



PARTNERSHIP AMERICA LATINA (PAL)

With the Little Sisters of the Assumption

Newsletter

June 2010

Income Generation

One of the best ways to lift people out of poverty is to help them start their own business. With training and a small amount of Capital this is possible. In Cali, Colombia, PAL, assisted with grants from Misesan Cara (Irish Aid) organised such training for a group of 60 women. These women, who have to care for their special needs children, have to work from their homes so the training was tailored to suit this. Many were given seed capital/loans to set up or expand their business. Here are some samples.



Yolanda Díaz: 48 years of age, lives with her two children. Six years ago her husband was murdered in the little town they lived in and fearing for their lives Yolanda and the children fled to Cali. Yolanda is partially deaf; one of her daughters makes shoes to help the family make ends meet. Yolanda took part in both phases of training and availed of a loan of €1,140 to put the business on a sound footing. €81.19 was repaid in January.

"It has helped me greatly to have partaken of the training and support. The social workers have helped me recover my self confidence, shattered after my experience of murder and having to leave my home. The loan enabled us to expand the business and buy the raw materials".

Luz Marina Rojas who is 59 years old lives with two daughters aged 28 and 17. The 17 year old is profoundly deaf and her schooling has suffered as a result. Luz Marina herself is an asthmatic and is unable to do very physical work. A loan of €380 helped set up her food production unit and already she has repaid €53.96.

"It has made me independent. I have learned so much about running a business. It also has given my daughter independence and a responsibility. I am so happy with all the help that I have been given."



Doris Vega is a 62 year old woman with a Down syndrome daughter. Doris sells household linen. She got a loan of €304 to expand her business and put it on a sound footing. So far she has paid back €31.48.

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Luz Alba Rodallega: A woman of 59 years who lives with her husband and children. Marco, one of her sons, is mentally handicapped. To set up their business they got a loan of €380 and to date have repaid €45.22. In their project they produce brushes and mops and make garments. Work has helped Marco to integrate in society.

"The loan has enabled us to buy machinery and expand our range of products. Marco prepares the wood and does varnishing and painting of the end products. He also helps with sales. Thanks to sales I am able to cover household expenses"



María Argemira Ángel : a 58 year old woman who lives with her husband and family. Her eldest son is totally deaf and attends a special school. Her enterprise is rearing and selling poultry. She took out a loan of €133 and has repaid €76. As she concentrates on producing quality many of her sales are to special order. She participated in both phases of training.

"My quality of life has improved greatly and with the income from the business my family circumstances are so much better and I can now afford therapies for my son"

SUCCESSFUL FUND-RAISING EVENTS



Martin and Grace leading PAL'S St. Patrick's Day walk. 90 people walked and raised over €3,000 Well done Helen and team.



Jose and Carlos, only a little older than Martin and Grace walking to work in Lima, Peru to support their families

Cards for all Occasions !!!

Hand made in Peru!

Contact: Sheila Birkett

ph: 296 8692 or 085 731 6580

Bag Packing

Many thanks to the Friends of PAL who helped with the bag-packing in Bloomfields, Dún Laoghaire. It was a long haul but good fun, easier than we expected and we raised over €2,000. Well done Nollaig and team.

Other Fund-raisers

For all those Friends of PAL Who held coffee mornings, bridge nights, painting classes or sold bric-a-brac, we wish to extend our gratitude for all the monies collected.

Donation 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.

20 walkers led by Fergus and Maura walked the **Wicklow Way** from Tinahely to Marley Park and raised €2,000 for PAL Well done to everyone concerned!



Dates for Your Diary

Monday 7th June: Womens Mini Marathon;

there is still time to join us for the Women's Mini Marathon.

Contact Theresa on 820 2168 or Sandra on 0877540436

Sunday, 13th June: Geraldine Glasgow is running a sale of work 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 etc. These can be delivered directly to Kairos house in Sandyford Village after 3.p.m. or phone Geraldine on 01 295 3631.

Peru Trip!!!

18 Friends of PAL are going to Peru and Colombia at the end of May to visit some of the Projects in both countries. Each member has paid in full for their fare and expenses and in addition have raised almost €30,000 to bring out to the projects. We will be visiting as many projects as possible to assess how we can assist them. We will report on our trip in our next Newsletter.

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.

Would you like to walk part of the Camino de Santiago?

4th - 11th September

Walking with coach support. Vacancies still exist.

Cost: €1,250. Contact: Maura on 298 6862

