

December 2021 – Poverty Relief Report.

Over this last year we have delivered items to Misión Cristiana Moderna on over 100 occasions and were instrumental in the donation of 10 much needed second-hand wheelchairs.

There have been cash donations of 570 euros which were given direct to the mission. This included the money raised by the children of St Francis Xavier school in Hereford with their candle sale, and donations for 'Naming the bears' kindly knitted by the ladies in Loughborough.

We have spent 1400 Euros on 238 bags of food, and have taken

765 bags of clothes and bedding, making a total of 1002 bags in all.

We continue to work closely with Twinkle Trust to swap items any household they can sell at the flea market for clothing. This year this has included –

3 x pushchairs, 1 pram, 3 x car seats and a play pen; 200 DVD's and 3 x DVD players, a play station with games, a set of golf clubs, 2 x hoovers and 3 x microwaves and 2 x televisions!

Due to the covid restrictions the refugees are now being housed in a hotel in Caleta de Fuste, where they are quarantined and are in the care of the Red Cross before being moved onto the mainland.

The mission continues to feed the poor and needy on the Island of which the numbers continue to increase. Many have lost their homes after losing jobs during lockdown where they have been unable to keep up with rent and bill payments.

For instance, we have a lady called Ana who begs at Lidl in Caleta, she has an 8yro son and mother living with her. We took her to the mission to find out what her status was. It transpires she receives 80 euros a month from the Red Cross to cover her rent (at that price it has to be exceedingly basic) she also receives a basic food package at the beginning of each month – but no meat / fish or fresh items, and no cash. It appears she has been stranded; her husband having left the Island; therefore, she has no papers, no way forward and no job prospects. We have been able to help her occasionally with extra items, but she is only one of many.

We hope to be able to continue not increase our gifts of love this year, there are so many people who are in need, not least of which are children.

Lynne & Sue