

Pack the Pantry 2009

Dear friend,

I pray that you and your loved ones are being blessed by our Heavenly Father. So many things have happened in the Colegio Biblico family since I wrote to you last year.

A group of 14 students graduated this May and are already in Mexico, Nicaragua and the United States ministering in various capacities. We also had a wonderful Bilingual Convention the last weekend in February, in which all of us who attended enjoyed great sermons, great music and touching testimonies.

Last year in June, a grand celebration took place for the 70 years of marriage of Colegio founders, Frances and Harland Cary. It was a joyful time when family, friends and graduates gathered to congratulate them and show their love and appreciation. Sadly, a few months later we said our good-byes to Mrs. Cary; Frances went to be with our Father. It was a celebration of a life well lived, serving our Lord faithfully and caring for others in many ways.

One way Frances cared for the students here at Colegio was through the Pack the Pantry program she started, and I now strive to keep alive. This program exists to ensure our students and their children have three meals a day during the school year.

The 2008-2009 school year ended with a \$14,183.59 Pack the Pantry Fund deficit. Restricted Funds are usually closed when empty. However, since we have to continue feeding our students, this money was borrowed from the General Fund and needs to be replaced. We certainly need your generous help and your prayers.

Will you help us Pack the Pantry so we can feed the students and their children? **For only \$608 you can feed one student during one semester.** It is my prayer that you will respond to this great need, especially during these difficult times. May our loving Father continue to bless you in all ways, always.

In His service,
Carmen Mercado