

Mexico Requests Help

The last week of June 2006 Ted Holder and Don Shinn (PDG's 5730) met with two representatives from the State Social Services of the State Government of Chihuahua, Mexico. The Mexican Government wants to begin a new state program addressing and dealing with child deaths. Their goal is to build 39 Maternal Shelters throughout the mountains of Chihuahua, determine mothers who would have problem births and help them get proper medical treatment. They will also work with mothers who would just need normal checkups. The State Governor's wife has taken this project as a top level and they want Hunger Plus to be a part of it. After listening to their proposal, Hunger Plus confirmed that we would be pleased to assist in any way we could. As a result of this meeting, Don Shinn and Ted Holder went to Chihuahua City July 5-7 where they met with Mrs. Beaza, the Governor's wife, and the head of the State Welfare Department (DIF), the head of the State Social Services, and the head of the State Tarahumara Affairs Department. There are three Rotary Clubs in Chihuahua City that will also be a part of the overall project. Hunger Plus, Inc. will help in acquiring all of the medical equipment needed for the 39 centers. Working with the three Rotary Clubs, Hunger Plus will also help sponsor three Rotary Matching Grants for food, for a total of \$138,000 U.S. Part of these funds will be used for local buying and the rest for Breedlove food. This was a great visit and the end result will be helping others to help themselves. This is Hunger Plus at work.