

Annual Report of the activities of Friends of Honduras for 2014

On January 28th, 2014 we had our Annual General Meeting at ABC Restaurant, electing our new (actually old!) board for the coming year. We had a stirring report from the President and an equally moving report from Cathy.... our Treasurer. Funds keep coming in as people hear about our efforts in Honduras, and we are able to meet a lot of the needs at the school because of the generosity of so many people.

We had a few goals for 2014:

- 1) School supplies and textbooks,
- 2) Ensuring that there was sufficient food for meals for the children at the school,
- 3) Equipment and supplies for the kitchen,
- 4) Drainage on the school grounds,
- 5) Prepare for a trip to Honduras in September 2014 or February 2015
- 6) Investigate ways to contribute to the building of a clinic

We only had about six meetings this last year but a lot was discussed and planned for. Leda sent up a very simple plan of what we thought would be a future clinic building. We finally figured out it was a plan for renovations to the old kindergarten building to allow for new student washrooms and a badly needed staff room for the teachers. Due to unstable ground beneath the original washrooms, built in 2008, damage was done to the plumbing pipes. Along with a broken down septic tank and irreparable septic field, the old bathrooms were unusable. Late in the year we were able to send funds down to Leda so the work on this project could get underway. Our money took quite a beating as we needed to exchange our Canadian funds into American funds before sending them to Honduras. There is not a lot we can do about it, but just the same, we were able to send down enough to hopefully complete the building project. It is our understanding that the old bathroom building can be converted into a useable space.... possibly a library.

David received an email from Central Honduras Education Fund looking to network with us to find students to provide scholarship and leadership training to. Dave responded to the email but has heard nothing in return.

This report would not be complete without mentioning the tremendous support that has come from D.F.H. Real Estate. So many individual realtors in the company have financially supported what we are trying to do at the school, as well as a bake sale and a summer barbecue that generated more interest and more money raised. One realtor is generously donating 1% of her sales that has meant that funds have been coming in on a regular basis. Thank you again D.F.H. staff and management.

Another group I would like to thank is Rita Black and the ladies at Central Baptist Church that are making up two Hundred Hug-a-Bears for us to give out to the kids. They have done all the hard work and we get to have all the fun giving them out! Thank you again.

We also arranged a trip down to Honduras in Late February of 2015. We will be able to look into the viability of building a clinic at, or near, the school. Also we will hopefully be able to photograph the progress of the renovations taking place. It's a great time to renew old friendships at the school and to meet all the new kids attending since we were last there.

Finally I would like to thank all our supporters for trusting us with their hard earned money. Hopefully they will get as much joy out of this as we do. It's neat to think we can

Respectfully submitted,

Robert R. R. R.