

# Building Blocks Winter 2007

The Quarterly Newsletter of Community of Faith Ministries  
and our Related Programs

## 2007—Our Year in Review

“It was truly a year of incredible growth, joy and service,” said Chip Rumis, Chairman of Community of Faith Ministries, Inc. as he described the highlights of 2007.

CFM completed service projects in Mexico, Mississippi and ended the year looking in its own backyard for a rebuilding opportunity after the October Wildfires destroyed more than 1500 homes in

San Diego.

In March and April,



Galeana, MX

more than three dozen volunteers journeyed to the mountainous highlands of Mexico to a small village called Galeana. There, in four weeks, the volunteers rebuilt an

abandoned orphanage.

In August, about 40 volunteers made their way to Waveland/Bay St. Louis, MS where we



The Barbazon's new home with some volunteers.

braved 100 degree plus temps to build the Barbazon home.

## Looking Ahead to 2008

Santa Ana winds blew into San Diego County in October of 2007 creating another deadly series of wildfires.

More than 1500 homes burned, numerous people were injured, several died

and more than 500,000

people were evacuated.



Fire officials say more

than 369,000 acres burned. Just four years earlier, Santa Ana winds again scorched the area in what is known as the Cedar Fire.

CFM is interviewing families and handing out disaster assistance applications as we look for a pro-

ject in early 2008.

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### Five Questions:

- Am I Patient?
- Am I Humble?
- Am I Determined?
- Did I serve the Lord today?
- Did I tell my family I love them today?

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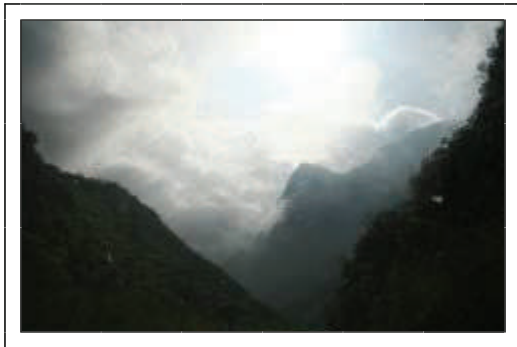
## Pictures from 2007



**Who we work for**



**Children in Galeana, MX**



**Glorious in Galeana**



**Pastor Mike on the Job!**



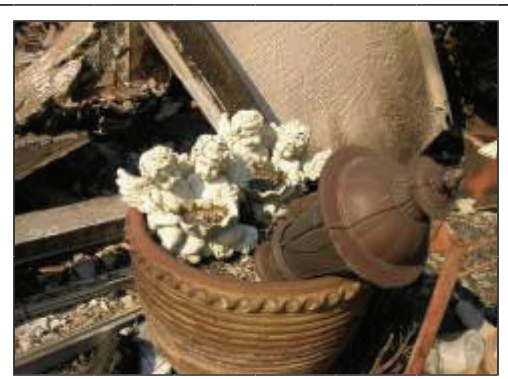
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**Good job CJ—just don't drop it!**



**Devastation in San Diego**



**Amazing what survives the fires**

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**The power of nature**

**Community of Faith Ministries, Inc. Balance Sheet as of 12/25/07**

**ASSETS**

Cash on Hand—\$37,777

Other Assets—\$49,000 estimated value (Trucks, Equipment Trailer, Tools, etc.)

Total Assets—\$86,777

**LIABILITIES**

None

**NET WORTH \$86,777**

Our 2006 IRS Form 990 is available at [www.community-of-faith-ministries.com](http://www.community-of-faith-ministries.com)

**Letter from Chip Rumis**

Dear Friends,

My goodness, how we have grown in just the last year.

What started as a simple act of service in our faith, has now grown to include volunteers and donors from around the country. In addition, we did our first international project this year.

As we have expanded, I am proud to tell you that financially we still put 100% of every donated dollar into our projects. A donor has blessed us by writing a check at year end for the last two years which covers all of our overhead. In

2006, that amount was \$3,600.

Looking back on 2007, I would have never thought we would now be searching for a rebuilding project in San Diego, where many of our volunteers and officers of the organization live. The October Wildfires forced Jean and I from our home [it survived] along with board member Steve Arnold, whose house suffered fire damage also, but ultimately survived. San Diego County was hit hard by the devastation and we hope to announce a project shortly.

**A Special "Thank You!" to our GREAT**

**volunteers from First Assembly of God and Living Waters United Methodist Church, of Lancaster, PA. They performed early work setting the posts on the Barbazon home in Mississippi. We missed thanking them in our Fall**



**Newsletter.**

I'd like to leave you with a wonderful verse a good friend shared with me that he and his wife attached to little Christmas stockings they give out each year, "Be the Change You Wish to See in the World."

Blessings, Chip & Jean.