

# 2017

## **FEB:**

Cindy Reagan, one of our board members, accompanied us and gave great support/input to our shopping sprees for this year's future fundraisers. One of Cindy's acquaintances was no other than Hermano Fabricio, our clinic custodian. Cindy's dad has been helping to sponsor Hermano Fabricio with tuition for law school. Thus, Fabricio had the opportunity to express his gratitude via Cindy to her father. The picture says it all!!



## **MAR:**

Medical Mission: Once again we were blessed to have Dr. Claire Gahm (pediatric resident from Cleveland) return to give her services in a long mini-medical mission in Rocafuerte at Pastor Jhon Sanchez's church. She was accompanied by Dra. Veronica Astudillo (Buen Samaritano practitioner), Dra. Carolina Garcia (Odonatologist and Dra.

Silvia's daughter) and Delores Mesa (Buen Samaritano office manager) saw and treated 462 patients.



## Construction:

Original water purification system on the roof being converted into a storage room along with tile repair in the large storage building damaged by the April 2016 earthquake.



**APR:**

**Flooding:**

Water problems occurred during the monsoon rains that left both the clinic and water production buildings flooded. The staff worked from sunup to sundown to bail out water, shovel mud and then sanitize floors and equipment. Monsoon rains bring a whole new set of medical problems to the impoverished of el Floron. Construction changes had to be made to help prevent this from happening again.





**JUN:**

**Wheelchair Program:**

The wheelchair program made it's entrance running weekly on Wednesdays assisted by three ladies from the church – Soja, Lisseth and Sandra. They will be working on many hand-made projects that can be sold and used at home. Time will also be spent playing some games together along with a snack.





### **10 Year Anniversary:**

We had a wonderful celebration for our staff members that have worked for Buen Samaritano for 10 or more years!



(L-R) Fabricio Mendoza, Angelita Garcia, Dra. Silvia Venegas, Eliana Garcia and Pastor Manuel Meza

**AUG:**

**Grandson:**

Just like his brother Landon we took grandson Casten Wilks to Ecuador to experience the mission field first hand. Cas's major concern was not knowing Spanish and his inability to wash bottles as fast as the 'water guys'. And by day three Cas and the 'water guys' were having fun conversations via their cell phone translators ... and washing bottles as fast as the 'water guys' was no longer an issue!



He enjoyed many activities with the water guys and the church youth group such as soccer, games, eating out and the youth group meeting at church.



A visit to the Oriente gave Casten an inside look at the nature's natural chemicals. Here he is told that "termites" when rubbed on hands, etc. is a natural mosquito insect repellent.



**SEP:**

**Education:**

We were honored to be the funnel for funds donated by a couple from the USA to support a nursing student – Diana. Here she is shown with Elizabeth and her father – Pastor Carlos.



**Oct:**

**Emp;oyment:**

Many changes occurred as our lead water technician Carlos left for the police academy. A new persons were hired and job positions changed.



Carlos in his police dress outfit.