

DDC Supply Management Specialist Speaks to Kiwanis Club Members

Grace Huston, DDC Supply Management Specialist, met with the Kiwanis Club in Escalon, CA, to tell them about the Defense Distribution Center (DDC) and provide information about DDC's operations and initiatives to support the Warfighter.

In addition to the 23 club members, attendees also included guests from communities neighboring Defense Distribution Depot San Joaquin, CA (DDJC), DDC's west coast strategic distribution platform.

Huston also encouraged audience members, comprised mostly of teachers and school counselors, to promote the employment opportunities available through the numerous programs and internships within the Defense Logistics Agency to their students.

As part of a new Kiwanis Club program, DDC was the first organization to donate a book to a local school library on behalf of the guest speaker at the Kiwanis Club meeting. The first book donated, *A Cricket in Times Square*, was presented to the Dent Elementary School Library.

DDPH Supports America Recycles Day

By HMC Edgar Dimagiba, SC, USN, DDPH

Employees of Defense Distribution Depot Pearl Harbor, HI (DDPH) demonstrated their continuing support of recycling programs by filling yet another recycling bin on America Recycles Day.

All DDPH personnel are highly encouraged to use recycling receptacles within their respective office and operational spaces. Revamping their Command Recycling Program in 2004, a new policy was put in place in conjunction with an expansion of collection receptacles. Recyclable material containers were made available facility-wide for corrugated cardboard, office paper, aluminum, and scrap metal.

"Recycling just makes sense," said DDPH employee Helga Kahl.

Recycling programs are needed to comply with regulations, avoid excess disposal costs, meet DOD waste reduction goals, and raise money for regional recycling initiatives and morale and welfare programs.

"DDPH is proud to have contributed enough recycled materials in 2004 to raise more than \$25,000 in funds for the Regional Recycling Center," said CDR Joe Vitelli, SC, USN, DDPH Commander.



HM3 Annel Eustaquio and SK3 James Drawdy prepare the recycled cardboards for pick up.

Missionary Work Takes DDRV's Moss to Brazil

Muriel Moss, Defense Distribution Depot Richmond, VA (DDRV) Office Services Assistant, and nine other volunteers from the Faith Alive International Ministries of Richmond, VA, traveled to Salvador, Brazil, last Dec. to attend a Ministry Conference and improve the school there.

The group met their counterparts at the *Fe Viva Ministerio Internacional* (Faith Alive International Ministries of Brazil). The pastor of Moss' church, Dr. Steve A. Parson, Sr., also established sister churches in Brazil and Washington, D.C.

"I had the opportunity to meet and talk with the children that attend our school there and the volunteer workers," Moss said. "We painted the school and also attended church services there," Moss said. "We carried seven large boxes of toys with us, which we

sorted, wrapped, and gave to the children for Christmas.

"The hardest part was seeing the conditions in which they live," Moss said. "In Brazil, they do have public schools, but it's not the best education. They have to pay for public transportation to get to and from school. If they don't have the money for transportation, they don't go to school. You see, in Brazil, you are either rich or poor, there is no in between. That's why we go - to help provide them with a future and hope, to show them they can be law abiding citizens living fruitful and productive lives."

Moss said the best part was "being there and showing them that Jesus is faithful. Just letting the people know that we care and are concerned about their well being. They see our faithfulness to them and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We not only blessed them, they also blessed us in a mighty way.

"The children prepared a program to show us how grateful and thankful they were for what we were doing for them," Moss said. "The children sang, danced, prayed, and just loved on us. The program was really blessed. It still brings tears to my eyes just thinking about them. You just want to bring them all home with you.

"We're working on a program to adopt families in Brazil," Moss said, "where you can send donations to provide for their needs. That's going to be awesome. Just to see the smiles on their faces says so much.



Muriel Moss with some of the children that attend Fe Viva school.



Some of the children that attend the Fe Viva school in their uniforms provided by Moss's church.

"The Missions Ministry prayed and asked God for favor. God moved on our behalf and provided every need and desired for the trip," Moss said. "It is such a joy working unto the Lord and fulfilling the mission that he has prepared us to do."

This was Moss' second trip to Brazil and she will go back. "Most definitely I will be going back to Brazil," Moss said. "This is a yearly trip for our Missions Team. I also have a desire to go to Africa and wherever the Lord sends me. I love people and enjoy



This building stands on the land given to Fe Viva by Brazil. The building will be torn down to build a larger school.

doing for and helping all that I can."

"In 1996, Dr. Steve A. Parson, Sr., traveled to Brazil. The vision of Brazil started to unfold," for Parson, Moss' pastor. "Starting with 36 people willing to travel to Brazil to claim the land, the Brazilian ministry flourished. Professionals in the community also volunteer legal services, social work skills, and community work to assist in developing the church, and school project."

The group stayed at the Ministry and Guest House in Salvador Bahia. "The Ministry House has the best chefs in the world. Some of the dishes were baked and barbecued chicken, sausage links, fried bananas, beef kabobs, white rice, shrimp, cornmeal porridge, *couve* (collard greens), potato salad, mashed potatoes, fish stew, eggs,

salad with heart of palms, *feijoada*s (black beans). We also had *Pao de Queijo* (Cheese Bread), *Pao de Sal* (French bread), and *Cafe' Pilano* (coffee).

"The chefs also prepared fresh fruit and fruit drinks daily," Moss said. "We had maracuja, agua de coco, guarana, acerola, passion fruit, mango, papaya, coconut, melons, and pineapple. For dessert we had chocolate pound cake, cheese cakes, pies, sweet breads and ice cream made from the fruits on the fruit trees there. All of the dishes were very, very, very good."

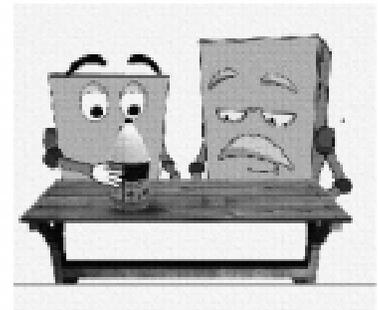
Moss said that the Government of Brazil has donated more than 4,000 sq. ft. of land to build a school complex for the children of Brazil. "The school complex, outside of Salvador area, will bring ministry and education to hundreds of Brazilian children," Moss said. "As Brazil continues to develop, we will continue to pray for the people of Brazil to come into the saving knowledge of



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our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." Moss and her church family at Faith Alive International Ministries invite all interested parties to come, join and support them in being a part of the great work that is happening in Brazil.

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