

REPORT OF ACTIVITIES IN SECOND SEMESTER 2007.

Numbers: There are 15 godchildren with 14 sponsors. 8 of these are supported by our charity in the UK. Siblings of godchildren of school age are included in the support and activities. The total numbers of children supported continues to be 29.

Meetings: We have a monthly meeting with the children and at least one of their parents. At these meeting we may discuss problems if the parents wish and we give out the food parcels. This year the two groups (Mocha and Acapulco) were joined with the aim of integration. It was successful and there is a solidarity about the group. For Christmas we had a special meeting at which all the children and the families for whom sponsors sent additional money for Christmas received the presents sent by sponsors and bought by the program. These families received a blanket. It was a nice party. Visit our Christmas party in <http://www.taitakuna.org/christmas2007.html>

Food: 88 parcels were distributed. These included rice, oats, pasta, flour (bean & wheat), sardines, lentils and sugar. For Christmas we held a special market with some additional products. In the second semester there was a large rise in prices for a number of staples such as oats and wheat flour whose costs doubled. We are still in an inflationary period.

Education: One child was given extra tuition. Four sponsored children went on to secondary school. Each one needed three uniforms (everyday, sport and fancy for special events) and we helped parents with part of this expense. One girl did not go on to secondary school because her parents preferred her to go out to work and we could not persuade them otherwise. Sponsored children that began secondary school are happy and know they have to make an effort to gain good marks. Most of them have succeeded in this semester.

Clothes: Because of the additional help given to parents for uniforms this semester we did not give more clothes. However for Christmas the parents asked that they be given clothes for their Christmas presents. Thanks to the help from some sponsors for Christmas and a donation of new cloth from a factory in Colombia this was possible.

Fund for medical treatment and health: All the children had a medical check up in the health centre in Mocha . The children are healthy. One child due to begin secondary school was found to have a problem requiring a surgical solution and this was supported by the medical fund.

For the parents of the sponsored children this fund is very important. They are very grateful as they could not afford the expense. It would be really good if we can to increase this fund.

Workshop: In October we sent to Canada six handmade sweaters knitted in the workshop by the mothers of the sponsored children. The money made allowed us to pay good money to the mothers for their work.

Correspondence: This year we had a delayer in the correspondence that was sent for Christmas. We hope that the things that did not arrive yet, will be arriving this month.

Conclusion: This semester was rewarding because four children begun secondary school. Your support is a motivation and help for the children and their parents to improve their lives and they know that our agreement for the support is that the sponsored child continues studying. It seems that the support we are able to give has been important to the children and their families and has had a real effect. We and they are really grateful to all our supporters.

PHOTOS 2007

Meetings



Christmas party 2007

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**Education
Students in secondary school.**



Fund for Medical treatment



Workshop



Cultural and recreative activities



Presents

