2009 HUMANITARIAN PROJECTS

2009 One World Humanity Wrap Up:

For those who participated with us in 2009... Next time someone asks you what you made happen in 2009, you can tell them you helped feed and clothe a village in Costa Rica, you brought school supplies to a school in Costa Rica, you helped a family whose suffered a house fire, you helped two women in the Congo with an entire year of services, you got fourteen grandparents at the YWCA winter shoes, you made a huge difference for two families this Christmas and you brought \$2,000 worth of food to the Utah food bank during the holidays

Youth:

We Care Carly Project

Carly Davis is a 17 yr. old teenager living here in Salt Lake City who was diagnosed with 4th stage Ewings Sarcoma two yrs. ago. She underwent chemo and radiation for over a year with no hope of even getting through the treatment. She was able to be completely healed from her cancer, because of many prayers and the grace of God. Recently the cancer has returned and the doctors have told Carly that using chemo and radiation the second time will not be effective, they are giving her 6 months to 1 year to live with no treatment. It is Carly's wish that she travel to Europe while she still feels good. Carly's parents who are faced with huge medical bills and choosing to leave their jobs to travel with Carly this year are struggling to come up with the funds to make Carly's travel to Europe this coming year. It is our wish that this coming year is filled with joy, adventure, love and fascination for Carly. For pictures and more information about Carly go to Carlydavisblog.blogspot.com

Elderly:

Soles for Souls Project

Grandparents are senior Citizens who work year round at the YWCA child care facility in downtown Salt Lake. They receive way below minimum wage and live on social security. One World Humanity will have a field trip bringing all the grandparents to a local shoe store where they can pick out their shoes and some socks and we will purchase shoes and socks for all the grandparents. We will need volunteers to help escort and help the grandparents in the shoe store.

Extreme Poverty:

Costa Rica Project

We travelled to Costa Rica... had a tiny scare through security with all the wrapped clothing and toys for the children... but we made it through without losing the merchandise. We took two days to deliver everything, and we needed to start very early in the morning each day. Our first stop was grocery store where Douglas and Grace Gonzoles helped pick out the foods the families would enjoy, need and appreciate. Then we travelled about an hour to the remote village. The people were so gracious, grateful and open hearted. Once we delivered all the toys, clothing and food we had time to visit the people and take some pictures. They loved their pictures taken.

The second village was pretty much the same except one family took us on a walk to see their animals. Thank you all deeply and truly for your generosity in donations, time sorting, wrapping and packing and love.

Women's Causes:

Women to Women Organization 2009

We raised enough money last year to sponsor two women in the Congo for an entire year, through the Women to Women organization. We have received two letters from each woman. I will have the letters available to read on the kitchen table at the March meditation.

Giving Tree:

Holiday Project

We have chosen to sponsor 11 children from three families struggling with financial hardship this holiday season. We will purchase toys and clothing for all the children in these families.