



PARTNERSHIP AMERICA LATINA (PAL)

Newsletter

With the Little Sisters of the Assumption

April 2011

REPORT FROM ONE OF OUR PROJECTS IN BRAZIL

Rag-Picking to Recycling

Asproma is a Recycling Project set in the semi-desert area of north-east Brazil. It was set up by Sr. Franca of the **Little Sisters of the Assumption** for people who were rag-picking on the dumps to restrict an outbreak of dengue fever which had just hit the town. It evolved into a large non-profit recycling project, with two premises, which now employs over 24 people. In 2008 they collected 486,744 tonnes of recyclable material.

This remarkable transformation in people's lives was achieved by Sr. Franca with the aid of other volunteers (Sr. Franca will deliver a short talk after the screening

of the film 'Wasteland', see below). They organised the collection of recyclable materials from the urban centres with wheelbarrows, handcarts and a truck. The hand carts were donated by **PAL** and the truck by **Misean Cara (Irish Aid)**.

Not content with collecting the recyclable material, they also set up an environmental education programme, with lectures, visits to schools, businesses etc. to heighten awareness of ecology issues and in particular, waste management. They have received 4 National awards for their Project.



WHAT
HAPPENS
IN THE
WORLD'S
LARGEST
TRASH CITY
WILL
TRANSFORM
YOU

INVITATION

PAL invites you and a friend to a viewing of

Wasteland

Documentary Feature Film, 2011 Oscar Nominee

Capturing the lives of Rag-Pickers working on a Dump in Rio De Janeiro

Showing the transformative power of Art and the triumph of the Human Spirit.

Irish Film Institute, Temple Bar / 11.a.m. Saturday, 14th May (This is not a Fundraiser)

Followed by an interview with **Sr. Franca**, LSA, whose work in Brazil transformed one dump into a recycling Plant called **Asproma**, now employing 24 people

RSVP Booking Essential before May 10th: Nollaig O'Ceallaigh 01 2806494/ 087 1269538 nollaig.pal@gmail.com

SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISING EVENTS



Paint for PAL

A most enjoyable Day raised €3,500 for PAL, thanks to everyone who contributed Paintings. This event could not have taken place without the enthusiasm and expertise of Gabriel Ennis.

Would you like to contribute a Painting for our next Exhibition which takes place on Saturday, 5th November in the Stillorgan Park Hotel. Contact Maura Roche at 012986862

Direct Debit

We wish to thank our many Friends of PAL who direct debit money to us every month. This regular income allows us to plan for the future.

If you would like to give a direct debit of €10 a month, it would be much appreciated.

St Patrick's Day Walk

Once again, 80 people took part in our annual St. Patrick's Day Walk and we raised €2,200. Many thanks to Kathleen Forde, the organiser for this year, and to all her assistants and participants. Everyone had a lovely time and joined in the festive atmosphere.



REMINDER - TAX FORMS

Many thanks to all the donors who have returned the tax forms; and a reminder to those who may have left it to one side. The money reclaimed makes a big difference to the work of PAL.

We need more Friends of PAL!

Please pass this Newsletter on to a friend who might like to help us in some way. PAL members are all volunteers who try to help our Brothers and Sisters who are living in poverty.

Donations to PAL

Little Sisters of the Assumption,
42 Rathfarnham Road,
Dublin 6W

Bank details

Little Sisters of the Assumption,
PAL account,
Allied Irish Bank,
Terenure, Dublin 6W
Account no: 04846553
Sort code: 93 13 30

All monies go direct to the Little Sisters and to their projects.

Agency Support

Many thanks to Mísean Cara (Irish Aid) for valuable financial support to purchase a Tractor and Community support in Brazil. Also, funding for 2 professional advisers in Colombia and Peru to aid our Projects. To INTO for part funding a teacher in Cali, Colombia and Combined Services for funding the refurbishment of a Hostel in Lima, Peru for disabled people.

Bag-packing

Friends of PAL and Students from Notre Dame School raised €2,500, bag packing in Supervalu supermarket, Churchtown. This is demanding work and we thank all those who took part, including the Management and the Check-outs for their wonderful support. And once again, the generosity of the Irish People who never let us down.



Women's Mini Marathon

RUN – WALK – JOG
For PAL on 6th June

Get Fit and help raise money to alleviate poverty in Latin America.

Call Finola McDonald
087 241 4929 for Sponsorship Card

Monster Sale of Work

Geraldine Glasgow is running her famous Sale of Work on **Sunday, 29th May** from 11.a.m. to 4.p.m. in aid of PAL.

She is looking for books, toys, bric-a-brac, jewellery, cosmetics and household items - unwanted golf prizes, gifts etc - except clothes.

These can be delivered directly to Kairos house in Sandyford Village after 3.p.m. or phone Geraldine on 01 295 3631.

A Wonderful Visit

In the picture, Ester Piro and Veronica Cabot (extreme right) from Profam Buenos Aires with a young womens' group in An Cosán, Tallaght. They spent 8 days here, studying the Course in An Cosán, which they plan to deliver in Buenos Aires later this year. They are already working on the pilot programme. We wish them every success.



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