

# Points of Connection

## Northwest Mennonite Conference Newsletter

June 2009

### El Salvador Project

It has been a year since we told you about the Project that NWMC is supporting in El Salvador. What was once just a dream is taking shape!

Partnering with the Spanish Mennonite Church in Red Deer and Pastor Ciro Serrano of the Calgary Hispanic Church, we are working to help the people of the village of Aleman.

The goal has been to build a church, help the women find work by providing the facilities for a bakery and sewing room, and assist the men to get into vegetable and animal farming. The El Salvador Government will train the men to raise animals and do egg production.

The good news is that they are presently building a facility that will house the church, bakery and sewing room. Pastor Ciro was in El Salvador in April and has seen the progress. Also, they now have land in neighboring El Eden, 10 km. away, which will be suitable for farming.



The Church at work.

Present Church Facility



Pastor Ramon Monterrosa has been traveling from San Salvador for several years to preach in Aleman. He is excited about the progress being made. The church that began with 3 adults and 30 kids now has about 28 families. These people are providing the labor for the building.

#### Auction!

The Red Deer Church is planning an auction as a fund-raiser for the project. We invite all our Northwest Churches to support this fundraiser. There are a number of ways you can do this: donate items to be sold, donate money or your time to help on the day of the auction, or come and buy some good used items! The auction is planned for August 8/09 in Red Deer. The location is still to be determined. Check our website ([nwmc.ca](http://nwmc.ca)) for updated information. If you wish to donate goods, or have questions, contact Anita Diaz at 403-352-5580, or Evelyn Ramirez at 403-755-6816.

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Lighthouse Fellowship

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