

Activities for July 2009

Boys Ranch of St. James the Apostle, Yajalon Chiapas, Mexico

With the help of the students and their parents, we were able to weed the corn and bean fields along with area around the coffee plants. Only organic materials were used for the fumigation of the plants. Several college students joined in the project of cutting and storing firewood, cleaning the waste water processing area and trimming and protecting the citrus trees. We sold 7 piles of firewood for USD\$110 dollars.

In coordination with the Board of Directors of Yashalúm, we measured the property lines of the ranch to be able to register the property legally with the government. The cost for the measuring and legalization of the land will be USD\$3,500 dollars.

Thanks to a donation from the local government, we were able to build a wall on one side of the Palapa to protect the statues of the saints.

The celebration of the patron Saint, St. James, was a great success with much participation by the students and their families. (See Photos)

This was the month to check the service hours of the graduating students and to evaluate the applications for new students to the scholarship program. The new students sign a promise to give service and keep the rules of the house. Their parents also promise to give one day a month in service to the education program. The religious leaders of the village of origin send a letter of recommendation and promise to pray for their student during community religious services. Their pictures are taken to help find sponsors in the States.

Thanks to the help of the visitors from Arizona and the American School of London, We were able to pay for the installation and first month of Internet service at the Ranch.

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