

# *Cambiando Vidas*

*Back to School 2012*

## *Newsletter*



Scholarship ...



Citizenship ...



Friendship



**Photo:** The annual hike & picnic up to El Capomo Falls this summer was beautiful. Recent rains filled the falls & pools with beauty and cool fresh water. *CV* offers recreation like this (w/private funding) with the intent of promoting the bonds of positive friendship ... Positive Friendship ... the fundamental catalyst that keeps the *CV* Program so strong. This outing occurred just before schools opened for the fall semester.

**A**s usual there are another hundred-plus people to thank this off-season for their generous giving, generous labor, generous ideas and generous support in so many generous ways ... it defies appropriate gratitude. *Cambiando Vidas* is a never ending tribute to the loving “Generosity” of Chacala’s residents and its many good-hearted visitors!

*This new school year began with a lot of great news. Previous semester grades are up, the joy of learning is up, and commitment is resoundingly UP! EBACH President Raul re-affirmed every student’s pledge to abide by the Student Manifesto. Dedication to Scholarship, Citizenship & Friendship has never been higher. Parental support and involvement has never been higher. Cost efficiency and funds recruitment has never been sturdier. Best of all ... Student ambition and achievement has never been more deserved. Dreams are being earned, lives are being changed ... the students, their parents, the donors, volunteers and the many that these lives touch. Come share a few of these heart-warming stories with us ... stories your love made possible. This edition is dedicated to Chacala’s own native young women ...*



## **FEATURED STORY!**

*The Primary School Kitchen was originally built by Rotary generosity ... and had fallen into disrepair. It was infrequently used for the past 5-6 years. It was never finished or properly functional. Many people and Rotary visitors stepped up and brought it back to full function. Leading the parade was CV Board Member, Nanci Savage, whose “baking talents” are to say the least, legendary! Nanci, who donates several full annual scholarships, also donated the new stove, sink & hardware, and many new appliances & utensils. Then, she donates foods and supplies regularly and shepherds our full time cook, Rufina. Rufina is a rare & supremely dedicated woman who loves all the children ... and who in turn, LOVE HER!*



*Cocinara Rufina in her remodeled Cocina*



*“the calm before the stampede”*



*waiting patiently*

*...*



*patiently*

*... ..*

*patiently!*



*All new major appliances*

*.....*



*all new dediction, smiles and "um-umm" satisfaction.*

***NC Rotarian BK Barringer put in the drainage system, modern & safe, and the Program has been up-&-running since January. It was re-launched with CVbase funding and has been self-funding since. All kids get a hot meal every day at 10:00 AM. It costs \$1 US/Canadian. Those who can pay and those who can't get a meal; no questions asked (most do pay!). It's a BIG favorite with parents who have this daily worry taken off their shoulders. The Primary School teacher, Maria de Jesus gathers the collected funds and purchases the fresh foods weekly in Compostela, where prices are lowes). As usual ... above and beyond her job-description, Maria stresses health, nuitrition and diabetes prevention. The price kids pay is lower than imagined possible ... it's a great deal!***



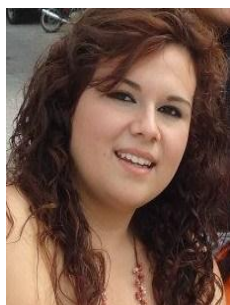
***"8" GREAT WAYS YOU CAN HELP! Food and nuitrition is a very big issue here in Chacala. Cola & Chips are out! Nanci's goals are long term & vital to a proper education.***

- 🍎 *More money means more food ... better quality proteins and healthier variety.*
- 🍎 *More money means ... more mouths fed (**CV** is hoping/planning to expand the Hot Meal Program to the Kinder & the Tele-Secondaria very soon). There are 18-24 kids lined up at the “Loncheria” window each day. We will double that with your help.*
- 🍎 *The kitchen still needs ... a hood fan, a floor fan, big stainless pots ‘n pans, big stainless mixing bowls ... and endless supplies like utensils & foils, etc.*
- 🍎 *The After School Program is beginning Food Preparation and Nutrition events starting this Halloween.*
- 🍎 *The Adult/Parent & **EBACH** Nutrition Education & Cooking School begins soon.*
- 🍎 *... and there is a half acre we could use to grow food ... any gardeners out there???*
- 🍎 *AND ! All part-year-residents ... PLEASE donate your end-of-season foods to **CV**.*
- 🍎 *NANCI will be happy to hear from you about any of this ... 327- 219-5005 here in Chacala or [nsavagesailor@gmail.com](mailto:nsavagesailor@gmail.com) .*



**Four of our very** - serious and dedicated young women are attending college in Tepic ... together. Two are joining older sisters. Tania is joining Nena, and Leti is joining Erika. **CV** is providing a nice, clean, safe apartment for all four to share ... four determined girls off-to-college together. We are very proud of them. The “responsible co-signer” for their apartment is ... yep, Maria de Jesus ... again ... above and beyond her “job-description”.

*Sisters ... Leti and Erika*



*future nurse ... future Primary teacher*

*Sisters ... Nena and Tania*



*future nurse ... future Primary teacher*



**As always**, we gratefully acknowledge the indispensable role of participating Rotary Clubs and Rotary International in the continuing success of *Cambiando Vidas*. It is quite remarkable how devoted to EDUCATION they remain year after year and their continuity of vital support. Every way we turn ... we see the geared wheel of love.



