



# The Good Samaritan Bulletin

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## News from the Rehab Center

### Residents of the Center

We have had a very stable group of 8 persons so far this year. It is a great joy to see that three of them are beginning the phase of reinsertion! One is staying in Pozoblanco living with family, another is entering an official government reinsertion program (he will work in agriculture at the



Good Samaritan Center for a

year). The third is returning to Madrid to his former profession (mechanic), recovering his old job and his family. These successes fill us with satisfaction, seeing the work of rehabilitation coming to fruition. We do ask that you keep Victor in prayer, who comes from Castellón, because of his health. He has been in the hospital a week as doctors run tests trying to find why he is sick.



Visit from *Impakt Team* This German team was led by Guillermo Kampjes (ECM Missionary and coordinator of the Good Samaritan in Castellón). For several days we had with us this group from Germany that has worked in Benicarló in the evangelization of the town and the surrounding area, collaborating with the "Point of Encounter" church. This is a church being developed by Liebenzell and ECM in the Benicarló area. The team did household chores, agricultural work, and sports activities. For both the team and our residents it was quite an experience; the two groups come from very different social and spiritual backgrounds, but living and working all together those days was a really neat time for both. On the team's part, they were glad to learn of our work as an Association and missions outreach in southern Spain, and of course, to discover the beauty of Andalusia and above all to visit Córdoba, the capital of Europe in the tenth century. Many thanks to Guillermo and the whole "Impakt Team."



## New Insulating Windows

God always surprises us with unexpected blessings, and we at Good Samaritan are grateful for the many friends and collaborators that we have both in and outside of Spain. From Australia there came a donation, when we were studying a project of changing out old windows in all the residents' rooms. The new ones are double-insulated windows, with special glass that insulates against noise as well as temperature. We can already feel the benefits, as they keep both heat and cold out of the rooms. Many thanks from all of us to our Australian donor, for his faithfulness and generosity. We call him a real "Good Samaritan." Once again, many thanks from the residents, the rehabilitation team and the Association's president.



## Volunteers

**Rodrigo** (from Guatemala) During Nathalie's and my recent trip to Guatemala, at the host church which received us (*El Camino Bible Center*), a couple greeted me and said, "We have a son studying at a Spanish university." My response, naturally enough, was to say, "Well, here is my card, if we can help him in any way, have him call." Not even a month later the young man called me, he needed some help, and for 15 days he came and volunteered at Good Samaritan. He is quite a guy, he speaks five languages (four at the superior level), and his 5th one is Chinese! He has lived and worked for two weeks in our agricultural setting, and we believe it has been a life-changing experience for him. Thanks, Rodrigo, now you can speak in China (where he is going) about the Good Samaritan Center, and its olives and sheep.



**Andrea** (from Germany). This young seminary student with a heart to serve the Lord is with us at the moment. He speaks fluent Spanish, is a pleasant guy and a hard worker. Besides his practical work at the Center, he is giving devotionals, he lives with the men at the Center, and will preach one Sunday at the church. Andrea is a very dynamic young man, with an excellent attitude, and it is a joy that the DMG sends young people of this caliber to work with us.



**Sonia, Julie, Delyth and Dori** These four women, including Sonia (my daughter) and her friend Julie, have drawn and painted the new logo at the entrance to the Good Samaritan property, and have helped with other tasks at the Center. Delyth (a missionary) and Doris (formerly a cook for us) were donating several days' time to help can and preserve vegetables grown at the Center for use in winter. Doris actually had come to the Lord while working at the Center, since every morning before she would start in the kitchen, we



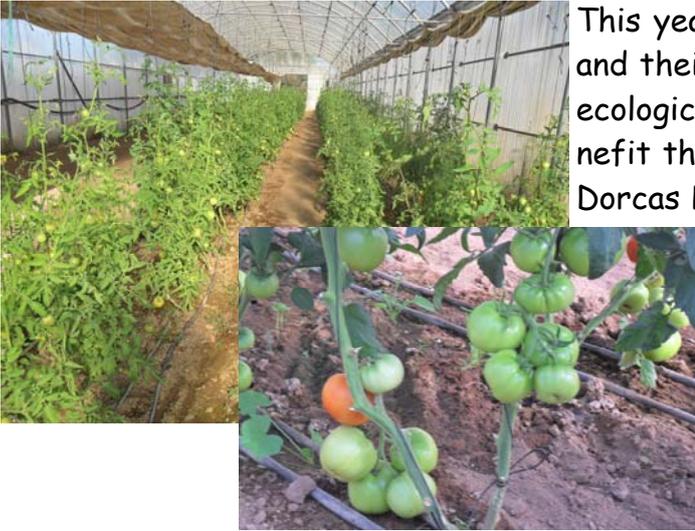
would invite her to be with us in the morning devotional that we do. We want to thank all four of these ladies for their hard work and help.



**Thanks to all!**

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## Production of Vegetables



This year thanks to the knowledge of some residents and their diligent effort, we have a very good crop of ecologically grown vegetables. Not only does this benefit the residents, but also those on the rolls of the Dorcas Program, to whom the food is given. The local government finances those products, and the Center receives income from them at a fair market price. So the Center can sell what it grows. Thanks to the residents for joining in helping the most needy!

## **Charitable works in Pozoblanco**

*With Spain's economic crisis more intense than ever, the population of Pozoblanco is responding in an incredible way to meet the need. They are doing so spontaneously, demonstrating that the residents of the Pedroches Valley possess a praiseworthy generosity. Charitable works of solidarity are being developed and promoted, as well as the collection of food, which is donated to the four charitable entities involved in meeting the need: Caritas (the social arm of the Roman Catholic Church), Red Cross, Saint Vincent de Paul, and the Good Samaritan Center.*

### Sports for Charity

At the initiative of a sports club and with the support of the local government and other entities involved, in July the first charitable competition was held. With substantial participation from the general population, people competed at various sports, and contributed money and food to the four charitable organizations. The organizers and the charities teamed up for a press conference to promote the event. Several new options for charitable events have opened up, and also for collaboration with the Good Samaritan Center, given the importance that sports can have in drug abuse prevention efforts.



### Hunters' Association

This entity has more than 300 members in the Pozoblanco area, and this August they sponsored a charitable event, for which we had a press conference, with local government authorities present. Another very substantial amount of food and baby products was donated.

## Donation from the Salesians

The first time we asked to use the facilities of this private Catholic school (1988), permission was granted upon the condition of not speaking about the Gospel, which we went along with. We were doing an evangelistic basketball clinic with an American team. Several years later, we were invited as an Association, and I was invited as an evangelical pastor, to talk about poverty. From that date on, every year the school invites us to give drug prevention talks to a great number of classes, and as you can see, we always have the possibility, with the testimonies of the men from the Center, to talk about the Lord. On this recent occasion, the school sponsored a painting exhibition with artists from Pozoblanco, and as with the sports competition, monies received were distributed among the four charitable entities.



## Dorcas Program

Between the Good Samaritan Association and the Evangelical Church of Pozoblanco, all these donations are coordinated through our Dorcas Program, a "social emergency program" created to help people. At the moment we are helping more than 340 persons just in Pozoblanco. A similar program is being developed in other places in the province of Córdoba, in the churches of Peñarroya, Montilla and Cabra. The program is co-financed by the local government of Pozoblanco, the Evangelical Church of Pozoblanco, and ECM Holland. Those helped are families whose members are unemployed, young couples with children who need help in many ways, immigrants (Romanians, Latin Americans and Arabs), and more and more Spaniards who are among the long-term unemployed.

**Proyecto  
"DORCAS"**



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