



# MEMO Cuba Summer Report



MEMO Cuba Newsletter  
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It has been a long time, but here I am at last to let you know what has transpired in the "adventures of MEMO".

In January we wrote a brief note to say we were not successful in our CIDA application, but were going to get more information on the reasons. We also said we would have our volunteers proceed with building and equipping our new mobile breast screening clinic, and we did.

## Travelling Trials

The large warehouse we now have access to (as we pay for the utilities for the building) is such a blessing and has made the construction of the mobile clinic possible during the cold winter weather. By February 10<sup>th</sup> the mobile clinic was ready to ship and our volunteers were gratified with their success. I think it is beautiful!



All the costs of building and equipping (mammography unit etc.) have been covered. The plan then was for Jerome to travel to Cuba to be sure all was ready; site prepared, staff to run it, oversight arranged to ensure it would be equally successful as the one in Placetas which has been operating for over two years, obtain Aurora's input etc. He would also consult with directors of all the hospitals we now work with to learn of any problems or needs. Ticket was purchased for the flight and we were waiting for the arrival of the D1 visas, when the Cuban government notified us that no shipments could be sent and no trips

made until the end of April because of the visit of the Pope in April. (I could not understand why they would choose the Pope over Jerome but he cancelled his flight.)

We continued to receive calls to pick up donations of wheelchairs, hospital beds and other valuable equipment. Our warehouse is filling up!



We had several warnings from time to time during the last few months of a possible sale of the Simpson St. warehouse building to keep us praying, but so far it has not materialized.

### New Volunteer

We are happy to have a new volunteer to help us with fundraising and are encouraged by all reports and information received to plan once again to reapply for a CIDA grant. That will be so helpful as we have enough (when including the mammography trailer) to fill four

ocean containers with valuable lifesaving equipment. But as so often seems to be the case we are once again in need of donations from those whose hearts have been moved to join us in MEMO.

I have sometimes thought over the last few months that our lives are described well in the expression "hurry up and wait". So while we wait, the application for D1 visas and shipping of containers are being sent, planning for a trip for Jerome to travel with our videographer



"Say cheese!"

for consultations in late June or July and sharing our work and our needs are all on the agenda. The reality is that at this time *we do not have money for shipping the next container*. We have had a serious drop in donations over the last year and will need to see an increase in financial donations or stop collecting the valuable supplies we are offered until

our present inventory has been shipped.

I like to pause occasionally and look back on all that has happened in MEMO over the last eight years and then go forward expecting to see more MEMO miracles. I hope you will join us in whatever way you can (you will know what that might be).

Blessings,

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