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Dear Friends,

Bob and I are back in Colombia until November 24. I am meeting with ASODISPIE and FANDIC to view the progress in their programs and to discuss joint initiatives for 2009. Bob will be traveling to La Guajira to follow up on the Rotary to Rotary water filter project that began with his filter workshop in May and is planning to give another filter workshop, this time in Santander.

We have a few pictures to show you regarding activities with our respective groups.

**ASODISPIE, Association of Disabled People of Piedecuesta, Santander**



ASODISPIE now has a dedicated space to wheelchair construction. Jorge (left picture), the designer and constructor of sports wheelchairs, has an order of three special chairs for table tennis. He is under the gun to get them finished before he leaves to compete in a national basketball competition. The wheelchair construction business is small but it does require dedicated hours from several people. Gilberto (right photo) is one of those people and his job, at the moment, is to clean up the welds.



ASODISPIE's painting project is in its first year. It is so popular that they had to split the group into two. The progress the children have made was made very evident to me as I compared the art work of several months ago with the work they are doing now. I selected some of their paintings to bring home with me as I'd like to get the opinion of people in Calgary's art community regarding the potential of this program.

## FANDIC, Foundation Friends of Disabled Children for their Integration into the Community, Bucaramanga



Bob & I participated in FANDIC's annual Disability Day parade along with Moms, kids, family members, students and volunteers. A band from a local high school led us down the main street to FANDIC, where the dance group performed three dances for family and friends. The girls on the right draw awareness to disability rights with their signs that say: health, love, education, peace and assistance.



Olga Lucia Santamaria, President of FANDIC, is introducing a new game called Boccio. It is like lawn bowling except it is played on pavement. The boy in the picture used a ball ramp to throw his ball and as you can see, his first try fell off the ramp. He did better on the second try and gained an appreciative hug from his team mate.

### Rotary to Rotary Filter Project in La Guajira



Bob gave a workshop on the construction of the BioSand water filter to a group of 14 people from the Wayuu tribe and members of the Cerrejon Rotary Club. Since then, they have built 20 filters and distributed them to needy families. The filters, painted a pretty blue with the Rotary Logo on each one, were transported by truck to individual homes (picture on the right).