

## NVON Project in Common

Stitches For Survival 2006-2007

<u>2006 Objective:</u> Sent sewing supplies to the **native Tarahumara Indians in Mexico** to be used for making marketable and personal items.

2007 Objective: Sent sewing kits to support International Disaster Areas.

NVON's "STITCHES FOR SURVIVAL" International project for 2006-2007 has successfully ended. The first phase was the Tarahumara Indian Project. Members collected beads, lace, hand needles, scissors, thread, bias tape, pins and colorful cotton or blended cotton material to send to the Tarahumara Indians in Mexico. The Tarahumara Indian Project phase was put on hold halfway through 2006 due to the overwhelming response of members in collecting sewing items for the Tarahumara Indian women use. At the close of the phase over 143,900 items had been collected. That total included over 3,500 yards of material and supplies to be used in making useful articles for their families/and or for sale to supplement the family income.

The next phase of the project was supporting International Disaster Areas through the United Methodist Church. This project accepted sewing kits to be sent to any area that has suffered disaster. Sewing kits included 3 yards of cotton or cotton-blend, solid color or print fabric, a pair sewing scissors, a package of needles, spool of thread, and 5-8 matching buttons. A total of 162 kits were reported being sent. Thanks to all who made the 'STITCHES FOR SURVIVAL" project a success.



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