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FOLLOW-UP VISIT OF THE WARRIORS FOR PEACE ACADEMY IN COOPERATION WITH THE HELP FOR PEACE

Departure was a bit delayed since Dr. Richard Kochoa has to come from hospital duty. The group left the center past 8:00 in the morning of February 29, 2008. This schedule was too early for our second monthly visit because Dr. Kochoa's availability is only on this date.



As usual, everybody was very excited to practice with the community in the south. Arrival in the hinterlands was around 1300 hrs of February 29. We were advised that the road going there was very muddy due to the heavy rainfall but we tried the trail anyway.



The truck has to be parked far from the village since the road was really muddy and slippery. Everyone started walking instead for about one and a half hour to reach the site. Our barefoot physician, Dr. Kochoa, president of HELP for Peace (Health Professionals for Peace), was also in a hurry to visit and meet the community.

When we arrived in the site, the weather was not cooperating. It was raining hard and the visibility was very limited due to thick fog.



There was no session that afternoon upon our arrival since it was raining really hard. To utilize the time, Dr. Kochoa discussed with the elders certain issues regarding their health. Doubts on the purpose of the HELP for Peace Program, as well as our expectations from them and their involvement on the activities that will be initiated were also brought up.



Early the next day, at around 5:00 AM, the “warriors” decided to practice with the villagers outdoor since the weather was nice and cool.





A future decision maker in the community, this boy was observing and listening from afar what was being discussed by the elders with the Help for Peace and Warriors for Peace coordinators.

Dr. Kochoa, together with the elders of the village, discussed the very purpose of his visit and how he can be of help to the community when it comes to basic health care.

