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Dear Beat Stueber and Friends,

Some time has passed since our last report and here are our latest news, including some of the "SOS Food Pot", Ceylan: As you know the gasoline prices have increased enormously within the last months; in March a gallon of "super" cost Q 32.70 now in July almost up to Q 38. In December it was around Q 24. Worldwide this has affected everybody but as usual the poorest suffer the most. 1 LB of black beans in December cost Q 3.50, today we pay up to Q 6.50. Corn was Q1.10 and now is at Q 1.75. Rice Q 2.50 went up to Q 4.50. Just when we thought the situation was

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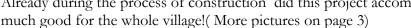


The hurricanes have hit the coastal areas hard

and the daily trips to the villages have become very difficult as the water levels in the rivers are very unpredictable. Often we can not pass and have to stay overnight in somebody's house.

The school construction in San Andres Osuna was finished in the second week of July and the new facilities are bright and generous. As you can see "our" women helped every day and the village accepted this project as their

"baby". The different committees eventually buried their feuds and ALL voted in favour of this afternoon school. Already during the process of construction did this project accomplish







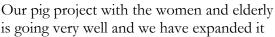




The participants of our food programs up in Ceylan has augmented. Through our clinic Dr. Renee has referred patients with signs of severe malnutrition to eat here daily. We are also bringing more food directly home to elderly who have trouble walking, have increased the portions of food, added more vegetables as well as bananas,

oranges and mangos when in season. Getting the food to the two villages has become more difficult due to the assaults, which always increase around

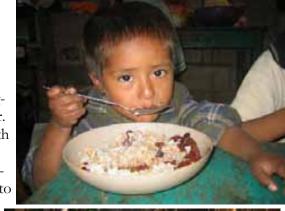
pay-days and when the roads are hard to pass.



now to over 80 pigs. The pigs we buy in the area to ensure that they are healthy and to help the families directly and not some unknown vendor. Our promoters supervise that the pigs are well treated and fed. A small piglet with all vaccinations and 5 LBs of concentrated food costs US \$ 50.

In May Gladys (to the left), our long-term volunteer decided to

dedicate more time to her family and will not continue with us any longer.







Carlo (picture with children below), director of our Primary school Montijo will take over her position in the beginning of October once the official school year is over and the heavy rains have terminated. He is highly qualified for this job and our team is very content that Carlo will soon be part of the education & health promoter team.

In April our health promoters and nurses participated in a family planning refresher course. They

learned new types of dynamics and received some additional teaching materials. More natural family planning methods were introduced such as the "collar del ciclo" a nice looking bead necklace, which is an old method but forgotten in many areas.







Our afternoon schools continue with big success and in San Felipe many children from the village nearby are now joining the group. The school is filled to the brim every day.

Picture upper right corner: In Ceylan we finally found a small house which we started to rent in April as the previous place was too noisy and too dark.



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The spacious new afternoon school building in San Andres Osuna was inaugurated on July 10th accompanied by a tremendous thunderstorm, hundreds of children and women and visiting representatives of the German government.

Within the last few months we were able to



expand our godchildren- & senior sponsor program.

To help a child or a senior costs US \$ 30 monthly. We had to raise it 3 US \$ due to the recent increasing food costs. Here is

Antonio Pastores, 72, one of the many grateful receivers. He has no family.

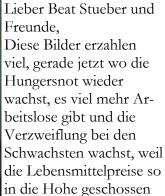
Vamos Adelante gave out 87 Eco water filters in June. The users like them very much as they are easy to use, simple to clean, and save expensive firewood. The cost of a filter is US \$ 37.



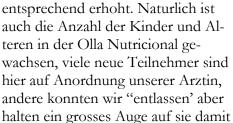








sind. Vielen herzlichen Dank fur die Spendenspritze die gut auf dem Vamos Adelante Konto gelandet ist. Im Vergleich zum letzten Jahr haben sich die Preise teilweise verdreifacht und unsere Ausgaben haben sich



sie nicht wieder schnell abnehmen. Gerade altere Leute vergessen ja oft zu essen und sind dann irgendwann zu schwach um uberhaupt noch Hunger zu haben.



Uber 120 Teilnehmer hat die Suppenkuche jetzt, Tendenz steigend. Keiner lasst auch nur ein Reiskorn auf dem Teller liegen.

Ein Pfund Reis kostet fast 5 Q (vorher Q 1.45) In einigen Fallen kom-



men die Enkel und bringen ihren Grosseltern das Essen oder futtern sie sogar personlich wenn sie zu gebrechlich sind. Die Dankbarkeit dieser Leute auf Paper auszudrucken ist schwer. Ich habe dieses Mal darauf verzichtet traurige Fotos in diesen Bericht einzuarbeiten, lieber dankbare Gesichter.



