



MISIONEROS DEL CAMINO
A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION



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Dear friend and brother in Christ:

Thank you for your support of Misioneros Del Camino.

Misioneros Del Camino is committed to a single, compelling mission: to care for the orphaned, abandoned, and malnourished children of Guatemala. The Home offers them a healthy environment to grow in, where they receive love and an education. This prepares them to become productive citizens of the society thus breaking the cycle of ignorance, poverty, and abuse..

Meet Marco and Sandra, who were among the first few children that arrived back in 1986. They have stayed at Misioneros Del Camino during their entire lives. Sandra is an undergraduate of the University of Michigan and Marco is studying law

Sandra was a girl who arrived at Misioneros Del Camino malnourished – weighing only 12 pounds, frail – with tuberculosis, and in extremely grave condition – being given only 8 to 10 days to live by the doctors.



Today, Sandra is a straight “A” student at the University of Michigan...

When he first arrived at Misioneros Del Camino, Marco was a shy boy who had been abandoned. He was quiet and did not speak much. By the end of his first year at Misioneros Del Camino, Marco told the staff that he was going to “be something important

when he grew up.” Today Marco is studying law and working as a court clerk in the city of Antigua, Guatemala.



Misioneros Del Camino has developed several innovative programs and strategies to assist the children and other individuals that have proven very successful. Among them, the school, the glass shop, the medical mission work, the nutritional ward, and the clinic.

The latest venture, the expansion of the neurological clinic for children ages 0 - 18, proposes to address the critical medical issues facing many of the children from the area as a preventative measure for further, more costly and more intense hospitalization. The Misioneros clinic began in 2007 with six children from the Misioneros Home. Today, the clinic is serving 112 children and is known as the most prominent and high standard clinic in the area. There is much demand as the word of the successes is heard throughout the area.

The medical issues addressed, include, but are not limited to, cerebral palsy, autism, spinal bifida, Down 's Syndrome, brain tumors, developmental neurobiology of cerebrum, dystonia and movement disorders, epilepsy/surgical epilepsy, mitochondrial disorders, Multiple Sclerosis, neurogenetic disorders, neurological care of premature infants throughout childhood, and associated neuromuscular disorders. This excellent care, provided by a growing network of community-based experts, is conveniently accessible to families throughout the region at Misioneros clinic. Services, provided in the most compassionate manner, include

- Diagnostic exams
- Psychiatric and psychological therapeutic interventions
- Special education and related therapies
- Speech therapy
- Sensory integration therapy
- Occupational therapy
- Tomography
- Medications
- Transportation to and from the clinic
- Healthy refreshments to families that come to the clinic from the community (approximately 80% of those served.
- Parenting Education for parents regarding the condition of their children, prognosis, and future potential issues; as well as parent support for the continued education process and for the psycho-emotional issues that affect the family, with the goals of

helping them achieve the greatest independence and increasing their personal strengths to manage.

In December of last year, a most gracious “angel” provided the funds for the construction of the second building of the clinic, now under construction. The actual basic cost to operate and effectively manage the clinic is \$10,000 per month.

The best news is: the program works. Our outcomes in the 2009 year include:

- 100% of children improved in critical outcomes areas including: medical and emotional well-being, self-esteem, feeling part of a healthy community,
- 95% of the children showed significant improvement in their condition
- 90% of parents were able to receive support in managing their medically needy children and improve in their parenting skills

Your gift is vital to the continued success of this proven program.

Our ability to provide the necessary resources to assist the children and their families in recuperating their quality of life through the medical treatment, educational services, and helping them recognize that they have a brighter future relies on the critical support of our friends and benefactors. Your generosity and participation is vital to the impact and success of Misioneros Del Camino.. Please consider a gift to Misioneros Del Camino to support the health and well being of the children in Sumpango..

From the children of Misioneros Del Caminos, we wish you and yours wonderful days filled with joyous blessings.

Sincerely,

Leonor Portela
Misioneros Del Camino

P.S. If you or your family members work for a company that offers a matching gift program, your gift to Misioneros Del Camino could be doubled or even tripled. Please contact your human resources office or call us at (305) 265-4477 for more information.

Your support this year is critical and we hope we can count on your commitment to support our work by the time of our radio marathon March 25 and 26.