

2013

February 2013

It was decided that the new year would be started by repairing the structural damage caused by the numerous small earthquakes we receive—this repair was made to prevent the stairs to the apartment from falling over!



The process of repairing structural damage from earthquakes



Repairs finished!

A bathroom had to be built into our small emergency room as required by the Minister of Health. Since the construction coated everything with dust in the ER room – cleaning was certainly in order and also a fresh paint job.

April 2013

The month was a busy month with multiple events. The Dr. Oswaldo Loor Foundation offered to come and hold a cataract clinic for Buen Samaritano. In the past their cost has been prohibitive for anyone in El Floron . . . But that foundation has begun to reach out to surrounding, impoverished villages. We had 82 people checked for cataracts and follow up services for the surgery will be forthcoming.



Loor Eye Clinic #1



Loor Eye Clinic #2



You rarely see either Jipson or Carlos without a smile...and that says it all!

The pure water bottling business increased to the point that Jipsen could not produce more than the demand . . . Thus, Richard hired Carlos. Our newest addition to the clinic family definitely has his work cut out in the pure water bottling process. (For purposes of the photo, Carlos was asked to step into the sterile room.)

The Minister of Health has closed several bottled pure water manufacturers for not complying with new codes and regulations. Thus – to name a few – uniforms must be worn when working in the “water bottling room” – a lot of construction was required to comply such as additional tile work on the walls, a separate room added so that they can change from street clothes to uniforms, a 6 inch false wooden floor (as the bottles were not allowed to sit on the existing ceramic floor) . . . and that was only a few of the necessary changes required.

July 2013

Our 13-year-old grandson, Landon, accompanied us to get his first bird’s eye view of the mission field. We decided Landon could work in the water production area with Jipson and Carlos . . . Smile, Landon. Very good job!



Landon working with bottle labeling



Landon and Carlos

Months before, at the request of one special young girl, 3 former mission team members were contacted and invited to Floron for Ariana's quinceañera. In case you are not familiar with a "quinceañera" it is a Latino celebration on a girl's 15th birthday as she evolves into a young lady. The event was as special as it was humble. Dean and Sedana came on two previous mission trips and developed a very special relationship with Ariana and her sister. Dean and Sedana are currently investigating bringing the girls to their homes in Oklahoma and giving them a year experience as exchange students!



September 2013

And here is how many of our elderly patients come to the clinic.



October 2013



This one is across the street, taken from our bedroom window. Our neighbor is in production with his on looking son. First he skins and chops the yucca vegetable, then they hand grind and cook it, then bake yucca rolls that they will sell from the oven in the back of their truck as they drive around El Floron. Beside the streets you will see ovens where people sell the warm rolls fresh out of the oven to passersby. Yum!

Over a four-day weekend our day guard Pastor Meza and his family were looking forward to travelling to a different village where he was asked to speak. The following Monday he was asked if they enjoyed their trip and he said that he had gotten very sick and both arms and hands had grossly swollen . . . He thought from eating a mango(?). The swelling was gone but he still was having chest pain that radiated to his back . . . Dra. Silvia examined him, called a friend at the emergency room, and sent him packing. Pastor Meza had a heart attack and an occluded artery. He was sent home with 6 weeks of rest. Below he can be seen hauling cardboard home as he collects it to sell (recycling)



Prior to his heart attack, Pastor Meza sold recycled cardboard



Richard, Carlos and Jipson took over the water production

Meanwhile, Richard pulled day guard duty and helped with the water production. (Previously, Pastor Meza did all the deliveries; thus Richard, Carlos and Jipson made it happen . . . Thank heavens Jipson knew the water route and customers! Although Pastor Meza's physician said he could return to normal work and activity in six weeks we were very doubtful that he should be lifting the twenty gallon bottles . . . but he said his doctor told him to continue but slowly at first – that the reason he survived was the fit condition of his body. We know how critical Pastor Meza's job is for his family so the plan was to only have him guard for a while and see how he feels. He missed not driving the motocard for several weeks.



Coming to church was part of the Teen Drug Program

We walked into church a little early one Sunday and noticed a group of about 16 teenagers sitting together. We didn't recognize any of them from the church's youth group. One of the two men with them said they were from a drug program; and this was part of the program. We chatted awhile and told them how nice it was to have them. They were all very 'clean cut' and we weren't sure if that also was part of the program. They were cordial and their counselor, Otto, asked if we would come and speak to them some time . . . so, praying for this time with them in the upcoming months.