

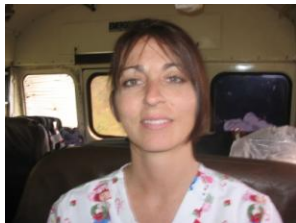


# H.O.W. NEWS

**A Call To Help Orphans & Widows**

**Fall / Winter 2008**

As the final days of 2008 are drawing to a close, the directors of *Helping Orphans and Widows* extend our thanks and Merry Christmas to you, our many friends, who have assisted with us in reaching out, with kindness, to the widow, the orphan and the stranger. Your kindness, expressed in labor, money and prayer, has made positive impacts in the lives of men, women and children in many areas of the world. You are a blessing. May you have a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year.



**Director Changes** – Amanda Yoshino, of Lancaster, CA, has accepted a Directorship with *Helping Orphans and Widows*. She has often assisted and she is a valuable addition to this organization. Dr. Woody and Robin Hopper, now serving with *Mercy Ships* in Africa, have stepped down as directors and have accepted to serve as Africa field representatives with *H.O.W.*, as “free” time from *Mercy Ships* duties may permit. Thank you Woody and Robin.

**Lancaster, CA. Winter Brings Changes:** An option available to summer cooling in desert areas, with normal low humidity, are evaporative water coolers, also called swamp coolers. They can save one many dollars over the refrigerated cooling systems needed elsewhere to cool a home. However, these units must be winterized in the winter to prevent damage prior to the first freeze of winter and to stop excess heat loss through the open units. *H.O.W.* volunteers were able to service units for several residents needing help this fall.

**Nigeria** - The Dec08 medical outreach has been postponed until Oct09. An unplanned medical procedure for Dr. Anwana, the team leader, gave reason to delay the outreach. An expanded medical project is being considered to include the addition of a dental clinic and a pastoral conference in the project for 2009.



## **Canon Buena Vista, Mexico -**

The construction of a dental office for Casa Hogar is nearing completion. *H.O.W.* is assisting to equip the office with two dental chairs, x-ray units and office equipment. A January 09 completion date is anticipated.



## **Casa Hogar Nuevos Horizontes, Nicaragua**



The bakery project for this orphanage is nearly complete. Work on brick ovens are in the final phase of construction. This bakery will assist the orphanage to become self sustaining for the operating costs of the orphanage through the sale of baked breads and treats to the community around it. Thank you for your support.



### **Our Mission**

**Helping Orphans and Widows' mission is to help and assist orphans and widows worldwide by strengthening and encouraging them through economic, physical, medical, spiritual, and/or material means.**

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## Ecuador - The Quichua Indians



This November outreach concluded as the team safely returned from Ecuador. The team of 26 men and women did a wonderful work for our Lord. The LORD magnified His name and all credit and glory is His.

Shortly after arriving and settling into the hotel, a meeting with the field missionary encapsulated the large agenda into an executable plan to meet needs for a successful week. Valuable instructions in working with the Quichua Indians were given. The team was informed of Quichua customs and culture so as not to offend them.

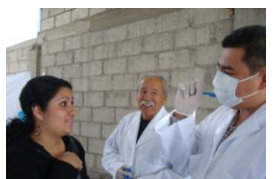


Sunday, the team went to church service and received a tremendous welcome. There was dancing and worship before our Lord God. Remember when King David danced before the Lord when he brought the Ark of the Covenant and the tabernacle of meeting? Wow! As I sat there, I was remembering that portion of Scripture. I saw King David in my mind.

We checked the job site and began the Pastors' conference. Cubicles were set up for the medical team.



Monday through Friday, many patients were seen for dental, medical, and optical work. Many of the Quichua had never been seen by a dentist or a doctor. Many children had rotten teeth. Our team doctors and dentists came from Nicaragua, Costa Rica and the US. The dentists pulled more bad teeth than you can imagine. There is a lot of work there to be done. The medical team did a great work. Everyday they were exhausted; however, it was worth it.



Non medical team members were busy with construction of a small school/ feeding center. It was a challenge in the afternoons. Each day, about 4 pm, the rains would fall. One day it came earlier and some came back sick. We had to work in the rain.



*H.O.W.* did an event here as in other countries. Special gifts were given to the orphans and widows. They thanked our Lord God and praised Him. All were grateful. This community had never had anyone come with gifts for them. The Quichua have been suspicious of the Spanish ever since the conquistadors. But this week, they felt different. The missionaries were very happy *H.O.W.* brought this group. Half or more were bilingual. They were glad. Funds were left behind to do more widow outreaches with six additional churches and communities.

