

# Spring Newsletter

## Tres Islas Orphanage Fund

### 2019

#### From Michelle

Hello and greetings to the Tres Islas Orphanage Fund Family! We hope that our April Newsletter finds you all basking in the warmth of the sunlight after a long cold winter. It's been a busy few months since our last communication in January. In this newsletter you will find information on the CDLN Roof Update and the recent Spring Mission Week. I hope you enjoy reading the latest updates. As always, please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or comments.



“We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give.” - Winston Churchill

#### [Ciudad de Los Nino's Roof Update](#)

The new roof project is now completed! Just in time for Mazatlan's rainy season that starts in April. We want to thank our Tres Islas donors and the Gems of Mazatlan (Canadian Organization) in seeing this project materialize. Together we partnered to raise the funds and oversee the completion. The Gems of Mazatlan paid for approximately 70% of the cost and our Tres Islas donors were asked to cover the rest. The amount we asked our donors to contribute was \$8,460 USD. We have received \$4,700 USD from you, our generous and loyal donors. We are still \$3,760 USD away from our goal. If any of you wanted to participate, there still is time! Please email our Treasurer, Connie Montayne ([tivconnieterry46@gmail.com](mailto:tivconnieterry46@gmail.com)) with your donation amount. Every little bit helps!

Thank you for your continued support in this endeavor!



On a side note, the solar panels were taken off and reattached to the new roof. A new inverter was needed and purchased to pump out electricity at optimal levels. A Gems of Mazatlan volunteer is monitoring the results. March's electricity bill at CDLN's was \$1,100 pesos = \$55 USD (approximately). With electricity bills this low, the new inverter will pay for itself soon!



## Board "Busy"ness

### Monthly Meetings:

Your Tres Islas board meets monthly by way of Zoom which is very much like Skype if you are familiar with that app. So even though we have sometimes not met each other in person, we really know and recognize each other. At these meetings we go over the monthly finances and deal with any concerns or requests from the orphanages. If you have any concerns that you would like discussed at our meetings, please let Michelle know. [bonnerfam@ymail.com](mailto:bonnerfam@ymail.com) Our next meeting will be May 22.

### Business Cards:

One of our board members, Chris Christensen, has obtained more business cards for us. These are very handy and helpful in spreading the word about Tres Islas to get new donors. If you would like some cards to distribute contact Chris. [chrisc1982@hotmail.com](mailto:chrisc1982@hotmail.com)

### Advertising Flyers

Our Vice-President, Guillermo Prado has arranged to have an advertising flyer printed to distribute to passengers on cruise ships and that come to Mazatlán and also to guests at hotels there. He has distributed around 2500 flyers already and will have another 2500 to distribute when cruise ships come in.

### Web Site and Facebook

To provide our donors information and advertise for more donors, we try to keep our web site up to date. [www.tresislal.org](http://www.tresislal.org) or [orphanage-funds.org](http://orphanage-funds.org). We will soon have our Facebook page updated and ready for communications.



Our Business Card

A huge **Thank-you** to the parish of St. Louise de Marillac in Pittsburgh. The congregation is collecting donations for the Tres Islas Orphanage Fund during Lent. Additionally, the school children wrote over 150 letters and cards in English and Spanish and these were sent to each orphanage site. It's fun for the children to receive cards and letters from the children in the USA and it was fun for the kids in Pittsburgh to make and write them. The school children also sent palm crosses and handmade rosaries for all the homes of the children and care-takers.





**“RECAP OF SPRING MISSION WEEK 2019”**

**3/9/19-3/16/19**

With a smaller group of volunteers the projects were planned accordingly. Work days were at Ciudad de los Niños, Refugio, Hogar San Pablo, and Orfanatorio Mazatlan. We worked with the Gems of Mazatlan at Ciudad, painted at Refugio and HSP, and did some planting and landscape clean up at OM.

With no work projects at Salvation Army, we bought, prepared, and ate lunch with the kids.

Because of less volunteers and therefore no fiesta, we chose to have a fun afternoon with the children at CDLN painting shirts and creative coloring. We ended the afternoon with cookies, ice cream, and soft drinks

Those attending SMW were: Chris & Jan Christensen, Scott & Cheryl Weappa, Barb Goodman, Heidi Englade, Mary Co-truzzola, Teresa Jemio, Jim Bier, Rob Osborne, Gaudelia Hernandez, and Terry & Connie Montanye.

**A GREAT BIG THANKS TO ALL WHO ATTENDED THIS YEAR!**



## **GREAT NEWS!**

We had a new volunteer join us for SMW. Jim Bier and his wife, Holly, have moved to Mazatlán permanently from the USA. At our final volunteer dinner, Jim offered to be the coordinator of SMW next year. With Jim living in Mazatlán, it will be a huge advantage. Thank you Jim. We look forward to working with you.

### **2020 SPRING MISSION WEEK**

**3/14/2020 - 3/21/2020**

**MAKE PLANS NOW TO ATTEND. IT IS A GREAT WEEK OF ACCOMPLISHMENT AND FUN. TRES ISLAS VOLUNTEERS ARE THE BEST!**



### **Just a Reminder:**

\*You can donate through [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) by setting up an account with Tres Islas as your charity.

\*You can donate with Pay Pal on our website. [tresislas.org](https://tresislas.org)

\*You can do an honorarium by sending the name of the person to be honored to our treasurer, Connie Montanye at PO Box 3005, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83816. She will send a card to the person honored.

**A tremendous thanks to all our volunteers and donors for improving the lives of the children in Mazatlán!**

**“Sometimes when we are generous in small, barely detectable ways, it can change someone else’s life forever.” - Margaret Cho**

