

## ACTIVITIES, GROUP FROM OREGON CACHIVIRO, JULY 2014

One of my favorite phrases is "Thanks to God", yes thanks to God, we have the presence of 11 brothers and sisters from the Oregon Region, that happiness when in April of this year God allowed me to visit them, then we begin to plan their visit, the place would work and of course I returned to Ecuador with the pleasure of seeing them again.



Thanks God for allowing us to maintain this relationship, recognize ourselves as brothers and sisters in Christ, because we know it will not be long time until we meet again.

Well, time passed and the day finally came, on July 10 while preparing some things at home, final details, wanting to be ready for my great friends in Oregon, an email from Cathy Wirt, Doug's wife arrived they were on the way! That tenderness, that happiness, that hope,

several feelings, memories came to my mind, now is our time to take care for them, our "babies" from Oregon. Lord brings them with good, I thought immediately!

They left by 04h00 am and after a long journey they arrived at night, tired, thirsty, but with encouragement and ready to work. Thanks God, again.

First to rest and then the full calendar from Friday 11 to Monday 21 July were waiting for them.

We had a chance to do various activities, to learn more about Fedice's projects, shopping, participation in worship, work in construction, workshop for women, work with children, visits to the communities where they worked previously, participation in the Fedice's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, visit to Romerillos, lunch in the office of Fedice, unveiling photo Violet and Victor and also we have chance to visit Violet and Victor at the cemetery.



## CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES:

Objective: To finish construction on the community Center in Cachiviro.

### Planned activities:

1. Coating the bricks with natural lacquer.
2. Coating columns and beams with white paint.
3. Coating the lying with lacquer

### Activities performed:

1. Coating bricks. Activity fulfilled 100% (4 interior sides).
2. Columns and beams. This activity was carried out on 75% (3 interior sides). It wasn't possible to complete the work due to the delay of the plaster interior beams and columns.
3. Lying. We could not make this activity by the lack of safe scaffolding, however people from the community made part of this work



### Extra activities:



Putty floor of the second floor. Although it was not planned this activity is done with community support. Activity performed at 100%. The flat is ready to lay ceramics.

## Conclusions and recommendations

The community involvement was timely and important. In this stage of the work required skilled labor. For the future we will need to plan much better the number of the workers from the community as a function of existing qualified human resources in the work.

The involvement of volunteers in the U.S., was invaluable. They showed Great Spirit of solidarity with the community and liability in the performance of the work.



Execution of the activities, despite the drawbacks presented in the purchase of materials and equipment endowment work (scaffolding and planks), we can say that in general the activities done in the work was very good.

### TRAINING FOR WOMEN:



A group of 20 women from the church participated in the workshop led by Bernice Rivera, one of the sisters who came with the group Oregon. The topics were:

1. Motivation and self-esteem
2. Teamwork
3. Assertive Communication

One by one they arrived at first, fearful, nervous, but eager to learn, have never had a workshop like this, they said, we as women can also learn, we can talk about our needs, our feelings and especially value ourselves as women.

There was a diverse group adult, young and, at some point it had to be done in Quichua translation because that way it was easier to understand what he was teaching Bernice.

We played, we laughed, we learned, "we are people, we are important; we are taken into account," said when finished the workshop. The commitment from Fedice was to continue helping them, with other training, depending on the needs of them.



### **VISITING VARIOUS COMMUNITIES:**



There was also the opportunity to visit several communities where the group earlier work and see friends and acquaintances. We visited Cuatro Esquinas, where they worked in the church, Cachimuel here relied on the construction of the Children's Center and also we visited Tocagon in this community the Oregon people helped to build the dining room and training center. It was emotional moments, recalling anecdotes, experiences but always knowing that the work has improved the lives of people in these communities.

### **VISITING FEDICE'S OFFICE:**

Back in Quito and after several activities in the historic center, we arrived to the Fedice's office located in the north of the city.

Time to enjoy a delicious lunch, time to remember and especially time for a brief but moving ceremony, the unveiling of the photograph of Violet and Victor Vaca, who are no longer physically with us but are in our work, in our knowledge, in our activities, in our hearts, in the legacy left us "working with communities." Thanks Violet and Victor.



Fedice has completed 20 years of working with communities, we know their work, they sowed the seed is paying off and now up to us to continue this task.

Thanks again for everything my friends, blessings to all of you.

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