

*New England Mission Center
Congregational Support Ministry*

Mission Flash

Mission Flash will be sent when a Mission related event happens around our Mission Center. This is to keep you up to date on the many exciting things that are happening in our congregations. Please make sure that a copy of this *FLASH* is posted on you congregational bulletin board.

Mission Flash #1

Feb 18, 2008

In January of 2008 twenty workers from the Chiapas Province of Mexico arrived in Lubec Maine to work in the local Sea Cumber processing plant. These workers are from a very poor part of this Yucatan Peninsular Province and come to Maine on work visas to make money to support their families in Mexico. Often these men leave home with no idea what local weather conditions will be in the places where they will be working.

In mid January I was contacted by the director of the Mano en Mano* office in Milbridge asking for assistance in getting clothes, specifically winter coats and boots, to help these workers during the bitter cold that we are experiencing this year. I contacted two of our congregations in Downeast Maine and they responded immediately. John Church of the Jonesport Congregation and Pastor Harold Tyler of the South Addison Congregation put the word out to their congregation and the response was life saving. Items were collected and delivered to the workers in Lubec. The leader of the group is a man named Francisco, he shared his appreciation and prayers for all the people that helped his people. There will be continuing needs as more and more men arrive in this very poor Maine town to help them have a successful harvest from the sea. I will keep you up dated on the progress of the assistance that we provide to these families.

*Mano en Mano or Hand in Hand is a local organization established to link Hispanic community members with essential health, education and social services.



Thank your for your help and support. If you would like more information on Mission activities of the New England Mission Center and *Mission Flash* please contact Arthur Emerson at Aemerson@CofChrist.org, 251 Masons Bay Rd, Addison, Me 04606 or call me at (207) 497-2618