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ORDINARY PEOPLE CAN MAKE  
 AN EXTRAORDINARY DIFFERENCE

Hank Zyp, Founder of ROHFC

ROHFC wishes to acknowledge the support of  
 the Wild Rose Foundation and CIDA with  
 several projects over the years.



Flora de Azote - the national flower of El Salvador. This picture was sent to ROHFC supporters on behalf of the mothers of Arcoiris-Espana (Rainbow-Spain), as their gift to you for helping their families.

RAINBOW OF HOPE FOR CHILDREN

# NEXUS

**W**ater. No living creature can survive without it. Water refreshes and renews; it devastates with a vengeance. This past year, Hurricane Stan caused severe flood devastation to Guatemala and El Salvador, where the poorest of the poor suffer the most - in the cities many living in shacks beside open sewage canals and in rural areas in plastic or tin homes on slippery slopes. Witnessing the destructive side of water from the Tsunami in the Indian Ocean, international organizations in 2005 began a decade of action "Water for Life", underscoring one of the Millennium Goals to reduce by half the number of people without access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation by 2015. We are not talking about small numbers here, but billions. It takes one step into the rural areas of Brazil and even cities of the Northeast to see how whole communities struggle for good water and sanitation, and Brazil has elevated itself to the eleventh wealthiest country in the world. While the environmental experts work out the details of what the problem for recent water disasters is and how to help nature fix it, the problem of water shortage and poor sanitation is almost universally that of disparity between the rich and poor and the lack of governments to care for their people adequately. Water scarcity is rarely due to a natural shortage, but rather to decisions about distribution and resources. Access and deprivation underlie most water scarcity problems. Where there are initiatives like diverting the lower Sao Francisco River draining 5 states in northeastern Brazil, Nerys, who heads up ROHFC's Delta capacitation project in Brazil, says it is solely for the profit of large landholders at the expense of small farmers and fishermen. Even in Canada where I grew up thinking water was an everlasting free gift in our bountiful lakes and streams, we hear rumblings of large scale profiteering by selling our water, nature's gift to humanity, and increasingly rural people are struggling with methane poisoning of wells and springs, thanks to our thirst for oil. Some of our readers may recall in our Fall 2005 NEXUS we shared the story of Bishop Luiz Cappio of Brazil's northeast holding an 11 day hunger strike in protest of the Sao Francisco River diversion because the multi-billion dollar project would help only the rich. ROHFC approved to continue supporting the fishermen and small farmers in the Sao Francisco Delta to help them in their struggle so ordinary citizens will not suffer by decisions diverting their river, "Ole' Chico". ROHFC sent funds to help flood victims in Comasagua, El Salvador to cope with the loss of their homes. We funded the installation of a new solar pump in El Coaba, El Salvador. Our NGO is pleased to continue its partnership with soil scientists volunteering their talents to teach small farmers in El Salvador how to grow up to 4 organic crops a year using half the water of conventional farming. This biointensive minifarm training centre is our centrefold story in this issue. Without you, our supporters, these water related projects would not happen to improve lives. We thank you for your support. - George Bunz, President & Editor





Rainbow of Hope for Children is an Alberta based, non-government organization (NGO) working 31 years for human development in Brazil, Central America, the Philippines, and Africa. Our members are the people who support our projects.

Rainbow of Hope is committed to personal involvement of grassroots people to create a more just world for themselves, their families, and their society. We channel funds designated by donors to development projects as determined by our international partners to alleviate their suffering and help them change the structures causing their suffering.

We believe in the value of caring for the earth and its people, and that the earth's resources are meant for all to share and respect. We believe that dignity and human rights have no boundaries. We value partners of various secular and religious affiliations. Rainbow of Hope has abundant hope that together we can influence change toward a compassionate, caring world.

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## There is a Season for Everything and Everybody Retirement of Our Treasurer, Lionel (Leo) Page

It's 10:30 am and the phone is ringing. "Leo Page here. I sent \$20,000 USD to the women's project in Brazil. Can you contact Zeze to inform us in a week if these funds have been received or not?"

International banking is not easy, sometimes taking weeks or months to get funds through. With so many projects on the go, following transactions is a daily activity.

