

Friends of Honduras Annual Report for 2011

Here I am reporting on yet another year that has come and gone. 2011 was a year too slow down a bit and take a look at where we could best focus our attention and funds in the coming months. Leda and Rigo were busy with multiple weddings and did not have the time or energy to be doing a lot on behalf the school or Friends of Honduras. We held only three meetings in 2011 as there wasn't a lot of business to take care of.

A few of the things to note would be:


)- Construction of the new kindergarten classroom is now finished. There was a shortfall of \$1,800.00 towards covering the cost of the building. Between what we had in the bank and some generous donations from around the table, we were able to cover the shortfall and forward the money to Leda. Between the time we sent the money down and Leda receiving it, she sent us a note saying she would cover the shortfall herself! So... the money we provided went to food and other school expenses during the year. Thanks to everyone who chipped in and helped in this situation... it's nice not to get into financial difficulties!

)- David has been getting positive feedback from people looking at the website. It's just one more tool to get our society profile out in the public eye. Thanks to David for keeping the website fresh and up to date.

)- Cathy was able to get another years' charitable receipts out by the end of February. Everyone of those receipts sent out is a reminder of our network of friends and colleagues that have given towards the betterment of the kid's lives and education in Retero and surrounding communities where we have been able to help out. Thank you to Cathy (and Jill possibly) for your attention to keeping the books in order and getting all the receipts out on time.

)- We first discussed a possible trip to Honduras in the spring of 2012 at our September meeting, then in our November meeting, decided to get Iris to enquire as to what dates would be best to fit into Leda's schedule. So, somehow between November 29th and the early part of December we had arranged for a trip to Honduras for the last week of January, 2012. Fund raising began and tickets were booked. to be continued in 2012!

It was a slow year, but ended with hope for a successful trip in 2012. I'd like to thank all the board members for hanging in there when at times our progress seemed rather bogged down. Thanks to Nadine for supplying us with a beautiful facility to meet in and always having the coffee on. Thanks also to Dave and Jill for keeping the minutes and always getting them typed up and emailed out to everyone. I couldn't end the report without a thanks to Iris for translating our thoughts to Leda and Leda's thoughts to us, and thanking Heather for her encouragement, support and good thoughts as we try to all work together to brighten the lives of all those wonderful kid's in Honduras.



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