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Thank you, thank you, thank you

Following the article from our Health Advisor, Barbara, in the last Newsletter regarding Ramon Batista's prosthetic leg, donations totalling over £1000 have been received and this will create a good fund to help Ramon now and in the future. Many thanks to everyone who so generously donated to this fund.

Our thanks go to the four Project Trust volunteers who have spent the last year working with COPA in the DR. Louise, Deborah, Cat and Claire have taught English and Art in the schools and worked with the special needs group (Claire has also helped Connie with the Youth groups). We thank them for all they have done and hope they have enjoyed their year in Bombita and La Hoya

Barbara and Damien left in August after spending 2 years in the DR. Barbara was the Health Advisor and Damien was responsible for site maintenance and sponsorship. The impact they have made has been tremendous and we thank them all their hard work and the difference they have made to people's lives.

Kate and Paul Colechin are standing down from the UK committee after 6 years. Kate was Chair of the committee for 3 years and Paul has set up and maintained the database of sponsors (a mammoth task) and has been Treasurer for the last 2 years. This doesn't cover the amount of work they have done for COPA, a complete edition of the newsletter would be needed for that! A huge thank you to both of you. We are pleased to say that Paul and Kate will still be helping with the work of COPA in many ways in the future.

Sponsorship Letters and Cards

The address for your letters and cards is:

Child's name and sponsorship number
Escuela de COPA (Bombita or La Hoya)
Apartado 42
BARAHONA
Dominican Republic

Please could you write your Name and address on the reverse of the envelope. This will help the volunteers when they are delivering the letters and cards to the children.



COPA news

Building caring Christian communities

Enclosed with this Newsletter is a large amount of reading matter relating to the work of COPA over the past year. The Chairperson's report from Jeanne Bergin sums up the main activities that have taken place so this newsletter will consist largely of a photo gallery of some of the recent events in the DR. This new size COPA news is a trial run. It is much more convenient for posting out but what do you think? Let me know at the AGM.

Pam Tovey - Editor

COPA UK AGM

When: Saturday, 13th October 2007 - 10.30am (coffee is served) for 11am start

Where: Lonsdale Methodist Church, Lonsdale Road, Gloucester

Why: To attend the AGM
To meet Connie DiLeo, the Project Director for COPA in the DR. Hear about the things that are made possible by your sponsorship
To hear from volunteers who have recently returned from the Dominican Republic - Chris Courth and John Leung
To see photographs and presentations of the work which has been carried out in Bombita and La Hoya
To meet with the UK Committee and other sponsors
To have lunch

Please come along and join us - you will be made very welcome

The Guernsey Branch of COPA

Speaker Evening Wednesday 3rd October (Please note new date)

At St. Joseph's Church Hall, La Couperderie, St Peter Port

6.30pm AGM - all welcome to attend

7.00pm Tea/Coffee

7.30pm Talk by Barbara Goppert, COPA Health Advisor 2005-2007

This promises to be a riveting evening! Please come and see the fruits of all your support. Barbara carried out amazing work to improve health standards in La Hoya and Bombita, whilst her husband, Damien, was responsible for site maintenance and administration. They are coming all the way from their new home in Lyon, France to meet you.

Bring your Friends and Family! It would be helpful if you could let us know if you are able to come; telephone Jenny Benjamin 247699 or Margaret Keeling 265200, or just turn up on the evening.

Visit the COPA website: www.copa.org.uk

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Pictured clockwise from the top left hand corner:
Students having lessons in the newly built shelter at the Trade rooms in Bombita
Students after the first wood work lesson held in Bombita
Toy making workshop being run by Alex from the USA
John Sandlin from the USA running a solar oven workshop
Graduation of 8th Grade in La Hoya. The procession from the park prior to the ceremony held at the school.
Students waiting anxiously for the ceremony to begin at the graduation of 8th Grade in Bombita
A day to remember as graduates pose for photographs after the ceremony in La Hoya Centre picture: graduation of Reception students in Bombita. All dressed up for the grand occasion

