

## Rummage Sale Set for February 15<sup>th</sup>

The annual Americas Foundation Rummage sale has been rescheduled from December, 2002 to February 15, 2003. We're still looking for donations of salable items in good, clean condition.

Wanda de Renoard is coordinating the rummage sale and can be reached at (619) 669-1252 or [wandashomes@cox.net](mailto:wandashomes@cox.net). Drop offs can be made at 898 Second Ave. in Chula Vista, CA 91911 where the sale is to be held. Pat and Duane Anderson can be contacted at (760) 480-1014 for North County donations.

We will also need help the week of February 10<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> to organize, price and sell items. Proceeds will go directly to help pay teacher costs at the La Esperanza schools and construction materials.

## Open Source Software running in Colonia La Esperanza

The internet laboratory with 23 computers built by Lee Quessenberry is now running free open source software thanks to the inspiration of the MyGreyCat.com group. The powerful Mozilla/Netscape/Phoenix Web browser and Open Office software (which replaces the more virus susceptible MicroSoft Office) are now installed on all the computers .



*Profr. Jose Andrade married former La Esperanza Kindergarten teacher Carla Franco Fall, 2001*

Profr. Jose Andrade is teaching the children during the week and adults on the weekend to use this software which they can freely copy and install on other computers.

DSL is now available through the telephone in

Colonia La Esperanza. We would like to install this system which costs around \$100 US dollars per month on a network of donated computers at the kindergarten . We are still looking for ten more higher power IBM computers for the kindergarten and first grade students .

Check out our website [www.americasfoundation.net](http://www.americasfoundation.net) for latest photos and events calendar. Send us your email address to join our e-list!

## UCSD Architecture Alumni Visit La Esperanza during Tenth Reunion

Ten years ago the First and Only UCSD Architecture graduate students design built the trellis structure over the office/stage area of Colegio La Esperanza, under the direction of former Jersey Devil architect Steve Badanes and James Brown. This August, the UCSD Architecture alumni and faculty celebrated a tenth reunion organized by Meea Kang that featured hors d'oeuvres at the Salk Institute and a visit to Colegio La Esperanza for graduates who travelled from as far away as New York City and Japan.

It was great to see Meea, Adele Santos, the Godfather of Soul and friends!



### A Wonderful Christmas Celebration!

Thanks to the efforts of Jessie Meacham and her chief elf Chuck, all the students and staff of the La Esperanza schools received a personal Christmas present. The Americas Foundation would like to thank all the 2002 Christmas gift donors.

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