

# News from Norma

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Children of Salto

Hello my friends! The year of 2005 is almost gone, and after so much trouble with the all bad weather and other tribulations I am finally back in Texas. In spite of so much sadness that has come to the United States and other places in the world, I still can see the love and the charitable hearts that the American people have for their own as well as others. I am grateful to our Heavenly Father that he has kept the Indigenous people of La Mosquitia in the palm of his hand and has made sure that blessings will come to them as much as is needed.

### Progress throughout the year

With your financial support many people from different villages were able to have clothing, shoes, toys, first aid medications, hygiene products, wheat and milk for the children, school supplies for the teachers and students, and sewing materials including mosquito netting which was given to the women's organizations of various villages. Also, a wide variety of vegetable seeds were given to start their own gardens, along with organic seeds that were planted to feed the pigs. In addition to all of these much needed necessities the Rotary Club made a generous donation of a 5 horse- powered motor boat. During the rainy season it has been a blessing to have. It would be wonderful to be able to have more of them.

#### Projects that were concluded

On September 28, 2005, after almost a year in construction, "Los Estados Unidos" Computer Learning Center and the Annex to the clinic in Mocoron were inaugurated by the Director of USAID, Mr. Paul Tuebner and other members of The Embassy in Tegucigalpa. The children and adults of Mocoron and surrounding villages will now have the opportunity to learn about globalization and will be able to communicate by internet with other cultures of the world. Thank you USAID for caring!



Members of the United States (USAID) team at the Center's inauguration day.

## Projects to be concluded

The small health clinic in the village of Tailibila located on the costal side of La Mosquitia is being funded by the Rotary Clubs of Arlington. They will be able to have electrification by a diesel generator, also they will have water by building a water well that will be ran by an electric pump. Unfortunately we have to wait a few more weeks for the rain to slow down, and then the Tailibila Project will be completed. Thank you Rotaries!

The internet antenna that is going to be connected to the computer learning center in Mocoron will be completed in a few more weeks. Thank you Kiwanis and so many others that have helped with the contributions for this special project!



Carlos is testing the antenna in Dallas, Texas

### Thank You

To all of my friends from business', clubs, M.E.D.I.C.O. Association, Dr. Brian from "Send Hope", all of the different schools, especially "Venture High School", and to all of those special people who have a desire to help the best they can. Without your donations and prayers this missionary work would be impossible to continue doing. As you know, the Foundation is committed to alleviating poverty in La Mosquitia by education. Along with incorporating and preserving the natural environment for research, they are also able to use it as a source of income to bring relief to the areas through the use of technology. By doing so we are creating an environment of achievement and hope for the future generations.



The women's organization of Mocoron raises pigs and chickens for food and for sale.

#### Wish List

- Money for seeds ( for 100 lbs. of bean seeds costs \$100.00)
- Milk and Vitamins for the malnutrition babies (\$50.00 per infant/ per month or as you desire)
- Supplies for the greenhouse plantation (reforestation)
- Laptops with Spanish software
- Manual typewriters
- Cooking utensils
- Mosquito nets or netting material
- New or used bicycles
- Flashlights and batteries
- Wire fencing for the Women's organizations Yucca Plantations
- School supplies
- First Aid supplies, Tylenol, mosquito repellant
- Linens, towels, sheets
- Hygiene supplies
- Rubber boots for the children and adults
- Volunteers to teach English and Computer skills
- My special wish for 10 years: a 4 x 4 diesel truck

Every dollar that you donate goes for a special cause for the children and families.



Norma and the children of Mocoron attending services in the Church of God

### Saying Good-Bye

St. Luke 12:37 "Blessed are those servants, whom the Lord when he cometh shall find watching, verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself and made them to seat down to meat, and will come forth and serve them." I will continue serving these people as long as God desires.

May God bless you this holiday season, Norma I. Love

#### **Words From Volunteers**



Devie Richards, Venture High School teacher

Thanks to the help of Dave Stone and the Arlington North Star Kiwanis Club, I got the privilege of returning to La Mosquitia. In my mind, the kids still looked like the pictures I have of them, yet months have passed. Because of the fires there were no crops, and because there were no crops, food was scarce. Malaria was rampant in the children and adults as well. So, no food equals sickness. The clinics were out of medicine. Not only do these people not have the tools to stay healthy, they do not have what it takes to get better once they get sick. First aid medicines, powdered milk, tooth paste, tooth brushes, soccer balls, and crayons were gratefully received by smiling faces. It was Christmas in July! My job this year was to bring a special gift to Mocoron. Ann Mitchell, a member of the First United Methodist Church of Arlington was a delight to travel with, and a wonder with people who could barely communicate with her. I can not begin to tell you the joy she brought to the inhabitants of Mocoron, both with her ministry and her gracious teaching. The need is ever present both for donations and volunteers to make the

trip. Every single donation you make is important. Your time, monies, and efforts are GREATLY appreciated. *You have a cause in the wellbeing of people who really need it.* 

Carl in search of reptiles



Carl Franklin was sent by the Amphibian & Diversity Research Center at the University of Texas at Arlington to research the exotic reptiles, snakes, frogs, and lizards from the Rain Forrest. Carl travels into the jungle by riding in a hand carved canoe down the winding Rio Mocoron. Here he examines the flora and fauna. For more about Carl's research and about biodiversity in La Mosquitia, see the website www.Projectmosquitia.com



Ann Mitchell teaching computer skills

Ann Mitchell went to Mocoron to teach students attending school in the village how to use a computer. USAID had provided five computers, and a printer/copier to put in a new building which would be the Computer Center. Students would be able to use the internet for research. The computers would be a knowledge base for finding needed information about health and nutrition, maternity and child care, gardening, and repairing the wells. Information about caring for the cows and chickens

and pigs, how to fence, and cultivate the soil....so many questions could be answered and problems could be solved. The village would be able to communicate with people outside of La Mosquitia.

Ann reported "The students were amazing! The fourth and fifth graders loved learning how to type and the sixth, seventh, and eighth graders also learned about Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint. They could not get enough! They didn't want to stop learning. Also, they continually

encouraged and supported each other – cheered each other on. I can honestly say I have never had such enthusiastic students. What a great adventure to be in Mocoron. Everyone in the village greeted me with smiling faces wherever I went. They were like one big family, caring for and encouraging each other and visitors. They don't have very much, but the little they had was happily shared. Thanks to the Norma I Love Foundation, Mocoron is far better off than most of the small villages in La Mosquitia."

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