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SHIPMENTS

Since our last newsletter, MSNI has made shipments to Honduras, two separate shipments to Mexico; and we are currently working on a shipment to South Africa scheduled for an April 21st departure. To date, the value of our shipments during this Rotary year now exceeds \$650,000.

TRIP TO MEXICO

During the month of February, Director of Operations Larry Biron accompanied Broken Arrow Rotarians Charles Campbell and Nick Nail and non-Rotarian Marshall Luton to Brownsville, Texas, where the two vehicles containing medical equipment and supplies were unloaded at a local warehouse for pick up by Matamoros, Mexico, Rotarians for distribution in their community. While in Matamoros, the group attended a meeting of the local Rotary club and visited the local Red Cross that has been the recipient of previous shipments to the Matamoros area. In Mexico, the Red Cross is traditionally the first responder in the case of an emergency. Each Red Cross chapter operates a clinic and an ambulance service for the communities they serve.

From Matamoros we went to Valles, arriving there on Valentine's Day and celebrated a special Valentine's dinner for local Rotarians and their wives. We visited the local Red Cross as well as other emergency care facilities in that area. We were also treated to a "thank you" dinner at the home of one of the local Rotarians. While in Valles, we took a road trip to Aquismon, a small community approximately 25 miles from Valles and visited a clinic operated by an American doctor and his wife serving the local population. This clinic has been the recipient of several shipments made by MSNI in the past. It was good to see our equipment and supplies being put to good use.

Our next stop was San Miguel, a community to which many Americans have relocated. There are three Rotary clubs in the area. We visited the English speaking club where we discussed our project and determined the needs in that area. Rotarians in Mexico are very active in many areas serving the poor such as meal programs, educational endeavors as well as serving the medical needs of their communities.

On the trip home, we visited San Luis Potosi and arrived in time for a meeting with local

Rotarians. This area has not yet been served by MSNI.

The final stop was in Saltillo where we spent the night and did some sightseeing before crossing the border the next day.

This trip provided Larry Biron an opportunity to view first hand how our equipment and supplies are being used in Mexico and identify the needs for future shipments.

CAR RAFFLE

MSNI has kicked off its third annual car raffle. This year's grand prize is a 2009 Mercedes C-30 Sports Sedan. In addition to the grand prize, a special drawing will be held for a 42-inch, high definition, flat screen television at the MSNI board meeting held the first of July 2008. In order to qualify for this special drawing, tickets must be purchased prior to June 30. Ticket order forms are available with this newsletter, on our website or from any board member.

