

17th Anniversary of the Good Samaritan Center

As usual, the 28th of February we celebrated the anniversary of the rehabilitation center. It was a nice sunny day, and also a day of joy, of re-acquainting ourselves with people we hadn't seen for a while. We had a good time out in the country, full of good memories for many of those attending. This year the attendance was slightly less, but still more than one hundred people came. We had testimonies, songs, and preaching of God's Word, which this year was done by our former director, ECM missionary Raúl Vázquez.

We also had games, and two monumental paellas! These paellas, for the last several years straight, have been prepared by three ladies from Pozoblanco (only one of whom is a believer), and the truth is they surprise us every year. All the meals were directed by our "five-star master of ceremonies," Manolo, who with his experience carries it all off with perfection. I must also make special mention of a missionary couple, David and Cristina Dobinson, who every year take over the kitchen and spend the whole day working there so that the rest of us can stay out of it, a fine example of service and self-denial.

The day passed with conversation, children playing, young people doing sports on the field, and the adults talking among themselves. At the end of the day, we had the equally traditional pastry contest, where the participants delight us with their dessert-making arts. With the awarding of the corresponding prizes, the day comes to an end. Our goal is that the people who first came to the rehabilitation center in tears and without hope, might come back here with their families and remember those times. And if today we are laughing and having a good time, it is because one day Jesus changed our whole existence, and gave us "life, and life eternal," which is the work to which we are dedicated every day at the Good Samaritan Center.

Francis Arjona, Presidente.

