true Church. Thank you to the many that worked so hard and to the many that gave financially to cover expenses!

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Subject: God is blessing souls



"Thanks to Christ and His Father!"

Exclaimed this 90 years old woman when she received a pair of shoes, an empty bucky and a mattress from the hand of a little boy in the name of Christ

This old lady live in a community named El Berrinche, it is located less than one mile far from the National Congress Building, in Tegucigalpa, she has a sister who is 82 years old and a grand daughter. Sitting down on the earth, beside her is her kitchen that is founded over two old used tires, two barrels and a bucky. That is where she cooks from time to time.



This time her fire is put out, there is not smoke, it mean there is nothing to eat for this day, this woman told us she had made a special prayer three nights ago to God, inside her there was expectation that God was going to answer her request and it happened three days later!

It is then when we (Efraín Banegas, Journalist, Tiburcio a member of the church, Joshua, my son and me) arrived surprisingly

and stopped in front of her.

Mr. Efraín Banegas had made a special report of the situation these people were living and published it by the newspaper in December last year, he also was surprised to hear an answer from people who care about people and they are the churches of Christ.

Thanks to all those who are involved in this great effort, without any of you it would not have been possible, more than eighty families were benefited in this community, some received tennis shoes, mattress and a bucky, others received only shoes, or empty buckies.



Everyone wanted a bucky or an empty box! It serve to them for many things they need to do, for instance carrying water from the river, the river is contaminated.

They all expressed thanks to the church, they were told this help came from the churches of Christ in the United States and we were only passing this great blessing to them.

I want to let you know what a woman said, she told us, "You are good church" and asked for the address where the church meets. That woman said there was a church in Honduras (that church was started in brazilian) that promised them some help, they visited that church one day and they offered them a soap what they call is consagrated but the ones who want that soap have to give money in return, she said that church was not a true church who are making business with the people.

I could observe in the eyes of the people who reflect anxiety and desperation for the actual situation they are passing.

I also want to make mention that this community is settled in a land that sank and some slide of the earth happened when the Hurrricane Mitch happened in October 1998.

Those people have been forced by the government to abandom that place because it is a zone of high risk but they do not have another place where to go to.



Those people urge to be feed, they need clothes, beds, blankets etc.

How to feel about living in a place without clothes, shoes, refrigerator, air conditioner, toys, children without underwear, no latrines in some homes, no enough food to be nurtured. They are with a lot of mosquitoes because they are near to the river, etc.

Thanks God for using people like you! *"Only [they would] that we should remember the poor; the same which I also was forward to do"* (Galatians 2:10).

May God bless you and reward you someday in Heaven.

Your servant
Erlindo Nunez