## *“Dear **CV**, **Rotary** & my **\$ponsors** ...*

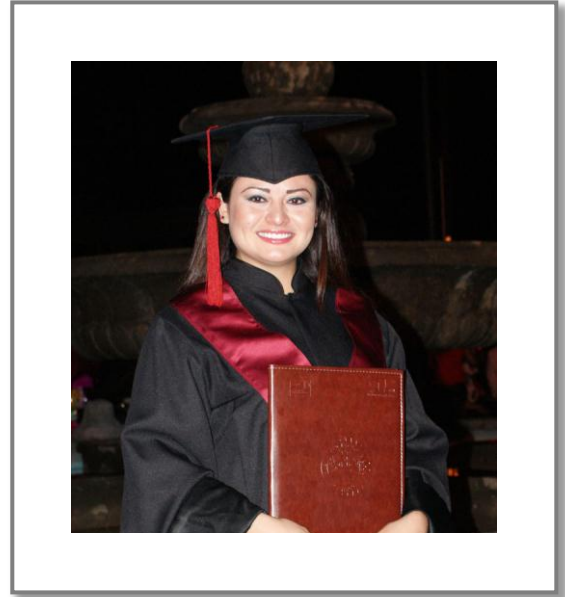
*Today, after five years of hard work and perseverance, I have achieved my goal of graduating in business administration, and thanks to you. I have no words to describe the happiness I feel and to say thank you for all the support you bring me all the way. I will keep fighting to make new dreams and be a better woman, entrepreneur, strong and successful.*

*Thank you with all my heart, God bless you always.*

*I Love you.*

*Lic. Carolina Gonzalez*

*We join parents, Leo & Chela in their happiness and pride in Carolina’s well “Deserved Dreams”*



## ***By The Way ...***

*The Primary School & Grounds, where all our featured homegrown Chacala girls began their journeys, are still looking great . Parents & **EBACH** Students are being good weekly stewards of their Primary School ... where **CV** began and **EBACH** meets in the Learning Center ... and where the Biblioteca has just been beautifully remodeled by Linda & Gerry Marshall, Betty & Rod Todd w/ help from Matt Young’s Kansas Rotary ... and where the **CV** Sponsored (and g-r-o-w-i-n-g) After School Program takes place every afternoon.*





## ***Kalispell Rotary***

*is generously funding two more “Learning for Life” Leadership Programs for their second year. Events will take place at the Chacalia Beach club in 2013; January and again in May. Last year’s facilitator, beloved Debbie Walton and her asst., Wendy Hinton will be here again as will Eddie Dominquez of the La Peñita Rotary. Deb & Wendy’s transportation to and from Chacala has been very kindly donated by Paul & Elaine Newkirk who also sponsor Chacala’s “Kids Games”!*



## ***New! Parent’s Pledge.***

*Engaging the Parents is a fundamental necessity to success. When a student’s development and scholastic goals are supported by *Cambiando Vidas* and at home, success is virtually guaranteed.*

*Accordingly ... As the Parents of **CV** Students ...*

## ...We take the *CV* Parent Pledge!

We know *CV* is only for serious students who pledge to work hard, participate fully, and support the *EBACH* Student Manifesto. We pledge to cooperate fully and help *CV* in all the following ways:

- 🍎 We will learn & support the values and requirements of *CV*.
- 🍎 We will provide all the financial support we can as a family & participate in fundraising activities. As a group we will meet our fundraising goal.
- 🍎 We believe in fairness and support “no favoritism”.
- 🍎 We have read and will support the *EBACH* Student Manifesto.
- 🍎 We agree our student must ask for help before grades slip below 8.0 ... if necessary seek tutoring.
- 🍎 We agree that the unselfish generosity of so many others deserves our true gratitude.
- 🍎 We assure communication (4 X’s a year) with our student’s Sponsor.
- 🍎 We will never cover-up or provide excuses for our student.
- 🍎 We understand the “No Second Chance Rule”.
- 🍎 We agree our student needs to take active & positive roles in Community Affairs.
- 🍎 We know that Psychological & Vocational Guidance is available for our family.
- 🍎 We agree that *EBACH* is the best possible peer group for our student to join.

We understand our students are the future of our community and that there are many negative influences we all must join hands to prevent. As parents who truly love and want what’s best for our students, we pledge to unite with *Cambiando Vidas* to protect and promote true scholarship, solid citizenship and the values of positive friendships. “A Cord of Three Strands is Very Strong”!



*One very happy example of parents, students and *CV* in partnership; of which there are many is Paola pictured here with mom Ophelia. She graduated from Secundaria in Las Varas this past June ... as Valedictorian! Paola is now doing very well in Prepa and is our new afternoon manager of the Learning Center. When parents and *CV* join hands, their student reaches the stars!*



## 🍎 *Ways to Give:*

*Each of the heartwarming stories above would be completely impossible w/o the consistent giving of our many special friends. Thanks to your faithful giving, **CV** has never been faced with saying no to a student who is working hard to “Deserve Their Dream”.*

### 🍎 **PayPal via link on the website:**

[www.cambiandovidasmexico.org](http://www.cambiandovidasmexico.org)

### 🍎 **Direct bank deposit, by transfer or wire:**

United States

Wells Fargo Bank

Account 6427225328

ABA for Wiring 121000248

c/o Cambiando Vidas

Mexico

Bancomer Bank

Account 0186055435

Clave 012568001860554351

c/o Suanne Connors Escobido

### 🍎 **Mail your check directly to:**

Cambiando Vidas

245 Mt. Hermon Rd.

PMB 312

Scotts Valley, CA 95066

EIN: 73-1668982

**Note:** Please donate early each year so we know in advance how to steward our funds.



***EBACH** at work or play ... they genuinely love being together ... BFF!*