Leo has meticulously looked after the financial operations for our NGO at least 28 years of our 31 years of incorporation. In the early days, he often found himself helping to write proposals and accountability reports for funding agencies. Keeping up with the changes in government policies in recent years is enough to send any volunteer packing. Leo hung in there because he profoundly believed he and the NGO made a difference. He is a rock of dedication, collegiality, and integrity.

Some time ago, we reported Leo's 80th birthday, and he is not getting any younger. Leo said that it is taking all of his energy to keep up with attending to his health and that of his wife, Florence, and he asked the NGO to seek another treasurer as soon as possible, the latest being the end of the fiscal year.

We wish to express our deepest thanks to Leo for his work and solidarity with the poor and marginalized all these years. His careers, in the Canadian Air Force and as teacher at St. Joe's High school, have served him and our NGO well. We also wish to thank Florence for supporting Leo, often seeing him work long hours getting the work done. Rainbow of Hope for Children will do its best to seek another volunteer, but we know that may difficult, and we may have to hire a part time staff. Either way the NGO will continue in Leo's footsteps to serve the people of the world to improve their conditions. We will miss you Leo, and we ask God's blessings on you and Florence.



Leo Page with Maria José da Silva (Zeze) on her visit to Canada to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of our NGO. Leo appreciates all the work of women leaders, like Zeze, who has done so much to improve the lives of rural women in Brazil's Northeast, the poorest and most neglected region in the country.

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## TREASURER

Rainbow of Hope for Children is seeking a volunteer capable and willing to manage the financial operations of our NGO. If interested, please phone Leo at 780-469-2467, George 780-842-6091, or Al 306-368-2209. It's a blast. Ask Leo.

# THE RAPE OF CAGED CHILDREN MUST BE STOPPED

by Father Shay Cullen, Founder of the PREDA Foundation, the Philippines



Rainbow of Hope cautions our readers that this is not a pleasant read. If you can get through this sad story, you will appreciate that the social justice committee of Blessed Sacrament School in Wainwright is committed to help the PREDA Foundation to build a safe home in the countryside for the children who have been freed from their horrific imprisonment alongside adult criminals and pedophiles, and the students are hopeful their initiative will spark support throughout Canada and the international community. The CNN special report on PREDA's work can be loaned from ROHFC.

The Filipino translator was shocked and began to weep. She could not continue the translation of the videotaped interview of a young boy recently rescued from a Metro Manila prison. Jose, a small 14-year old, shy and embarrassed, found the courage to describe how he was dragged into a toilet at night in the prison cell by a big, brute of a man who attempted to rape him. Jose resisted and squirmed and twisted out of the rapist's wicked embrace.



Pedro, a younger boy, was not strong enough to resist. He was rendered docile and submissive by fear and intimidation, while the sex-starved criminals raped him repeatedly. He was rewarded with extra food and a place near the electric fan to ease the smell of urine and feces that pervades the cells.

Jose was beaten and made to clean out, with his bare hands, the blocked toilet full of excrement. This abuse is common experience in the hundreds of jails in the Philippines where minors are detained in proximity to adults or older boys in violation of Philippine and international law. Jose's experience was told in the latest ITN/CNN report on the state of Philippine jails where minors are easily available to adults.

Many hoped that the first ITN/CNN report last August 2005 would move the wealthy politicians to change the situation. If that failed then the shame of such abuse would do it. It was an empty hope, little has changed. The minors in one jail were sent to a youth detention camp South of Manila.

Last week, there were 18 more minors in that same horrid jail cell so overcrowded that even the cockroaches have fled. We were not allowed to visit them. They were brought into the yard, dazed from hunger and cramped conditions, many traumatized.

Prison officials claim that exposing these conditions blackens the image of the Philippines and reports must be stopped. Visits to the minors in their cells in some prisons is banned, and we have to fulfill legal undertakings and onerous conditions before the kids can be visited and given food, medicine and legal help. This is a deliberate harassment and a serious violation of the minors' human and civil rights. It proves that the officials have much to be ashamed of and are covering up.

The Comprehensive Juvenile Justice Bill, that was recently passed by the Senate, does away with the medieval model of punitive justice in favour of restorative justice. It raises the age of criminal liability from 9 years to 15. This bill sees the young person as someone in need of recovery and rehabilitation if indeed proven guilty. Most accused minors are not guilty of serious crimes.

