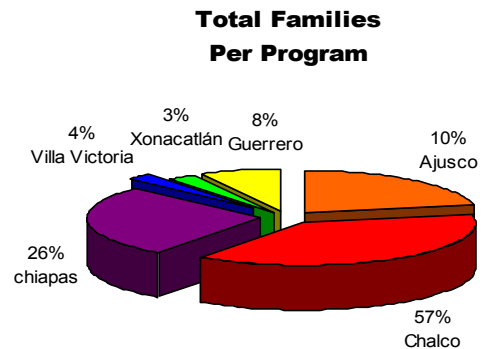


Amextra, A.C. Annual Report 2004

It is with great joy that we present the 2004 annual report. It has been a year of much consolidation in aspects such as training, holistic transformation, fundraising and staff and financial stability. We confirm that the general situation of Amextra is good; full of challenges and a lot of work for 2005. In the diverse projects we have gone from serving 5,570 families in 2003 to **5,697 families in 2004**, from 58 communities in 2003 to **67 communities in 2004** and from 79 local promoters in 2003 down to **71 local promoters in 2004**.

Region	Families	Communities	Promoters
Ajusco	1237	8	22
Chalco	2177	12	33
Chiapas	1565	29	20
Guerrero	428	7	2
Villa Victoria	130	9	10
Xonacatlán	160	2	2
Total	5,697	67	89



1. Ajusco



- The teachers have continued training in order to provide better care for the children.
- Parents have continued training in the early childhood stimulation program in order to constructively work and play with their children at home.
- Through the generosity of friends and the parents we have been able to make

improvements on the facilities and also been able to bring back old traditions and values of parental participation in many activities.

- The participants in the English and computer classes are very committed and enjoy seeing the results from their hard work.
- The High School Entrance Exam Prep Class helped 14 adolescents prepare for the exam. They used the daycare center on Saturdays and Sundays and the specialized teachers donated a percentage of their earnings to the Ajusco programs.
- The teachers continue to pray with the children on a regular basis.
- The savings and loan program has increased its number of participants and loans.
- Pared, the anti-violence program, has continued working in the daycare and in elementary and junior high schools to reduce family violence through workshops for children, parents and teachers.
- Pared also finished a basic level seminar for the formation of facilitators from which 8 people graduated.
- 433 private therapy sessions were offered to 55 people and the team grew from 2 psychologists to 4 throughout the year.

2. Chalco

- We have a new program coordinator who will begin his responsibilities for Chalco and the new project, Lomas de San Isidro, in January 2005.
- The Elementary and Junior High Education for Adults is a government sponsored program that benefits people from the community who could no longer participate in the formal education program. They meet weekly from 10:00am to 1:00pm.
- 2 levels of English classes are imparted by a volunteer 5 days a week.
- The daycare center currently has four educating mothers, a cook and a coordinator, and is open from 7:30am to 7:00pm.
- The educating mothers undergo constant training offered by specialized institutions and the classes are based on motivating development and early childhood stimulation.
- We lend our facilities for a beauty school in the afternoons in order to help students learn a productive activity that they can apply directly to their lives and help them earn an income.
- We offer an optometry service in the center which offers accessible prices to the community.
- The dentist offers her services from 11:00am to 4:00pm. The consultation prices depend on each patient's economic resources.
- Two people from the community continue to produce recycled paper which they sell to visitors and to Amextra for special events.
- The bakeries continue to provide employment for 17 people.
- The microfinance program continues to be the largest of our three regions and is also providing business training to the participants.
- The staff teams meet every Friday morning for a Bible study and it has grown so large with the participation of community members that they have begun a second study on Saturday mornings also.



3. Chiapas

- Leaders from local churches were trained and planted 890 fruit-bearing trees.
- 940 chickens, 4000 tomato plants and 2000 jalapeño chilies were delivered to women who have been participating in the project.
- 5 deacon training seminars, a planning workshop, 2 project evaluations, 3 workshops for the facilitators and 1 retreat were held to form staff and participants in holistic transformation principles.
- Women from the communities have continued buying chickens and are successful in fattening them; others have been able to purchase eggs in order to grow baby chicks. These



women have a goal to continue working on this project because they are seeing results and also do not have any other source of income.

- The women are vaccinating their chickens and teaching others how to take care of their birds.
- The 2 computers that were donated to two communities are in good state and the young students are using them to do their homework.

4. Guerrero

- We saw great success and results from this rural project as planned at the beginning of the year. Amextra has now left the area in hands of the Central Mennonite Committee and will not be continuing in the coming year.



5. Villa Victoria

- We built 99 corrals for livestock production.



- 4 of the 5 local groups have been legally organized and registered.
- 211 producers received technical support for their agricultural production.
- The Savings and loan program is just being developed in this area and some groups have already advanced in savings.
- The training aspects have emphasized basic agricultural production, organizational development, holistic ministry in local churches, gender values, and savings and loan principles.

6. Xonacatlán

- The full-time staff and volunteers have participated in reflections about the Amextra's mission and prayer times.
- The 3 to 5 year old children hear short Bible stories every Friday.
- At the end of the school year we all went to a camp. The children had a good time, especially because many of them don't have the opportunity to go on vacations with their parents. During these two days we had reflections on life values and we worked on the children respecting themselves and developing relationships with others.
- We changed locations since the one that we were at was too small and we are enjoying our new space.
- We began the new school year with the homework project and working with little children on early childhood stimulation.
- We continue to motivate involvement from local churches by visiting them and distributing a newsletter every month to keep them updated on our activities and to share an article of interest.



7. Savings and Loan Program



Indicator in US Dollars	1 Quarter	2 Quarter	3 Quarter	4 Quarter
Total amount of savings	\$315,785.56	\$356,835.67	\$409,074.57	\$412,960.53
Number of people saving	3,260	3,480	3009	3,346
Average amount saved	\$96.86	\$102.53	\$135.94	\$123.41
Number of solidarity groups	259	274	292	315
Generated interest	\$26,487.39	\$34,012.19	\$34,280.39	\$39,192.26
Total amount of money loaned out	\$583,296.15	\$1,171,012.21	\$1,825,108.85	\$2,629,655.86
Amount of money currently loaned out	\$560,395.17	\$637,604.37	\$692,387.09	\$838,287.31
Total number of loans	9,422	10,771	12,102	14,612
Number of active loans	2,027	1,975	2,152	2,242
Average loan amount	\$276.4	\$301.97	\$301.97	\$340.66

8. Looking ahead into 2005.

- Holistic formation of staff teams and their pastoral accompaniment.
- Further development of the Holistic Transformation, Communication, Training and Peace Education areas.
- Develop training models and materials.
- Improve operational and managerial systems.
- Maintain a positive financial balance in the organization.
- Build a solid and strong foundation for the new program in Lomas de San Isidro.

