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To Feed The Hungry and Help Them Become Self-Reliant

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A letter from Bob Kuck, a Hunger Plus, Inc. Area Representative, after a recent visit to Mexico:

"It was through Texas Rotarians and Hunger Plus, Inc. that I first became acquainted with the Tarahumara Indians of Mexico and the problems that confront them. J. B. Roberts explained the reasons for Hunger Plus, Inc. support of projects among the Tarahumara in 1997, and a trip to Mexico with HP board member Ted Holder later that year confirmed J.B.'s information. The conditions of 1997 have now become even more severe due to the "drug wars" and the decline of both the U.S. and Mexican economies. Tourism in Mexico is substantially reduced and donations to not-for-profit organizations who work with the indigenous have become more difficult to obtain.

I returned from Mexico last week after spending most of February meeting with Rotarians, Mexican government officials, not-for-profit organizations, and Tarahumara community leaders. I can assure you that Rotary and Hunger Plus, Inc. enjoy high respect and the gratitude of both indigenous communities and public & private organizations who work with them. All have asked me to encourage Rotarians and HPI to maintain their support during this difficult time. HPI board members and Rotarians, J.B. Roberts, Ted Holder and Don Shinn are well respected for their willingness to accept risks associated with the conduct of projects in remote areas and the positive affect these projects are having.



Through the encouragement and support of Hunger Plus, a remote community now has INTERNET CONNECTION (via Satellite) for the first time. The doctor there is elated that he can transfer medical information and receive a diagnosis online.

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A teacher at the local school told about the delight of her students now that they can see and learn about other parts of the world that they never knew existed. This project would not have happened were it not for the influence and leadership of HPI, and the collaborative efforts of Rotarians with the Chihuahua state government and non-government organizations. The impact of HPI extends beyond the shipment of food!!

Through the influence of HPI, a new dam has been constructed in another distant indigenous community suffering from drought. Rotarian, Frank Murray, and the St. Mary's, Celina, and Wapakoneta Rotary Clubs formed a partnership with Chihuahua Campestre Rotarians who led the effort to obtain a Rotary Foundation matching grant and form a coalition with Chihuahua state government offices to supply this indigenous community with the information & supplies they needed to build the dam.... And the indigenous built it themselves!! The mission of Hunger Plus, Inc. is "TO FEED THE HUNGRY AND HELP THEM BECOME SELF-RELIANT".



Rotarians from the Campbellford, Ontario Rotary Club have provided three tons of Zeza seed to help indigenous communities reduce erosion, improve soil, and provide better forage for livestock. This club is also helping with the educational expenses of the first known indigenous Tarahumara to become a professional composer and performer on piano. Hand tools collected by the Campbellford Rotarians are now on their way to another remote indigenous school so that students can learn skills necessary for woodworking. HPI ships food, but it also ships HOPE by encouraging and supporting community development projects like these that help people feed themselves!"

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To our contributors of all types, shippers, and volunteers allow me to say THANK YOU from Hunger Plus, Inc. and those we help around the world and close to home. Because.....

**“Coming together is a beginning.
Keeping together is progress.
Working together is SUCCESS”.**

Please contact Hunger Plus, Inc. if you are aware of a need, would like to partner on a project, or would like to help. Please visit our website at www.hungerplus.org or email us at hungersupport@texasonline.net.

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