

PARTNERSHIP AMERICA LATINA (PAL)

Newsletter

August 2009

Great News on our Partnership/Twinnings

PAL has initiated Partnerships between Projects in Dublin and similar Projects in Latin America. This enables information exchange, expertise sharing and access to funding made a little easier.



AN COSAN, a very successful Education Project in West Tallaght, with 22 years experience, has twinned with PROFAM in Buenos Aires, Argentina. The founders of An Cosan, Dr. Katherine Zappone and Dr. Ann Louise Gilligan have spent 2 weeks visiting this Project and together with the Project Leadership have planned the way forward. They also met with the Irish Ambassador to Argentina who promised support.

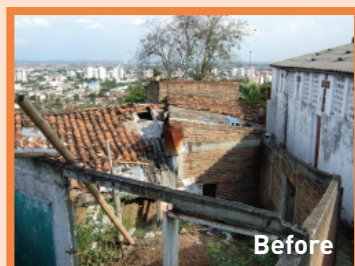
Katherine and Annlouise from An Cosán,
Ester, Veronica, Sr. Haydee from Profam, Bueno Aires

PARTAS, an Enterprise Development Organization in Tallaght, with 25 years successful experience has twinned with Redesol in Colombia. John Kearns, CEO, and David Brady, Research and Development Officer, are even more enthusiastic following visits from Maria Garcia and Sr. Helena of the Little Sisters. Maria Garcia, an experienced aid worker is being funded by Misesan Cara to assist PAL with income generation in Colombia. Sr. Helena, heads up 80 micro enterprises in Colombia which she has grouped together and called REDESOL.

PARTAS and REDESOL are working together to establish an Enterprise Centre in Bogotá, Capital of Colombia, with training facilities, a shop for direct selling, incubation units for new enterprises, a cafe and office/admin facilities.



David Brady R&D Officer, Sr. Helena,
Fergus Roche and John Kearns CEO, Partas



Before



After

CALI, COLOMBIA; We are happy to report the schoolroom/ play ground project here is within days of completion. The children here forever thank you for your support.

ARC, a Drug Rehab. Centre in Dublin has agreed to twin with a similar type Project in Colombia which we are working on.

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PERU; More good news. Ray Feeney, an Irish professional aid worker who is living in Lima for 30 years is now working for us on 3 separate Projects in Peru to help ensure sustainability for the future. He is being jointly funded by Mísean Cara and PAL.



Ray Feeney with his two children

EL HOGAR is a self funding Hostel in Lima, providing accommodation for people in wheelchairs, who live too far away to access hospital treatment. PAL has helped refurbish bathroom facilities and paid for new bed clothes. There are 2 dormitories, with 25 beds in each. Their present Minibus with wheel chair access used to ferry people to and from Hospital, is very old and keeps breaking down. Replacement cost is €15,000

FUTURE EVENTS!!!

STUDY TOUR AND HOLIDAY IN PERU. Planned for 2nd half of May 2010. Interested? Contact Fergus at fmroche2@eircom.net or 01 298 6862. Information meeting planned for September.

BRIDGE NIGHT. Tuesday 13th October. De La Salle College, Churchtown. Start 7.30 Admission €10. Pre Entry Welcome. Contact Mary at 087 292 5872 Alice:- 285 4085 Maura:- 298 6862

QUIZ NIGHT. November. Information to follow.

CHRISTMAS GIFT CAMPAIGN 2009. Last year we raised over €8,000 and we thank you for your support. This year we hope for similar success. We realise that in these recessionary times it's not easy but the developing world is always in Recession and the downturn in the world economy has made the situation even worse out there. For example, some of the cheap breads produced by our Enterprise Bakeries now goes unsold each day because some people cannot even afford bread. New Cards and new Gift Inserts ready from September.

DUBLIN CITY MARATHON. One man is in training and hopes to raise money for PAL. Anyone else tempted to try.

All monies go directly to Projects directed by the Little Sisters. Reg. Charity Chy 6304. 42 Rathfarnham Road, Dublin 6W

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FUNDRAISING SUCCESSES

THANKS TO YOU!

HOLIDAY IN SWITZERLAND. The treasurer of PAL found a most enjoyable way to raise funds by bringing 22 fellow walkers to Interlaken. Each day before setting out, a thought for the day reflected on a different LSA Project in Colombia, Brazil, Peru or Argentina and helped focus our minds on the needs of the poor and the work being done by the Little Sisters. Thanks to Helen's work and organization over 7,000 was raised. Thanks to all who participated.

MINI MARATHON. 29 walked and raised over €9,000. A big thank to Walkers and their Sponsors. 2 people who had never walked before got into training and even did a trial walk of the route. They are still wearing their medals and plan to lead us next year. Thanks to Maura for organising this



LUNCH IN BIRMINGHAM. Fr. John and Sr. Mary have a soup and sandwich lunch once a month in their small parish and help fund a Centre in Cali, Colombia providing poor people, mainly children and old people with one meal a day.

How to make a donation

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

DIRECT DEBIT. Many friend of PAL make a donation monthly by direct debit and a special word of thanks to them. This money enables us to plan ahead