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Dear Friends,

The months have flown by since our last newsletter, and since the enormous destruction in Haiti.

At our Annual Meeting this year, we heard reports not only from volunteers who had been in Haiti, but also progress on new projects in the Dominican Republic, Nicaragua, Guatemala, and Peru. Now we are preparing and fundraising for building trips coming up in the fall and spring of 2011.

Underlying these activities is the on-going quest for godparents and sponsorship donations on a regular basis to meet the day-to-day living needs of the children in all NPH homes. If you are not a godparent, please give some thought to helping in this way – your monthly or annual donation to one of the homes, and the letters you exchange with a child growing up healthy, happy, and educated, will be a lifelong precious gift.

To all, thank-you for giving, and enjoy the summer months ahead.

Anna M. Lammerding

Upcoming Events

September 13th 2010

Golf tournament in **Woodstock** at

Craigowan Golf and Country Club

Contact: bill@uvalux.com

September 13th 2010

Golf tournament in **Guelph** at Springfield Golf & Country Club

Contact: ckuiken@charlestonhomes.ca

Sunday, Sept., 19 2010 Annual Palmerston, Friends

of the Orphans Canada Golf Tournament - at the Pike Lake Golf Club. Registration \$75. per player, includes, golf, cart, a great meal, prizes, silent auction . . . and the opportunity to help a good cause. Contact Ken Speers,

missiontrip@sympatico.ca

September 25th 2010

Raise funds for Peru and Haiti

Humane Event in the Beaver Valley west of Collingwood

Canoe or Kayak 2 km /Bicycle 16 km /Run 5 km

Contact **Bryan Moran**

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"I ENCOURAGE YOU TO KEEP HAITI IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS." Ken Speers

The Gift of Giving in Guatemala



Love cannot remain by itself- it has no meaning. Love has to be put into action, and that action is service. ~
 Mother Teresa

Last July, 13 teachers from the Wellington Catholic District School Board spent eleven days at NPH Guatemala. Many of them were not sure what to expect. They did know that they came to NPH Guatemala to work, to help, and they did. They helped with the foundation for a pig pen, lent a hand in the Baby House, tended to the vegetable garden, taught English classes, and assisted in the "Castillo Magico". What they did not know was how much the people of NPH would help them.

They soon realized how adaptable they were to things like cold water showers, less than ideal work tools, and perspectives on the "right" way to do things. They began to wonder about the sanity of some of their worries at home. The friendships they built with the staff at NPH in eleven days were authentically loving- even with those who did not speak a word of English. The openness, warmth, and happiness from and among the children at the orphanage were

infectious. They experienced in eleven days what it was like to live with an immediate family of more than 400 people. "The most difficult part about it," comments teacher, Cynthia Morris, "was leaving". "The experience changes your perspective about what is important in life," says Principal Peter Ingram. "No matter how many times I go, as soon as I get back I start thinking of when I can go again."

By Terry Donaghy



AGM Friends of the Orphans Canada

We welcome our newest directors Jackie Zister and Bryan Moran. Thank you to Charlie Kuiken and Bill Van Haeren, who will head the Building committee and will focus on our project in Peru.



Rosemarie and Joe Hummel along with an international group of NPH friends were given a tour, lunch and many hugs, as they visited the orphanage last February. The International AGM had been cancelled, but the visitors who still went to **Mexico** were welcomed with open arms.

Find the most recent news of all homes and free e-mail cards on:
www.nph.org

Canadian news, dates for building trips and opportunities to sponsor on
www.fotocan.org



Going to Peru and

Assisting at a new build such as the one near Canete, Peru is very exciting and much different than volunteering at an established orphanage! It is interesting to see how everything comes together from the ground up and exhilarating to have physically contributed to the foundations which will house all of the children in need of these new homes!



they all worked together this past spring.

Volunteers over the past two years have been spoiled by having their own private tent and comfy mattress with bathrooms and showers close by! Nearby Cañete is a typical Peruvian town, unspoiled by tourism and therefore a great place to experience the local culture!

Groups over the last three years have had the opportunity to see the Nazca lines - ancient geoglyphs, the Incan ruins at Machu Picchu and Lake Titicaca, the highest navigable lake in the world with Machu Picchu being the most famous and desired destination in the country.

By Jackie Zister



Currently the children are living in a rented facility about 45 minutes from the new site, they are at capacity and really looking forward to getting into their new home which is expected shortly after the new year. The older kids have been out several times to see the progress that is being made and enjoyed helping the Canadians as

The dates for the 2011 trips are

January 31 - Feb.12 - Andrew Ross
February 28 - March 15 -
March 25 - April 9 -

The trips are limited to 20 people due to accommodations and project size - book early to ensure you get on a team!!!

Price: \$2500 - \$3100 dependent on your choice of sight seeing

Please contact Jackie Zister
jackie.zister@sympatico.ca



Jeff Van Haeren and friends take a break



Jackie (middle) having fun working side-by-side



Thank you To All Donors

Among many donations, we received \$10,000 that was directed to Fr Rick by **Christopher Plummer.**

Gay Lea Foods The farmer owned co-op, donated \$10,000 towards the Special Education classroom in the Dominican Republic.



FOR SALE

starter home



The "house" is 12 x 12 feet x about 7 feet high and is meant as a temporary home for a family for up to 3 years . We are looking to fill a container with 90 of these homes.

For \$500. per home (this includes the house and all shipping costs), you can give a family a home for as little as \$167 per year, about \$14. per month , that's about 46 cents per day . . . what a great investment for a family in need!

Interested sponsors please contact Ruth at the office or

Ken missiontrip@sympatico.com

Or sponsor on our website.

Get together with family, friends at school or work to buy your house.

Presenting the home above are:

Ken Speers, President of Friends of the Orphans Canada and also the co-ordinator of volunteer trips to the orphanage in the Dominican Republic and Nicaragua, Norm Eybenraam, owner of Multi Shelter Solutions in Palmerston, and Mark Robinson, Director, Friends of the Orphans Canada.

Above right: Ruth (our office administrator) and Raúl (assistant director) along with the children of NPH Nicaragua watch the dance performance.

Going south this winter?

We are looking for volunteers to NPH Nicaragua: Monday, Jan. 24 to Monday, Feb. 7, 2011 - This will be a construction only trip - you will be living in tents.



Dominican Republic Monday, Feb. 14 to Monday Feb. 28 2011: A variety of duties and experiences are available. For information and to register for either of these trips, please contact

Ken Speers missiontrip@sympatico.ca or
Mark Robinson m.v.robinson@hotmail.com
 The price per trip to both locations is \$2500



How about just visiting?

Some people were wondering if we could arrange a trip to visit several orphanages. This would not be a volunteer trip, but you would be able to see the homes, meet the children and get to know our staff.

In order to explore the idea further, we would need to know how much interest there is..

Please contact **Ruth Blass** info@fotocan.org if you would like us to proceed with plans for such an experience.

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