



CCAMRE Newsletter

THE DISASTER MIGHT BE OVER, BUT THE RECONSTRUCTION CONTINUES.

FALL / WINTER 2010

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Canadian and Guatemalan Dental Team

OUR VISION

CCAMRE is a community of Canadians working in partnership with a community of Central-Americans resulting in improved lives in both regions.

OUR MISSION

CCAMRE focuses on initiatives that enhance the capacity of communities to become self-sufficient.

OUR MANDATE

To share our resources of skills, knowledge and funds to work for:

- Relief effort
- Education and awareness building
- Medical Aid
- Partnership development
- Networking Fundraising
- Community planning and Economic Development

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

- Construction of houses
- Construction of two community centres
- Construction of a community store
- Sewing projects
- Education – Scholarships
- Baking project
- Rotating fertilizer project
- Senior's project
- Yearly missions
- Dental clinic
- Dental teams
- Medical teams

MISSION TRIP – SPRING 2011

Mission Date: March 26 – April 10, 2011

Next year's mission will take place March 26th to April 10th 2011. Two weeks of an incredible journey to work from community to community; to learn and share resources, to nurture and develop new and long lasting relationships, an opportunity to work hands on and make a difference, to immerse in a new culture and history, get to know your fellow mission members and experience a profound personal and professional growth.

Mission's work areas is in the following areas: medical health, dental health, women's issues, sewing project and school, agricultural project, construction, educational/scholarship project and the areas within community development.

The deadline for registration is December 20th; come along and be part of this great effort! We are looking for interpreters so if you speak Spanish come on board for this great experience. For further information or to get an application package, please contact the Project Director Ana Paredes at (416) 260-2279 or write to avictoriap@hotmail.com

COMING EVENTS:

GRAND LATIN EVENING DINNER/DANCE – February 4, 2011

Our annual fundraiser event it's here again, "A Grand Latin Dinner/Dance Evening". Please plan to attend and bring your family, friends and supporters for this great cause.



A Grand Latin Evening

Please join us for the evening in support of
CCAMRE and our continuing Guatemalan Projects

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2011 **WELCOME 7:00 p.m.** **DINNER 8:00 p.m.**

Le Treport Banquet Hall

1075 The Queensway East, Mississauga
(1 block west of Dixie) (905) 276-7729

SILENT AUCTION
LIVE LATIN MUSIC
ENTERTAINMENT



Ticket Information: **\$75.00**

Hilda (905) 849 8350	hross@copcco.ca	Your support counts, a charitable receipt will be issued for a portion of the ticket cost.
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CCAMRE CALENDARS "2011 IMAGES OF THE MERENDON MOUNTAINS OF GUATEMALA" are on sale now. Hurry and get your copy today!

OUTREACH MEETING AND AGM MEETING will be held June 2011

CCAMRE'S & ROTARY CLUB MISSISSAUGA-AIRPORT RUN/WALKATHON will take place in Mississauga - Saturday August 27, 2011

CCAMRE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM - by Andy McCormick for CCAMRE



Students from Peña Blanca with a proud father behind



Johana, recipient of CCAMRE's Scholarship Project. Helping in the Dental Clinic.



The Mayan Chorti Children of the Merendon Mountains in Guatemala, CCAMRE is given them a bright future through a Scholarship Sponsorship Program. You can help us by becoming a sponsor!

For more information or to help please contact:

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Newsletter Designed by Myrna Veliz

This program started in a small way in 2005 and was initially intended to help out a Timushan family that had worked closely with CCAMRE during the annual mission trips. CCAMRE has long understood that education is the key to raising the standard of living in poverty stricken communities such as Timushan, Peña Blanca, and Volcancito, but being able to do anything about that seemed to be beyond our grasp.

However, in 2004, Brenda Johana Perez was graduating from the Timushan elementary school system and the expectation at the time, as for any young girls and women of the area, was that she would work at home helping the family and soon start a family of her own. Johana's parents Byron and Deysi Perez are a little more entrepreneurial than many families in Timushan. Byron manages two fields of maize and beans and Deysi, under the great tutelage of CCAMRE's Zoila Salguero and Rosie DeBiasi, has learned how to sew and has started a small seamstress business.

With both the family and CCAMRE understanding the benefits of education, the decision was made to provide financial support for Johana to continue her education to what we know as the Junior High level of schooling. After seeing all the health care work that CCAMRE had provided at the annual clinics Johana had a dream of becoming a nurse and bringing those skills back to the community. With CCAMRE's support, Johana has successfully completed all the levels of high school and continued on to university.

As you read this article, **Johana will be completing her second year of University and looking forward to graduating as a registered nurse over the next 18 months.**

In 2006 when this venture was started this goal was but a dream but now we are looking forward to that dream being accomplished. No other child from this region had ever thought that continuing education might be possible. We are all proud of what Johana has done, the example she has set, and what she will be able to bring back to the community. Today, there are 28 students from the villages of Timushan, Peña Blanca and Volcancito that CCAMRE is supporting at various levels of high school.



Brenda Johana Perez

Help us support one of these students. A sponsorship gift of \$30.00 per month will be the best Christmas gift you could give!

DONATIONS: Now donating to CCAMRE has become even easier!

CANADA HELPS: WWW.CANADAHELPS.ORG

Simply go to the CanadaHelps website and enter our full name **Canadian Central American Relief Effort** and follow the prompts.

There is also a direct link to CanadaHelps through our website.

Donations are always welcomed and are tax deductible. Make cheque payable to:

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1101 Grandeur Crescent, Oakville, ON L6H 4B4

<p style="text-align: center;">THANK YOU TO ALL OUR GENEROUS DONORS, VOLUNTEERS and SUPPORTERS.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">By joining our events you are becoming part of CCAMRE's worthwhile cause!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">You must give some time to your fellow men. Even if it's a little thing, do something for others - something for which you get no pay but the privilege of doing it.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Albert Schweitzer</p>
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HAPPY HOLIDAYS and a warm **Thank you** and best wishes from CCAMRE and the humble people of the Merendon Mountains in Guatemala.