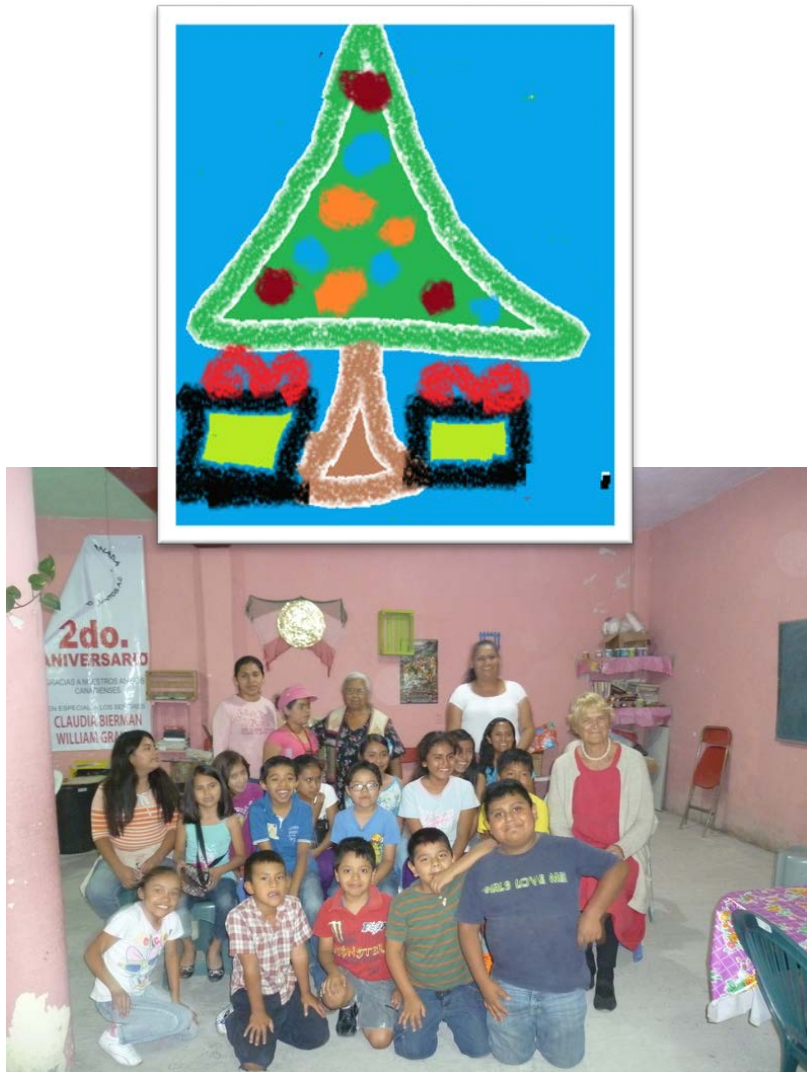


Newsletter – January 2015



This newsletter is mostly a photo gallery! In the pre-Christmas season, Juntos students celebrated and we celebrated with them. We visited several sites but the Newsletter focus is on one, Lomas de Juitepec, one of the most dynamic places. In the picture above you can see all the children that attended computer classes on December 12th.

At the right, Claudia Bierman, in the back row the white haired woman is Martha Marta Ponce de León Hernández, the energetic mayor, and in the left corner, a poster worth mentioning. It had

been put up earlier to celebrate the second anniversary of Juntos at the site. The poster reads "Second anniversary. Thank you to our Canadian friends, especially to Claudia Bierman and William Graham".



The day we visited the children made Christmas cards and a few are included at the end of this Newsletter. The children worked on inserting images, adding a text and then, printing their cards. If you consider the age of the children, most under ten years old, it is quite an achievement to create these cards on their computers. One of the boys insisted on reading his message out loud and you can see him with Claudia and Will looking on.

Martha, the mayor, proudly showed off the doctor's office they have furnished on the premises. The shelves for the medicine are made of colorfully painted discarded fruit containers, and as you can see, the doctor charges 30.00 pesos per visit, about 2.50 Canadian dollars.



Another notable December event was the arrival of two of our young board members, Xin Mei Liu and Sophie Boeckh. The previous year the two friends had volunteered at Amor para Compartir. They stayed at the house, got to know the girls, taught soccer and set up the girls' soccer programme. Since their departure in January 2015, the local girls have played in a Cuernavaca soccer league. Xin and Sophie now want to become more involved in the computer programme so a number of activities were scheduled around their short stay. Xin met with the five teachers for the first time as well as with Claudia, Will and myself. In preparation for the meeting, Xin studied the work sheets and then was able to give valuable suggestions on improving the programme. In addition both Xin and Sophie spent time at Amor para Compartir and got caught up with the activities there. They also continued to work on the soccer programme and renewed their friendships. Their 2016 visit will be described in detail in the February Newsletter.

Enjoy the cards the children made.



Nosotros somos felices en navidad y en año nuevo, ignoramos nuestros problemas y somos muy

Animados para la navidad, esperamos mi hermano y yo siempre mi regalo que quise en toda mi vida, mi mamá y yo siempre arreglamos el árbol de navidad para ese día y el día de reyes mag-

icos, durante las épocas de navidad y del nacimiento de Jesús debido al espíritu santo y gracias

De María la virgen, cada año mi mamá y yo ponemos el nacimiento de Jesús, y pongo luces

Alrededor de él, después rezamos antes de la cena, y luego ponemos muchas esferas

Del árbol de navidad para la celebración y que el árbol se vea bonito.



Con alegría y felicidad Emiliano

Nosotros amamos la navidad

A veces olvidamos problemas

Vivimos en convivencia y armonía

I reunimos a toda la familia

Durante un día

A veces jugamos y nos divertimos

Debemos disfrutar este día

Con cariño Joni