

NUTS & BOLTS

Capstone missions

“FRIEND-RAISING” FUN

BY MOLLY BULLOCK



The children had a SPOOKTACULAR time!

The ghosts, goblins, Supermen, and Peter Pan’s all gathered at Nana’s house to celebrate Halloween and Peyton Rossi’s 6th birthday on October 28. Peyton decided to have a “friend-raising” party this year and have his friends bring gifts for the children of St. Joseph’s instead of gifts for himself. The party was hosted by Shannon (Nana) and Tom Barnes, Marion and Randy Woods, Delanie and Ross Valentine and Landis and Allen Rossi. After purchasing a silent action item to The Costume Shop at the 2nd Annual

Capstone Missions golf tournament, Shannon and Marion decided to put their winnings back into Capstones and throw a Halloween/Birthday Party to raise more money for Capstones. The party was filled with fun and games for the kids and wonderful food catered by Carrabba’s Italian Grill owner Allen Rossi. A booth with information about Capstones was available for guests to learn more about the organization and the children of St. Josephs. Reed Crozier took some extra time at the party to share some personal experiences at the orphanage with the guests. The party was a huge success, raising over \$500 and numerous books, art supplies, and blankets for the children. The group plan to make the event a yearly affair. Capstone Missions would like to thank the Barnes’, Woods’, Valentine’s, and Rossi’s for their generosity. If you are able to host a small party in honor of Capstone please contact us.

CAPSTONE NEEDS YOUR CONTINUAL SUPPORT!

BY RUSTY GIDEON

We hope you feel a deep satisfaction from having been a part of this people-to-people effort. For many of us, a Capstone mission trip has been a life-changing journey. There we experience Christ’s children in dire need – and also the joy of the Holy Spirit made manifest in the smiles of the little ones, and in the serene and nurturing presence of Sister Monserrat at St. Joseph’s.

Only with your generous contributions can we continue our financial support to St. Joseph’s and our mission trips. We send \$3000 per month to St. Joseph’s, along with occasional special allocations. And the cost of our construction trips is forever rising.

We ask that you consider making a monthly or quarterly pledge for the coming year. Every little bit helps. If you are already contributing, thank you! Can you please consider increasing your help?

As 95% of our work is volunteer, your contribution will go towards the direct expenses of St. Joseph’s and other critical mission work. Your contributions or donated items are tax-deductible.

We have a wonderful opportunity to serve Christ as He lives in these children and the poorest of the poor. Please support them financially, and keep them in your prayers as well. Thank you!

OUR MISSION

We serve Christ as He lives in the orphaned children and the homeless in Tijuana, Mexico. Capstone Missions builds and improves houses with volunteer labor and provides direct financial support to key ministries. We partner with other Catholics ministering in Tijuana who operate in the tradition of Mother Theresa and Dorothy Day in providing for the needs of the most impoverished.

Our primary goal is to provide financial security and sound housing for St. Joseph’s Home, so that the children there may thrive. Other important goals are: To serve other Catholic relief and contemplative organizations in Tijuana. To provide cross-cultural service opportunities for volunteers, especially young adults.

CAPSTONE GEARS UP FOR THE ALTERNATIVE GIFT MARKET

BY GWYNNE CAMERON

Boise Capstone supporters are in luck this Christmas season. Area parishes have once again invited Capstone to participate in the annual Alternative Gift Fair. The process is simple: A number of grassroots organizations set up booths. Alternative shoppers give donations, and the recipients receive a Christmas card with an insert explaining that a financial contribution was made in their honor to a worthy cause. Apart from Capstone, participating organizations have included Birthright of Boise, the Corpus Christi day shelter for the homeless, and Catholic Charities of Idaho. Construction workers are touched to learn that a donation in their honor has funded plumbing for a home in Tijuana, while social workers and educators

enjoy knowing that their Christmas gift has purchased school supplies for children at St. Joseph's Orphanage.

Those who are unable to attend may still give the gift of a Capstone donation. To donate and receive a beautiful Capstone Christmas card and insert, go to www.capstonemissions.org, mail in the included shopping list, or call Carol at (208) 658-4491.

“Alternative shoppers report that the ministry fills a certain niche in their loved ones’ lives”

BENDICIONES (BLESSINGS)

- For all our generous donors that share their time, talent, and treasure.
- In thanksgiving for a successful golf scramble.
- For St. Edward's School collecting supplies for St. Joseph's and the poor in Tijuana.
- For Emily VanNess and Betty VanGheluwe joining the board of directors.
- For the HP employees supporting Capstone by donating through the November matching funds campaign.
- For those participating and hosting the costume party.

SCRAMBLING FOR FUNDS

BY CAROL BROWN

The hills were alive with sounds of laughter and rain gear. September 16th was dreary with spots of rain, but inside the clubhouse of Eagle Hills, much fun was to be had. We had our 2nd annual scramble, raffle, and silent auction.