Out of 114 boys rescued from the Metro Manila prisons by PREDA Foundation, the majority have their charges dismissed. The shining lights in the middle of this dehumanizing darkness of kids behind bars are the judges. Under the enlightened guidance of the Philippine Supreme Court led by the reform-minded Chief Justice Reynato Puno, judges in the family courts are increasingly practising diversionary and restorative justice. They are transferring youngsters especially those 15 and younger to value formation training centers like PREDA in Olongapo City, a model of progressive best practice. There are no guards and gates, padlocks and lock downs. The freedom and family environment ensure that the youth have a stake in remaining at the center and in training for the future. It also means that they are attending their court hearings without fail with PREDA social workers.

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The need for a larger home for these children is urgent. We made a request for the use of an abandoned government building and a piece of land in Castillejos, Zambales. Alas, after one year of waiting, only a crumbling trashed warehouse smelling of goat droppings and urine with huge holes in the roof was offered us. We desperately seek international support to build a home for these children, where we can give them professional help to rehabilitate them and return them into society.

## BIO-INTENSIVE MINIFARM DEMONSTRATION AND TRAINING CENTRE

### Eradicating poverty and hunger and promoting environmental sustainability in El Salvador

Two of the United Nations' Millennium Goals agreed to by all of the countries of the world are:

1. to eradicate poverty and hunger and
2. to promote environmental sustainability.

One of the options to achieve these goals involves "organic biointensive minifarming" that enables marginalized people to become food self-sufficient. These techniques are actually centuries old and have been scientifically enhanced and adapted over the past 30 years for impoverished regions around the world by people like John Jeavons of Willits, California. A national university in Mexico City has trained 2 million Mexicans in biointensive techniques over the last 15 years and has targeted introducing these techniques to all countries in Central and South America in the next 30 years.

The key benefits of these techniques, which make them ideally suited to marginalized people world wide, are that they:

- Increase production up to 4 times per unit land surface area relative to commercial agriculture
- Are focussed on people with minimal land and resources, with farming techniques developed and optimized for very small individual, community and village plots
- Do not require any machinery
- Reduce water consumption by 50%
- Reduce dependence on petroleum based fertilizer by extensive use of composting
- Focus on utilization of natural insecticides and companion planting with insect repellent plants.

Rainbow of Hope, for two years, has sponsored an organic agricultural demonstration and training centre at Izalco, El Salvador on a 3-acre site donated to a local orphanage that shelters 95 children. The purposes are to:

1. adapt techniques to Salvadorian climate, soils and plant species
2. train farmers from the region in basic agricultural skills who also agree to train other residents of their local communities
3. supplement corn and beans diet of the orphanage with organically grown vegetables and fruit
4. develop marketing skills and contribute to the sustainability of the centre by selling a portion of the production
5. expose youth to a working farm where they can help with planting, weeding and harvesting.

El Salvador has 6 million people, 50% who live on less than \$3 a day and 60% who are under age 25. Many families became unemployed through collapse of cotton, sugar and coffee industries. The young have little agricultural experience and minimal access to land. Providing the people with training to grow food and supplement family incomes has the potential to be the seed for elevating them out of grinding poverty.

The centre teaches organic biointensive minifarming to local farmers. The site is organized into 150 beds, each 4 feet by 25 feet, prepared by loosening soil to a depth of 2 feet, mixing in compost made on site using food market waste, manure and crop plants. Crops are planted in a closely spaced pattern to provide shade to lower evaporation and discourage weeds. All disease control is compatible with organic criteria, made from locally obtained plant materials.



**Madre (Mother) Ursula, the director of Sonsonate orphanage, and Brenda Carpio, local coordinator of the project regularly discuss the work at the training centre. A concrete fence funded by local and international partners was built all around the acreage for security and purity of the organic plants, which are given meticulous care.**



In 2003, Rainbow of Hope for Children funded the digging of a well to provide water for a drip irrigation system, which reduces water consumption by 50% and allows for continuous cultivation through the entire 5-month dry season - November to April.

A single farmer can manage about 30 beds. Each participant is trained for 3 months exposing them to cultivation of 25 species of vegetables (for example radishes, onions, corn, squash, lettuce, cabbage, peppers), medicinal plants, and fruit (such as papaya, banana, mango, lemon, oranges). The farmers receive a modest scholarship during the training period that allows them to spend full time in learning the farming techniques.



