

AFC Volunteering / Mission Partner Report:

Partner Name: Open Windows Foundation
Type of Facility: Library / after school enrichment program
Contact Name: Teresa Quiñones
Address: San Miguel Dueñas, Guatemala
Number of children: We worked with approximately 80 children on this trip
Date of visit: March 10, 2008

Description of Activities: The theme for the month was the five senses. We did the following activities with the children:

- Made silly putty
- Mystery bags: we put different items in paper bags and the children had to guess what each item was – with a sock on their hands
- Mystery smells: paper cups with different scents in them
- Paper-cup telephones: made telephones with paper-cups and string
- Masks: the children were given paper plates with eye holes cut out. We had a lot of different materials that they could use to decorate the masks like beads, feathers, glitter, etc and then we glued different colored clear plastic over the eye holes.
- Ojo de dios: craft with Popsicle sticks and different colored yarn.
- We also brought a parachute and led the children in parachute games.
- In keeping with the 5 senses theme one of the volunteers was able to get a donation of 192 pairs of UV protection sun glasses and each child was given a pair at the end of the day. Extra sun glasses were left at Open Windows.

Needs and future recommendations: Open Windows works closely with the local schools. One of the schools that Teresa took us to visit needs 100 desks. The cost per desk is only about \$13. This will help Open Windows since the children who attend the public schools are the same children who use the library. I think that the group leaders should consult with Teresa before each trip to see exactly what the library needs most. They do have a lot of arts and crafts supplies in their storeroom right now. Maybe other supplies are more in need. Open Windows also supports a number of scholarship students. I would like to see AFC groups continue to support these students with supplies – maybe even lap-tops!!!

Donations: approximate value of donations \$2046

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Partner Name: Vamos Adelante
Type of Facility: Rural health, nutrition, education program
Contact Name: Nina Jorgensen
Address: Department of Esquintla, Guatemala
Number of children: we worked with approximately 775 children on this trip
Date of visit: March 11- 13, 2008

Description of Activities: We traveled to three different rural villages and visited schools and library projects to do lice treatments for approximately 775 children. This was really a great experience. The volunteers worked hard on a project that really made an immediate difference in the children's lives. Many of the mothers from the communities came out to help and worked side by side with the AFC volunteers. One of the biggest challenges was the lack of water. On the first day this was a serious issue – it was a good opportunity for the volunteers to see first hand how difficult it is to live / work without a good source of water (something that we take for granted here in the USA). The group also had time to play games (we brought the parachute) and give gifts of toys to all of the children in the afternoons.

Needs and future recommendations: Vamos Adelante works in so many different communities and does many different types of projects so it is hard for me to give a recommendation. I think AFC will need to work closely with Nina to pinpoint her program's needs and to organize specific projects that address those needs. I think that the key with future projects with Vamos Adelante will be a close working relationship with Nina.

Donations: Approximate value of donations \$4329