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# THE GOOD SAMARITAN

**EBENEZER!**

**THUS FAR THE LORD HAS HELPED US!**

Since our 20th-anniversary celebration of the Good Samaritan, we have had this text carved into the door of the Rehabilitation Center.

As you know, for various reasons, we had to take a “time out” in our rehabilitation ministry this summer. We thank you all for your prayers and also those of you who have participated by donating.

We have used this interval to make improvements in our therapeutic program (in fact it is now almost totally new), in the facilities, and in the maintenance of the property.

In the middle of this difficult time which has challenged us to give our best, we have sought the Lord in prayer and cried out for His help and direction.

During a day of prayer and fasting, God gave me this word:

**“Walk and live in the Spirit” (Gal.5:16 + 25)**

Our human plans were to have a year's financial resources in place before we resumed receiving residents. But in faith and trusting in God, we have gotten underway again.

We opened the Center on November 8th, and we presently have two residents.

We were able to hire another monitor, Jorge. We thank God that Roland and Sabine came back as part of the team in mid-November. From now on, rather than being the director, Roland will take charge of the area of occupational therapy.

Please pray for the incorporation of Byron and Yolanda into the team (we will introduce them to you in the next newsletter), for more residents, and for financial resources. If you visit our web page, you can see various ways of helping us.

Many thanks for being there, supporting us constantly!

*Francis Arjona Godoy*



# Drug Abuse Prevention Talks in the Salesian High School

On November 10th, Rene Abrego, psychologist for the Buen Samaritano, gave several talks at the Catholic school run by the Salesians, to some 180 students. He spoke about the risks of consuming addictive substances.

Also, Jorge Hurtado shared his experience with drugs and how he was rehabilitated at the Good Samaritan Center. Presently, Jorge is working there as a monitor.



# Olive Harvesters from the Netherlands!

*Volunteering*

Everything began when a group of men and women from several Reformed churches in the Netherlands became interested in the Good Samaritan Association and its social work. All of them are volunteers: homemakers, professionals of various kinds, farmers, business people, etc. For the last 16 years they have always come, except for last year, to help with the olive harvest. Now they are quite familiar with the work, and some of them are experts at it. One of the coordinators, Bert Van der Heide, said, "Here we can see how the Holy Spirit works in the lives of people." Another volunteer, the most "veteran" among them, said, "(This is) where the Christian faith is seen in many ways. I can demonstrate with my hands and feet what it means to be a Christian, and that's the reason I come here." Some have been coming for 15 years. This year the team is from the GKV Assen-Peelo and GKV Hardenberg-Baalerveld churches.

We thank God for these believers who preach the Gospel with their hands and feet!

And you can sign up for this challenge, you are still in time for this olive harvest!

Find out [here...](#)



# Maasais Girls



## Why are we supporting the Maasai girls?

Brenda Anderson writes: “3 years ago, a deep relationship began when we met some Maasai pastors who are struggling to change some cultural norms that go against human rights: ablation and forced child marriage. We are helping these girls to know God from their youth, so they might have the opportunity to grow up and be women of God. Without our support it wouldn’t be possible, since it is a culture of extreme poverty. Many of the girls are orphans. They are asking for our help, and we can and will help them!”

Thanks for being a part!

# Adopt an Olive Tree and Impact a Life!

Situated in the Sierra Morena in northern Andalusia, the Good Samaritan Rehabilitation Center has an active grove that produces olives.

The organic extra-virgin olive oil produced in this part of Spain is universally recognized as among the best in the world. This is due to the conditions of cultivation, climate and type of tree, and although the production is not abundant, the quality is exceptional.

The olives harvested at the Center are taken to a cooperative to produce olive oil. In 2004, the cooperative received the national prize for its organic production.

If you live in Spain, we will send you a picture and a can of 3 liters of this delicious organic extra-virgin olive oil for an annual donation of 60 euros. If you are in another European Union country, the annual donation is 70 euros.

For any other country in the world, we cannot send the oil, but we can send the picture of the tree you have adopted at the annual donation rate of 70 euros.

With each tree you sponsor, you are impacting the life of a human being, with eternal implications. The sponsoring of a tree can also be an ideal gift for any occasion: Christmas, birthday, anniversary, wedding, or just a gift for someone you care about.

**100% of the proceeds from the olive tree adoptions is destined to investing in the lives of the men going through the program.**

We encourage you to visit us and participate as a volunteer at the Center. If you come in the spring, you can clean and prepare the base of the trees for the harvest, and if you come between November and January, you can participate in the harvest! Take the challenge!

**Adopt an olive tree**

**United Kingdom**

**70€ /año**

 Adopt an olive tree and you will receive its picture + the possibility of putting a label with your name on it. Thanks to this gesture of solidarity, you collaborate in the transformation of lives

[buensam.org/colabora.htm](http://buensam.org/colabora.htm)



**Adopt an olive tree**

**USA**

**90\$=70€ /year**

 Adopt an olive tree and you will receive its picture + the possibility of putting a label with your name on it. Thanks to this gesture of solidarity, you collaborate in the transformation of lives

Give Online - ECMI España ([ecmi-usa.org](http://ecmi-usa.org))

In "Ministry projects", look for "Olive tree Adoption". Thanks !





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