

During 2014, 120 elderly persons participated in the spiritual wellness program with great enthusiasm. Every Tuesday they came and listened, sang, prayed, colored and felt the love of God through a message shared. At the end of the year each one received a very useful umbrella that protects them from the rain and the sun. Pastor Caravajal led this ministry diligently all year with a big heart that unconditionally loves our elderly. The local "New Life Baptist Church" donated the resources needed for this program.

The "Apostle St. James" Catholic Parrish accompanied us the first Saturday of each month for the celebration of the Word. Thank you for making these activities possible.

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"Thanks to you, my 200 elderly friends and I receive love and affection, delicious hot meals, respect and patience. Once again we extend our most sincere thanks for helping us to live with dignity".

Medarda Aguilera is our auxiliary nurse who reaches the elderly with preventive medicine though therapeutic massages, good humor, personal hygiene, and balanced diet plans. Young boys from "The Way" (a rehabilitation home) assist her once a week.







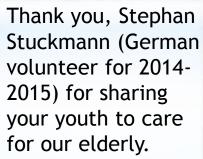


Our cook Betty Sanchez, applying her heart to our stomachs, delights in preparing a combination of delicious and healthy meals together with a group of elderly volunteers and Mr. Julian Ortuño who bakes all the bread for breakfasts.

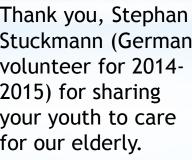














Valued youth volunteers: thank you, Hannah and Elizabeth, Fridjoft, Callen, Brianne, and Tsid, David and Erika German Brotherhood volunteers, Chilean youth, for your











Children, youth, adults, all united with one great purpose...Solidarity













Moments for sports and recreation. Manuel makes guitars and violins.



Through the Municipal government of El Torno, we received \$24,280 in dry food staples that benefited 1,800 elderly persons.





Sulma Becerra, program coordinator for the Center, also assists 9 other centers for the elderly. Three of these centers are now registered as legal entities. The state governor of Santa Cruz added support for 10 more persons for our soup kitchen to a total of 80/day for this year. This adds up to a value of \$25,000, which allows us to serve more than 100 persons daily for breakfast, snack and lunch Mon.-Friday and for 150 persons on Saturdays.





Fifteen adults graduated from the literacy class. With much enthusiasm they learned to write their names and to recognize the alphabet.





Einar Zurita (CPA) gives us professional support with our new accounting program for administration of the "Happy Life Center".



More than 8,000!! students participated in celebrations for the elderly on Senior Citizen Day in August, 2014 in communities all over the Municipality of El Torno.







A field trip we took into the foothills of Bermejo, some 60kms from our town of El Torno.







Teacher Queen Andrade, who directs the Art and Culture Program, taught a diverse selection of items that the seniors enjoyed making with their hands.







Directed by Lic. Salustiano Zambrana, we were able to clean the land, prepare the soil, plant, harvest and delight in the generosity of nature. Thanks to God.



Mutual assistance among all is an important value of "Happy Life Center".



Youth from different schools, universities, and countries visited our garden and helped the elderly.





The homeless elderly that come to our Shelter have found a place to sleep, eat, and above all a place to share where they can express their needs. Currently there are 5 men living here.

We direct our prayers and gratitude to you and to Him who made possible these miracles loaded with love, happiness and joy. The names of many persons and institutions are written in the book of Life...because they took time to think about us and help us. Thank you...may you receive from our Father God an eternal recompense.





VIDA FELIZ CENTRO DE ANCIANOS In 2015 we will be needing several upgrades at the Happy Life Center.

- Replace the stove with comercial stove
- An industrial blender.
- A bread mixer.
- New drinking cups.
- Finish the roof over the first floor of the shelter.
- Finish another bathroom in the shelter.

Help the 12 other associations in local communities to develop their own Centers.







