

To: Hope PC, Pastor Josh Robinson
Lions Thrift Shop, Elgin
Society of St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Shop, Taylor
Society of St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Shop, Austin
Rudy Munguia

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Subject: HEALTH EQUIPMENT TO MEXICO. JUNE 2015

The *Hope Presbyterian Church* (Austin) held a spring 2015 campaign for health equipment and supplies that are so badly needed in Mexico. The congregation contributed. Hope PC also asked and received donations from the *Lions Thrift Shop, Elgin*, and the *Society of St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Stores in Taylor and Austin*. Rudy Munguia and Rick Covington then traveled to McAllen and offloaded a pickup load of health equipment.

CUPS works with rural health centers in the Valle Hermoso and Matamoros area, with the Valle Hermoso city social services department, organizations such as the Rio Bravo La Sautena Lions Club and various churches throughout the area. These friends widen the area of service to help those with health equipment and supply needs. In rural communities, women serve as *promotoras de salud* (health promoters). They are vital to health care efforts as they live in their community and know those with chronic health problems.

The *Peniel Presbyterian Church in Valle Hermoso* requested a walker for a senior citizen. CUPS brought that walker and also other equipment for Pastor Armando Hernandez to have available for his ministry where he frequently meets those with need for a cane, portable toilet chair or a pair of crutches. Another rural church in the community of Sandoval also ministers to rural communities and they find need for health equipment. The *La Saitana Lion's Club* is a known contact for someone who needs a wheelchair or a cane, just to cited two examples.

Almost all the equipment and supplies CUPS received from the efforts of Hope Presbyterian Church to meet ongoing health related needs have been placed in the hands of those with needs and with organizations who regularly hear the need for a wheelchair, a cane, or a walker. The doctor serving the rural community of La Gloria, an intern, was thrilled to have a walker for a gentleman who badly needs one.



(LEFT) Crutches, walkers and bedside toilet for patients at Sandoval health center. (RIGHT) This lady who lives in Sandoval needed a walker. She received one when CUPS went to her rural community. (BELOW) This gentleman (Empalme) lost his leg due to diabetes and received a wheelchair from CUPS, one that Hope Presbyterian Church sent to CUPS for use in Mexico.



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WE HOPE YOU CAN HELP AGAIN.
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