

MAKING A DIFFERENCE:

Imagine that your only drinking water supply comes from a dirty drainage canal, or you're sick but can't afford to go 10 miles to the nearest town to see a doctor. Such is the way of life for residents of rural communities in northern Mexico, where contaminated water, inadequate health programs, poor housing and poverty are the rule rather than the exception.

"I used to ask God to help me. Then I asked if I might help Him. I ended up by asking God to do His work through me."
.....Hudson Taylor



CUPS is an ecumenical ministry founded to improve the health and education environments in communities in northeastern Mexico. CUPS provides mission trip volunteers an opportunity to serve and be served while working alongside community members building community facilities and fostering other related activities. CUPS unites Mexican and U.S. communities in projects that touch the lives of thousands of people by maximizing the use of capital and human resources.



"The language barrier never got in the way of communicating mutual love and appreciation for each other."
.....Steve Budde

CUPS is making its name come to life by the hands of countless volunteers who make projects and programs possible as they bring the message of God's love to our border neighbors by their enthusiasm, energy, hammers and paint brushes.

"Maybe it is no surprise that the mission trip provides a focus for your prayers and you find yourself praying for your fellow mission trippers months later. Maybe it is no surprise that you go to minister as the hands and feet of Christ and you are ministered to. Maybe it is no surprise that you get to know Christ in your heart when you are His hands and feet."
.....John Hurlbert



"Mission trip participants usually have to deal with sunburn and blisters and assorted inconveniences both big and small. We've learned that we take care of each other because we are a big family. Everyone pitches in to do whatever it takes to care for each other."
.....Ellen Boehmer

For as in one body we have many members, and all the members do not have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another...Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer."

Romans 12:4, 12

CUPS projects depend upon volunteers who spend 5 days working in a Mexican community on a specific project. Our volunteers come from churches in large cities and small towns and range in age from grandchildren to grandparents. Helping to build a needed facility is important, but an equally important benefit is the sharing among the volunteers and community members.



The hand with the hammer or shovel, or a glass of water on a hot day - all make projects happen as they "do justice" and "love kindness" and "walk humbly" with our God.