**Sonsonate Orphanage children enjoy helping with the harvest**

A team of Salvadoran staff provide the training program:

- Professional agrologist who visits the site 1 day per week to design the continuous production schedule and trouble shoot problems. He is a professor at a local agricultural university. He brings his students to the site one afternoon per week.
- Head farmer with 10 years agricultural experience and one assistant farmer. The above team can train 3 to 4 participants every 3 months.
- Project coordinator who is developing a business strategy to allow the basic functions of the centre to become self-supporting.

Over the last 6 months the value of production has been \$500 a month, about half consumed by children at the orphanage. Additional income is required to be fully self-supporting. Avenues to generate this revenue are being explored by a 40-year-old Salvadoran university business student with 15 years of business experience. His project is to assess the revenue potential of extracted essential oils and fragrances from medicinal plants.

In summary, this exciting project focuses on training marginalized people in Sonsonate area of El Salvador to supplement their diet by utilizing well-established organic biointensive agricultural techniques, which are ideally suited to very small plots of land.

They require absolutely minimal input costs, and are environmentally sustainable. To date, 15 local farmers have been trained and the children of the orphanage have had the opportunity to help out in the garden, participate in harvest festivals and have received thousands of dollars of organic produce generated from the garden to supplement their diets. In 2006, the program will continue to train local people and expand into value added items to be generated from the garden and further supplement the people's income and support the orphanage.

Don Sheeran

**Rainbow of Hope is pleased to partner with 3 Alberta soil scientists in this project. Dr. Don Sheeran is a civil engineer with interests in soil behaviour, physics and chemistry. After 10 years with Geotechnical Research Centre, McGill University, he joined Suncor Energy. He has chaired numerous industry/government research groups and published over 30 papers. He received the 2001 Syncrude/ASTech Innovation in Oil Sands Research Prize. Now a retired private consultant, he continues to work with the oil sand industry, as well as implement sustainable agricultural technologies for rural areas in Central America. Leonard Leskiw is President and Senior Soil Scientist with Paragon Soil and Environmental Consulting and instructor at U of A. He also published numerous papers and brings a wealth of experience in agriculture, water resource and environmental management in Barbados, Brazil, Egypt, Ghana, Indonesia, Nepal, Nigeria, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, and El Salvador. Clara Qualizza is the Senior Environmental Scientist with Syncrude Canada at Ft. McMurray. She has been involved drafting the project and is an advocate supporter. Local Coordinator, Brenda Carpio, received her business administration degree in San Salvador and training in Ecology and Commerce in Britain. She specializes in micro enterprises to serve the poor. We thank them and all our supporters for helping the people of El Salvador improve their livelihood and environment.**

## The Beatrix and Dieter Doeben Family of Moenchen Gladbach, Germany



“It is a pleasure to welcome this gifted family from Germany to Western Canada for a series of benefit concerts for children at risk, children abandoned, and children enslaved.”

-Al Gerwing  
[www.socialjustice.ws](http://www.socialjustice.ws)

### IN CONCERT

**St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Calgary, AB., Sun., June 25, 7:30 p.m.**  
**Robertson-Wesley United Church, Edmonton, AB., Tues., June 27, 7:30 p.m.**  
**Communiplex Theatre, Wainwright, AB., Wed., June 28, 7:30 p.m.**  
**St. John's Anglican Cathedral, Saskatoon, SK., Thurs., June 29, 7:30 p.m.**  
**Danceland Pavilion, Manitou Beach, Watrous, SK., Sun., July 2, 7:30 p.m.**  
**Assumption Church, Marysburg, SK., Wed., July 5, 8:00 p.m.**

**For tickets please contact the following:**

**Calgary:** Charles Gerwing at 403- 256-0423

**Edmonton:** Gerard Masse 780-434-8105, Earth's General Store 10832-82 Ave 439-8725, Change for Children 448-1505, Marivone Lier at St. Joe's High School 780-426-2010, Henry Spennath 469-3439, Phil Baril 962-4420, Terry Ropchan 780-479-1047

**Wainwright:** Blessed Sacrament School 842-3808

**Saskatoon:** Mike Schwinghamer 306-374-9427

**Manitou Beach and Marysburg:**

Al Gerwing 306-368-2209.

Projects benefiting from the Doeben family's generosity are located in Chiapas, Mexico; Cunen, Guatemala; Alagoas and Bahia, Brazil; in the Philippines and in Africa. The concert series is hosted by Alphonse Gerwing, for Rainbow of Hope for Children and the Al. Gerwing Charitable Foundation, Box 32, Lake Lenore, SK S0K 2J0.

