

December 30, 2009

Dear friends in Laurel Galan,

It is hard to believe that it has been five months since we were with you all. We were all relieved to hear that you got some rain and we hope that the crops were saved.

Our Partnership Committee has been very busy. We are meeting once a month. We are trying to think of ways to increase our church members' participation in the Partnership Committee here at Peace Lutheran Church.

In November, as you may know, we read the names of all who are graduating from High School in Laurel Galan and collected donations. Allison Winter was wearing a traditional graduation "cap and gown" as she read the names during our worship service. We all are very excited for all the graduates and their families. We know all the graduates worked so hard and this accomplishment is great. Education is the best gift anyone can receive. We hope you enjoyed the "Graduation Party in a Box" that we sent you.

We had our "El Mercado" fundraiser in November as well. We are hoping to sell some more in December. Last weekend, we had our Thanksgiving celebration with turkey. This allowed us to have a 4 day break from work.

How is your community garden coming along? Have you decided where and what you will plant? What kind of plants will you plant? We are excited to hear what you are doing. Karl and I tried to plant a winter garden this year. So far, our cabbage is getting big, but not making a "head" - just lots of leaves! We also planted broccoli and cauliflower, but I am unsure how this will grow. We always have a summer garden, but this is our first attempt at a winter garden. Christy is still composting!

We hope everyone in Laurel Galan had a blessed Christmas celebration. We were united with you in thoughts and prayers during the holidays. May God bless you all, and may the blessings of Christmas brighten your lives in the New Year 2010.

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The Peace Partnership Committee