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THE GOOD SAMARITAN

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

ISAIAH 9:6

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We appreciate the love of God given to humanity that is Jesus, who was born as a child and became a man, to give His life for the salvation of all who in Him have believed. As God is our protector, strength and our peace.

We finished another year, with deep gratitude for all the blessings received.

Charitable “Get Moving with COVAP” Run in Añora. Benefits the Good Samaritan Association

900 runners of all ages participated in the 4th Annual “Get Moving with COVAP” run in Añora’s San Martín Park on Saturday, October 19th, covering five kilometers in various categories. Some residents of the Center participated, and others were volunteers at the event.

We thank COVAP (Processing Coop of the Pedroches Valley) for its help and support. The funds raised through the event will go toward the purchase of a new van for the Rehabilitation Center. The vehicle we have used for the last 15 years was in an accident not long ago, and is not worth repairing. The COVAP run marked the launching of a campaign to raise the funds necessary for buying a new van; we have already raised 45% of the cost. At the moment, we need 14,000 euros more (about \$16,000). We welcome donations of any size! !



19 come from Holland to help harvest our olives

This year 19 volunteers have come from the Netherlands to help us gather in the olive harvest at the Good Samaritan Center. They came in two groups, each group staying a week. We thank God for these men and women, some of whom have been coming for the last 14 years, supporting the work of rehabilitation at the Center.



Their help is not only practical, but also very therapeutic, since the time spent with them is very positive for the residents. They share with the residents, sometimes with a few language difficulties, but with their presence they encourage and support them, and the personnel who work at the Center. We are very happy to have their help every year.



Here's who works with the Good Samaritan Association

CENTER

At the Center: under the direction of Roland Weinmann, José Javier Rodríguez and Jesús Gómez work as monitors, and René Abrego works as a psychologist. We thank God for these four men, who do all the work of the therapeutic community, taking turns caring for the residents.

Remember that the Center functions every day of the year, and is a place where there are unforeseen events and problems to solve every day, not to mention the spiritual struggle that is clearly going on. Together with Francisco Arjona -who is the President of the Association- they form the technical team of the Center.



OFFICE

In the office: Monday through Friday, we have Gloria Abrego (psychologist) and Nathalie Arjona (executive secretary), diligently assisted by Nora Vives Carmona (a member of the Good Samaritan's board of directors) and Delyth Sutton (missionary). There they handle the finances, reports, accounts, projects, etc., and also the work of the Dorcas Project, which helps needy people.

VOLUNTEERS

We don't want to forget the volunteers who help by carrying out a particular activity, or who come for a limited time to lend a hand. Without them, things would be much more complicated!

¡Thanks!

Prayer Requests

- We ask for your prayers that God might strengthen this team and give us wisdom.
- Please also pray that we may find the way to generate the funds needed to pay the monitors a decent wage, and that we may be able to hire one more.
- Other subsidies have been reduced considerably in recent years, and the fees paid by the residents barely cover the costs that their presence causes. Proceeds from the sale of our olive oil go toward this goal, and we trust that new doors will open to sell it on a larger scale.
- We already have the certificate in order to sell it in the United States, which is valid for ten years.
- Please pray that these sales will soon become a reality!



Testimony of Pedro

My name is Pedro, I am 20 years old. I come from a broken family, since my father is an alcoholic and drug addict. My parents separated when I was 5; then my mom met another man, also an alcoholic, and they were together 11 years. During that time, I learned all the wrong behaviors, and the negativity created in me a personality that was aggressive, rebellious and incorrigible. So, when the situation became unsustainable, I came to the Good Samaritan Center, thanks to the help and attention of the Living Waters Evangelical Church of Zaragoza. It was a difficult experience, but also beautiful, creating a change in my life, and rehabilitating three areas: the mental, the physical and the spiritual. Thanks to God, I was able to enter the program and persevere through it, being there a total of 8 months. I left greatly changed, thanks to the help of the therapists and to all the hours of individual attention they dedicate to each of us. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ abounds in this place; if you hold fast to Him, nothing is impossible.

Nine months have passed since I was discharged, and I went to a new home and a new family. I have been able to return twice for visits since then, to help as a volunteer and show my gratitude, and I consider my service a small thing, compared to all I received. Towards the Center I have only gratitude; everything that happens there is for our good, even if at the moment we aren't seeing it that way. It is a brave person's task, marked by sacrifices, to leave addiction behind, even if the struggle continues in the world outside.

With Christ nothing is impossible, and if we let Him enter our lives, great wonders await us!

PS: Pedro has finished his studies to be a clinical assistant and continues to be part of an evangelical church.

New 9-passenger van



45%

**¡WITH YOUR HELP WE
WILL GET IT!**

The vehicle that we have used until now for transporting people and food is 15 years old, and was in an accident last month.

We thank all the people who have given us their help, every donation, however small it may seem, is great.

We already have 45% of the purchase.

¡PLEASE HELP US GET THE REST !

¡Thanks !

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- ONLINE : <http://www.buensam.org/colabora.htm>



We also continue to have needs for general support of the Center, which could be met by adopting olive trees, purchasing our organic olive oil, or by making a direct contribution..



<http://www.buensam.org/tienda.htm>



¡ Thank you for those who have already responded!



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