

Highlights from SWC's "Turning a Double Play" Volunteer Trip to Mexico, October 31 - November 7, 2006

14 volunteers from the states of Washington, California, Ohio, and Michigan gathered in Loreto, Baja California Sur, Mexico, during the days of Oct. 31 - Nov. 9, 2006. With the help of Alaska Airlines and the Municipal President of Loreto, the volunteers transported more approximately 3,500 pounds of much needed sports equipment and delivered it to over 2,800 children in 22 different leagues, schools, and sports clubs in the communities of Loreto, Zaragoza, Insurgentes, Lopez Mateos, Ligui, Santo Domingo, La Poza Grande, and Ciudad Contitucion.

October 20 & 25, 2006 (Colima/Daly City, CA)

Loading up vehicles and a trailer (awesome job, Fred!) at our storage unit for the trek down.

Thanks for all your donations!!!



Tuesday, October 31, 2006 (Loreto, BCS, Mexico)

(Left) Unloaded equipment after picking up volunteers from the airport. (Right) Volunteer welcome and orientation meeting.



Wednesday, November 1, 2006

(Below) Clinics/Equipment presentation at "Sec. Est. Benito Juarez" (jr. high) - 432 students



(Below) Clinics/Equipment presentation at "Esc. Sec. Est. Modesto Sanchez Mayon" (jr. high) - 190 students



(Right) Equipment Presentation at baseball little league in Loreto colony of Miramar with Municipal Sport Director German "Many" Davis.



Thursday, November 2, 2006

(Right) Clinics/Equipment presentation at "Albergue Escolar No. 8 Venustiano Carranza" (student lodging) - 64 students



Friday, November 3, 2006 (Zaragoza, north of Ciudad Insurgentes, BCS, Mexico) - Clinics/Equipment presentation at the elementary school - 143 students



Clinics/Equipment Presentation at the jr. high school - 83 students



(Right) In the afternoon we helped tidy up the baseball little league field in Ciudad Insurgentes, where SWC's logo is on the outfield wall.





(Left) That evening, a medical supplies donation to the Red Cross of Ciudad Insurgentes. Thanks Fred!

Saturday, November 4, 2006 (Lopez Mateos, BCS, Mexico)

(Below) Clinics/Equipment presentation at "Bonafacio Salinas Leal" (elementary school) - 108 students



(Below) Clinics/Equipment presentation at the other elementary school - 218 students



(Right and below) An equipment presentation at the Club Tobis' kids' soccer league in Ciudad Insurgentes. (The Club Tobis is a local sports and culture club that has, with SWC's help, provided a variety of sports leagues for the adults and children of their community over the past five (5) years.)



Sunday, November 5, 2006 (Ciudad Insurgentes, BCS, Mexico)

(Right and below) A delicious tamale breakfast for our volunteers courtesy of the Club Tobis' President, Celestino Rangel. Then an equipment presentation at the inauguration of their baseball little league. Donated items to the teams included new bats and balls purchased with a grant from Major League Baseball's "Baseball Tomorrow Fund."



Monday, November 6, 2006 (Ligui, BCS, Mexico)

Clinics/Equipment presentation at the elementary school. (Later in the week, equipment would also be donated to the jr. high school in Ligui.)



Appreciation and farewell dinner back in Loreto. "Rury," the Municipal President of Loreto, German "Many" Davis, the Municipal Sports Director, and representatives from customs and transportation agencies joined us for the festivities.



Thanks to all volunteers: Fred (WA), Ray (WA), Martha (SWC Director), Wayne (CA), Keith (OH), Geralyn (CA), Erin (CA), Hob (OH), Emery (CA), "Ronbo" (MI), Pat (CA), Kathie (CA), and Nora (CA)! And thanks also to Alaska Airlines, who donated cargo space on their plane to fly down our equipment with our volunteers!

Although the majority of the group was leaving, there was still lots of work to do, and a couple of the volunteers would be sticking around to help deliver more equipment to more deserving kids in need.

Wednesday November 8, 2006 (Loreto, BCS, Mexico)

(Right) Equipment presentation at "Colegio Calafia" (elementary school) - 178 students



Thursday November 9, 2006 (Santo Domingo, BCS, Mexico)

(Left) Equipment presentation at "Esc. Prim. Est. de Queretaro" (elementary school) - 125 students

(Right) Equipment presentation at the jr. high school - 52 students



(Right) Equipment presentation at the elementary school in La Poza Grande, an area that was devastated by Hurricane John - 81 students. An equipment presentation would also be made at the jr. high school (not pictured).



November 15 & 16, 2006
(not pictured)

Equipment presentations were made at two jr. high schools in Insurgentes - 496 students

Equipment presentation was made at an elementary school in Ciudad Constitucion - 345 students



Thursday November 23, 2006

(Left) Students in Santo Domingo sporting their new uniforms and preparing to travel to Las Barrancas for some sports competitions.

(Right) Equipment presentation at the jr. high school in Ejido #5 - 18 students



Because of your generous donations and support, more than 2,800 children we served during our trip! Thank you . . . we couldn't have done it without you!

