

Salud Juntos Winter 2011 Brigade to Punta de Ocote



Sunday 2 Jan 2011



Today was a travel day, starting at 0530 in Houston. We had easy travels to the airport and on to San Pedro Sula, arriving with our 5 bags of supplies.



Welcome back!

Notice the similarity?



We have been very fortunate with our travels thus far. All bags arrived, and we got through customs and immigration without any hitches. The glasses are being combined with about another 1000 pairs (give or take) that were down here- can we arrange another ALERT sorting for tomorrow?



First stop was lunch after leaving the airport, being joined by Dale Reiger and Franklin Ruiz, who will translate for us this Brigade.



Here is the electrical safety photo of the day. I like the "LUZ" signage.

We travelled the road for about 2 hours and arrived at the home of Ramon and Jessica, who left a soccer match to come greet

us.



Long time subscribers to these newsletters will not be surprised to hear that before we said hello to Christina, Jessica, and Ramon, we were greeted by –



JOSE! (hey what is he packing in that pocket?)

It was great to see everyone however briefly, but we needed to get moving as darkness was approaching, so onward to Yoro where our hotel awaited.



On the road to Punta Ocote, we couldn't help but notice this promising tourist trap in the making, a purported future internet café inside the second-story school bus. As the story goes, this intelligence was originally gathered during last year's brigade by our very own investigative Leslie Garay, MD.



Rosita Daily of ALERT. The sortings couldn't go on without her!! Tomorrow we'll start distributing the glasses we received from ALERT.

PHONE NUMBERS (dial from US)

- Dale 011 504 97 20 7749**
- Franklin 011 504 97 87 6997**
- Joe et al 011 504 97 27 8358**
- Hotel Marquez 011 504 671 2805**



We are very fortunate this year to be working with George Antunez. George was born in Yoro, Yoro, and will assist with translation throughout the week. Coincidentally, George moved to Tucson at age five to attend the Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and Blind. George was very curious to know if his favorite Tucson radio stations were still broadcasting!

EASTER EGG:

Find Ramon's House on Google Earth!

North 015 deg 11.711 min
West 087 deg 50.809 min

All our best,
Thiri, Matt, Pat, Joe

