Sister City Project reports success

TO THE EDITOR:

The Arlington-Teosinte Sister City Project is very happy to report that we had a successful delegation to our sister city in El Salvador. This past August, Rick Rabin from Arlington, and Gate West and John Portz from Watertown's sister city Tremedal, were able to go to the towns and meet with the villagers.

Both towns are near each other and are very supportive of each other. Teosinte resettled first, so they have helped Tremedal with food and encouragement. The same cooperation has happened here too. Arlington became a sister city before Watertown, and thus we were able to help them get started.

Our sister city was celebrating its second anniversary since its return to Teosinte from the Honduran Refugee Camps. The people were thrilled to have a representative from Arlington. Rick received a very warm welcoming including a fiesta and meetings with the town leaders. Rick is pleased to report that the people are doing well. Crops are planted, food is stored, medicine is available and people are fairly healthy. We sent medicine with Rick that was generously donated by Inman Pharmacy and collected by Dr. Rob Janett. The people were very grateful for the supplies, film, letters, drawings by our town children and toys. The children were thrilled to hear from our children. They love us and thank us for our help and our thoughtfulness. They in turn sent us beautiful drawings and a letter. They can't thank us enough.

Unfortunately the soldiers are still harassing the villagers. They confiscate food, and bomb near the people. The children are terrified, and this is reflected in their drawings. Most of the pictures include scenes of helicopters strafing the schoolyard and the fields. Our phone calls to congress help alleviate this when it is occurring. The people feel that they owe their lives to our help.

The Sister City Project will have a report back with Rick Rabin on Thursday, Oct. 25 at 7:30, at Sally Rogers' house on 47 Bartlett St., Arlington. Call Cindy Silver at 646-1071 for more information.

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