

Charity Fund

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In continuing its commitment to women and children in the South American hemisphere, FAUSA supported the following:

\$1000

ESTANCIA FRATERNIDAD, Oaxaca, Mexico, a hostel that provides room and board to an indigent population that must care for family members in the hospital. In 2004, an overnight stay at the hostel cost 5 pesos (\$5.00) per person. The program has grown dramatically, now helping 180 people a day at double the cost. For \$10.00/day, a recipient receives a bed, three meals, water, light, gas, free prescription medicines, clean clothing, a cane or wheelchair, an ambulance and free transportation. He is asked to pay \$1.00 of these costs; our donation helps to fill in the remaining \$9.00.

\$500

A SCHOLARSHIP to Brenda Beyuma, a young woman from the Pando district of Northern Bolivia, sponsored by Bishop Casey of the Amazon Children's Foundation (FAUSA donated science equipment to the Foundation's new school on Ribralta last year).

Brenda has a Super Technician certificate in physical therapy and has been working for three years in the Foundation's Rehabilitation Center for handicapped children in Ribralta. It has sent her back to school in Cochabamba to finish her Licentiate, a two-year program. Our donation will help to fund her studies. The Bishop writes: "We do not usually give such a big scholarship, but because of the years of devoted service of Brenda with us, we feel that it is a good investment for the future."

\$500

In addition, we made a donation to HELPING HANDS KOREA. Those of us at the FAWCO Conference in Seoul heard several presentations on the plight of North Korean refugees and, following FAWCO's lead, pledged to support this program. It concentrates on food aid and shelter, assisting the underground railroad, and creating advocacy for North Koreans in crisis.

Respectfully submitted,

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