



The Good Samaritan

In spite of the winter climate—thank God it didn't rain—we were able to celebrate our **19th anniversary**. The Good Samaritan Association, since it was founded, has cared for more than 450 persons in need of rehabilitation from addictions, and celebrated with an “open doors” day remembering that **February 28th of 1995** when we started this journey.



With a dynamic and relaxed program, led by the Center's director, Roland Weinmann, **more than 100 people met together**: our technical team, volunteers, residents, family members and all those friends who decided to accompany us on such a special day.



European Christian Mission missionary Abel Nuño.

A biblical message on the topic of “resolving personal conflicts” was given by

This year our gathering had its high point when we observed a moment of silence **in memory of Victor Rosendo**, a resident who had passed away a week earlier, due to a terminal illness. Samuel Arjona honored the moment **by playing and singing a song** that he had composed himself.



One new development this year is that we have opened a small thrift store in order to benefit the Center, and another is the presentation of our own brand, “Good Samaritan Olive Oil,” as a product both “healthy and in solidarity” which has the goal of helping sustain the Center's work.

At noon there was a tour of the Center's facilities, a time of fellowship, and the traditional paella with a variety of magnificent salads.



The afternoon saw us divide into teams for our **usual games**, including teams consisting of the residents, the technical personnel, etc. Being able to have some quality leisure time with family and friends was a testimony to all that it is possible to have fun in a healthy way.



Later in the afternoon came the **dessert contest**; after deliberations made by a rather exacting jury, the first prize was awarded to an Australian volunteer with our association who is also a missionary. Second prize was won by the 10-year-old daughter of a former resident of the Center from Montilla, who was with us that day. And as a tie, the other second prize went to a friend from an evangelical church in Córdoba who was with us. As a prize, all were given a can of Good Samaritan Olive Oil, which we call, "Spanish gold."



After coffee and dessert for all, we ended the event convinced we had spent an excellent day of happy fellowship, demonstrating that when one practices faith and hope in God, and people decide to change course, addictions quit being a blemish on society.

We wish to thank all those who made this day a reality with their effort, work and dedication. We thank all our volunteers for their excellent work, the residents, and of course, all those of you who are praying and giving offerings so that this ministry might be a blessing to every creature. **Encouraged, we look forward to our 20th anniversary next year!**

Good Samaritan Brand Olive Oil



We now have our own registered brand: Good Samaritan ecologically-produced extra-virgin olive oil. Thanks to its full quality certification, it can be sold anywhere—from Japan to the United States! With the slogan, “Health and Solidarity,” we seek to share exactly those two values with all those who in some way want to form part of our team of collaborators. All can acquire this product, which is extremely good for health, with the added value of the benefit to one’s neighbor through financial support of the work we carry out. At the same time we are contributing to the prosperity of an agricultural cooperative in our area, of which we are members, doing our part toward the stability of area jobs.

Our olive oil is available for charitable or religious groups who want to use it for promotions or fundraising projects, and we will authorize the placing of advertising on the containers for charitable and church-related projects. Ideally a group or organization would group its orders together, to keep shipping costs as low as possible. A company here in Pozoblanco will take charge of making sure that all orders are properly delivered to each purchaser (especially for Spain).

On the Good Samaritan Association web page one can see the different packaging options and prices for the olive oil. We will be launching an advertising campaign also to help make our brand known. It can be purchased online from our website or orders can be e-mailed to aceitebuensam@gmail.com

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