We were able to raise \$5,700 for the children of St. Joseph's. Thank you to all that prayed, purchased a raffle ticket, donated auction items, or supported us in some quiet way. For those die hard golfers that went out into the elements, thank you!

Please see **PAGE 4** for our list of Golf Scramble Sponsors.

Top Ten Reasons for

Capstone Alternative Gift-Giving

10. You will avoid Sprawl-Mart's holiday sounds of screaming children and battery-powered "ho-ho-ho's."
 9. The recipient-in-need probably won't whine about hating your gift and wanting a Robot Dog instead.
 8. Your grown children will appreciate not having more kitchen appliances to make room for in the pantry.
 7. If you **MUST** drive by the mall, you can just scoff at those battling for parking.
 6. You won't send your relatives into a diabetic coma with yet another box of chocolates.
 5. You won't have to worry about whether your in-laws are displaying your Christmas gift *only* when you're around to see it.
 4. Grandpa won't groan, "Not another necktie!"
 3. You save on wrapping paper, which accounts for 3-10 *extra* bags of trash over the holidays!
 2. Santa's elves (and/or other outsourced slave laborers) will be grateful that you spared them the extra work.
- And the number one reason for alternative gift-giving . . .
1. Nobody with a conscience is going to demand a refund.

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CAPSTONE IN ACTION: NEWS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS FROM RECENT TRIP

By Rusty Gideon

We're baaaack! Thanks to Divine oversight, and Marvin's construction skills, the Tijuana Tornadoes Team, full of patience and good humor, completed another successful road trip to TJ October 21-28th.

The team size was small but powerful! Under Marvin's leadership we finished the baño we started last May for Martina. She and her family were appreciative, but we aren't altogether convinced that they are actually going to use the hot shower, having bathed in cold for so long. The new baño has a tiled shower, hot and cold water, a sink, and a new toilet.

As always, we took care of a few maintenance items at St. Joe's. Sr. Monserrat was a gracious hostess and great cook. And the kids continue to look fine. It's a good place.

Cookie Castro introduced us to a half-way house for pregnant teenagers, and little babies with teen mothers.

Marvin and Betty VanGheluwe spent part of a day there repairing a couple of bathrooms. Deb will be investigating it for possible future projects.



Linda, Betty, Marvin and Bob with the first wall frame up

You are invited . . .

to come reminisce, meet others that support St. Joseph's, get updated about Capstone, and have FUN!! **Saturday, January 20th from 5-7 pm** at St. Paul's Catholic Student Center. Please bring a potluck dish to share and any trip photos for others to view. Feel free to invite those interested in attending a future trip.

RAB FEAST

and Auction

Friday February 2, 2007

Come join us for our 2nd Annual Crab Feast and Auction at St. Jerome's Catholic Church in Jerome on February 2nd, 2007.

Cocktail hour begins at 6 pm and dinner starts at 7 pm. The evening will be filled with great food, a raffle, and silent auction, all to support a great cause. Tickets are \$35 adults, \$20 kids 14 & under, Kids under 6 eat FREE! To purchase tickets, contact Molly at 208-938-5909 or Colleen at 208-324-4257 or they will be available at the door.

Ways you can help Capstone Missions: Spread the word, come to the dinner, bring a friend, purchase and/or sell raffle tickets, or donate an auction item. Please contact Rusty at 829-5078 to donate auction items. SEE YOU AT THE FEAST!

Wish List for Winter

- * Especially need a linoleum floor installer!!
- Need builders!
- Donated items for Crab Feast auction and raffle.
- Van for St. Joseph's
- 12 passenger van or mini-van for mission trips
- School supplies
- Tuition costs for one child (\$100/month)
- Skilled laborers to go on mission trips
- Power Point projector

DONATE ONLINE! WWW.CAPSTONEMISSIONS.ORG

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METRO DIRECT REALTY

THE STUDIO

WESTSIDE DRIVE IN

WHITE TAIL CLUB

Upcoming Events

- Nov. 2006 HP Matching Fund Drive
- Dec. 10, 2006 Alternative Gift Market at St. John Cathedral
- Dec. 30- Jan. 6, 2007 U of I and CSI mission trip
- Jan. 6-13, 2007 BSU mission trip
- Jan. 20, 2007 Reunion Potluck St. Paul's Student Center
- Feb. 2, 2007 Crab Feast

Take advantage of a new tax incentive enacted this August as part of the Pension Protection Act. The provision **which is only in effect until December 31, 2007** -- allows taxpayers who are **70 ½ years or older** to contribute funds tax-free from their Individual Retirement Accounts directly to charitable organizations. These taxpayers are required by law to take distributions from their IRAs, money that is often subject to income taxes. The IRS has just released a letter explaining that there will be a procedure on the 2006 Form 1040 to allow eligible taxpayers to exclude direct distributions from their IRA to charities from their taxable income. Go to <http://www.independentsector.org/programs/gr/IRARollover.html> for fact sheets that explain the new provision.

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