**Donations are most welcome and are tax deductible**

The Doebens came from East Prussia to West Germany after the 2nd World War as displaced persons. In their homeland they, like the Bachs two centuries earlier, were the “musikus” in their respective towns and villages. In West Germany, beginning from scratch, the whole family needed to work, children too. But Dieter saved every penny and, at age 16, he bought a piano and began music lessons.

Today Dieter teaches music at St. Mary's Diocesan High School in Moenchen Gladbach. He has developed there a complete symphony orchestra, a prize winner at provincial and national meets. Beatrix Schilgen-Doeben, in addition to her role as home-maker, teaches music pedagogy and German in a Moenchen Gladbach college.

Maximilian, just graduating from high school, is already a virtuoso on violin. Sophie, in Grade 11, won a woodwind competition in April (for recorder) and will represent her province at a national competition later this spring. Konstantine, in Grade 8, won the trumpet prize for North Rhine/Westphalia, May 2005, in a field of 2,200 contestants ages 13-16.

## From Here and There: Letters and Comments

On behalf of the directors of the Alphonse Gerwing Charitable Foundation, I am happy to announce that a donation of \$25,000.00 has been made to the designated projects that Uncle Al supports. This is the 4th year that the foundation has been in a position to make a payment from the earnings of the Foundation's investments. Previous payments have been \$1,000 in 2002, \$8,000 in 2003, \$17,500 in 2004 and now \$25,000 in 2005. As you can see, the amounts that have been given to Al's projects have been rising dramatically. This is due to a growing capital base made possible by donations as well as an investor-friendly environment for the past couple of years. I would like to recognize and thank Marina Lawrence and Wally Gerwing for their foresight and persistence in the creation of the Foundation and Ted Gerwing for his time and dedication to the position of secretary-treasurer of the Foundation.

Please forward this e-mail to any friends and relatives who are not on my e-mail list and who may be interested in this news. Thank you all and please accept my best wishes for health and happiness in 2006.

Steve Buttinger, President

Thank you Steve and all the supporters of the Al Gerwing Foundation. Almost all of the projects ROHFC supports in Brazil have Al in them, and he has been an advocate of social justice in other countries where our NGO is involved. The most recent being influenced by his passion are the people of Cunen, Guatemala, whom we are helping to build a bilingual bicultural teachers' college. The vision of the Foundation founders is particularly appreciated in these times of CIDA cutback.

Dear George and Friends of Rainbow of Hope,

Thanks for the party in spring. Thank Shirley and everybody. I am short of words. Zeze's visit and Sr. Claire was very good. I am happy to buy you a subscription to the Maryknoll News Notes.

Hank and Tillie Zyp

Hank and Tillie Zyp are the founders of our NGO, which honored them at ROHFC's 30th anniversary last year. What a delight to see this letter, in Hank's own writing, a tribute to his passion to recover from the stroke he suffered. Hank is reading a lot and in communication on issues of social justice.



He still attends board meetings when he can. He has not lost his touch for art. Hank, as a tribute to you, we are using on page 3 your drawing of Shay Cullen in your NEXUS 2000 story of his nomination for the Nobel Peace Prize for his exemplary work, also this photo of you at the party with Abbot Peter Novecosky.

Hi George:

I want to report that we delivered tin, wood, nails, etc. to 26 families in Comasagua, for \$5,200 to put a roof over people's heads (in the name of Rainbow of Hope for Children society). Lito visited the poorest and worst hit families and made a list of 26 families from about 8 different communities. People were extremely grateful, as they have only been living in huts made of plastic. I am happy to report that the permanent housing is finally beginning in Arcoiris. Officials have determined that 5 lots are high risk for mudslides and these families will be left out of the construction unless they can be relocated. We would like to consider buying more land with the \$10,000 that Rainbow has for the project, if you all approve that. Lito is meeting and negotiating with land owners nearby and has two potential lots. I will keep you posted on the developments.

Thank you for your generosity and the compassionate response of ROHFC to El Salvador's continued emergencies. We continue to work for more just policies that put human needs and the environment at the center of a new development model.

Leslie Schuld, Executive Director of CIS, El Salvador

To Friends of Project Thallita - Peace and Wellness.

