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Dear Friends,

The high school youth group of the First United Methodist Church is collecting donations to take to Guatemala in March, 2009. Our group is composed of 22 youth and 6 adults; 4 youth and 2 adults have been to Guatemala before. Our 11-day mission trip will take us to inner-city Guatemala City and rural, remote villages in the highlands of Guatemala. Our main activity will be constructing a concrete block home in the mountainous village of Chontola.

We will travel to the Salud y Paz ("Health & Peace") medical and dental clinic in the village of Camanchaj, where we will bring much-needed medical and dental vitamins, supplies and equipment. See attached photos of the work of the Salud y Paz clinic and a list of donations they need.

We will also be visiting the Los Romeritos day-care center in downtown Guatemala City. There, we will meet the child-care workers and the children in their care. In Guatemala, children must provide their own uniforms and school supplies. Los Romeritos provides these items for street children who would otherwise be unable to attend school. Their ministry is multi-faceted and includes activities such as a clown ministry, music, art, and tutoring help. A list of donations needed for Los Romeritos is attached.

We will visit another child-related ministry, Hogar del Ninos, ("Home for Children"), in Santa Cruz de Quiche ("Quiche" is one of many departments or states in Guatemala). This is an orphanage started in the midst of the 30-year civil war and many of the children were homeless due to the war. Children's clothing, vitamins, and art supplies are mostly what they need.

We will leave for Guatemala on March 20, and return March 31. Our day of packing the numerous donations we hope to bring down via suitcase will be Saturday, March 14, 2009. If you would like to donate items, we will pick them up, or you can drop them off at the First UMC, 1165 NW Monroe, Corvallis, Oregon. The office phone is 752-2491. You may also call 231-1545 to arrange pickup.

We want to thank you, in advance, for your donations.
On behalf of the entire youth mission team,

*Our mission is to bring people into a living relationship with God, through
Jesus Christ, that we might love the world as God loves the world.*

A Reconciling Congregation