We would like to share with all of you our commitment to Project Thallita: dreams and possibilities can be achieved when we can count on your solidarity.

Thallita is a project of the Association of Hope and Life, that originated in the inspiration of Jesus, in Mark 5.41 "Thallita Cumi" (Little girl, I tell you to get up.). This project arose from the concerns and inquiries of the Maceio Nucleus of the Conference of the Religious of Brazil. Today we are here to give thanks that we have undertaken Project Thallita. With the generous contribution of people and organizations like Rainbow of Hope, we overcame a significant challenge - the realization of the 3rd phase of the project, the purchase of a house for the location of the shelter and to provide space for the coordination of our activities related to the project. We know that on this path of solidarity we will encounter many other challenges. We are all pleased and very thankful for your participation in this phase, which was so necessary. This space allows us to provide for the girls in a humane manner, offering the conditions for development and the recovery of their dignity.

Thank you very much and may God continue to bless you. This home is always open for you and others from Rainbow of Hope to visit, with the warmth of our children and adolescents.

The project is an expression that we are sensitive to the pain and cries of those who are excluded from society. We will continue to count on you to join with us in solidarity. Fraternally.

Sister Celine Marie Irma Rivard  
Canadian missionary of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Asunción, President of the Project

# ANNUAL MEETING ROHFC

Thursday  
June 22, 2006

4:00 PM

St. Joe's High School  
10830 - 109<sup>th</sup> Street  
Edmonton, Alberta



Helping the poor of Brazil is a major portion of our efforts, because of the admirable work of Al Gerwing, who started our tradition of taking 5-9 supporters on visits. They pay their expenses to the NGO, as reflected in the monitoring expenditures.

## RAINBOW OF HOPE FOR CHILDREN SOCIETY STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2005

				2005	2004
	Un-restricted	Equip-ment	Restricted for Projects	Total	Total
<b>REVENUES</b>					
CIDA	1,158	-	4,882	6,040	41,256
Wild Rose Fdn	-	-	-	-	50,000
Donations	8,326	399	354,779	363,504	252,378
Interest Income	3,189	-	-	3,189	3,035
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>12,673</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>359,661</b>	<b>372,733</b>	<b>346,669</b>
<b>PROGRAM EXP.</b>					
Alberta	-	-	2,873	2,873	255
Africa	-	-	6,235	6,235	6,570
Brazil	-	-	256,293	256,293	205,271
Canada	-	-	2,000	2,000	265
El Salvador	-	-	44,646	44,646	79,737
Haiti	-	-	25	25	-
Guatemala	-	-	5,969	5,969	9,675
Project Monitoring	-	-	28,422	28,422	21,752
Public Participation	-	-	13,198	13,198	7,071
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>					
Admin costs	8,582	-	-	8,592	13,627
Amortization	-	1,903	-	1,903	1,842
GST expense	1,274	-	-	1,274	823
Professional fees	3,800	-	-	3,800	3,600
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>13,666</b>	<b>1,903</b>	<b>359,661</b>	<b>375,230</b>	<b>350,488</b>
<b>Exp. over revenue</b>	<b>(993)</b>	<b>(1,504)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(2,497)</b>	<b>(3,819)</b>

### How you can bring hope to those in despair...

Share this newsletter with friends. In this time of international turmoil let us focus on justice and peace and together strive to change the world one step at a time. You might wish to make a donation in solidarity to the poor and marginalized. Here are a few projects that need your help:

MMTR-AI Rural Women Workers Generation of Income, Alagoas, Brazil

Bilingual Bicultural High School/ Teachers' College, Cunen, Guatemala

Building citizenship in Grota da Alegria, a destitute community near Maceio

Bio-intensive mini-farm Research & Training at Sonsonate, El Salvador

Sao Francisco River Delta capacitation of farmers & fishermen, Penedo, Brazil

Water and housing in various projects in Latin America

ECS/adolescent/adult Ed school in Salvador, Bahia, Brazil (Frances Stang)

Help for abused children - PREDA Foundation in the Philippines

Fundanor Boys and/or Girl's School, Palmeira dos Indios, Alagoas, Brazil

Tamu Children Feeding Program, Ghana, West Africa

Thalita Home for Girls in Maceio

New Children's Projects As Needed

Amount I am able to give \_\_\_\_\_

Designated \_\_\_\_\_

Project (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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