



### **KATRINA RELIEF FROM DISTRICT 5220**

PDG Dave Gallagher was working with several Rotary clubs to purchase a mobile medical clinic from Emmanuel Medical Center (EMC) in Turlock to send to the areas ravaged by hurricane Katrina. Then Dave received a phone call informing him that EMC had decided to donate the \$70,000-value van to District 5220.

The 2002 Winnebago mobile home, complete with patient exam rooms and storage space for medical equipment and supplies, was outfitted with medical equipment by Mike Keckler of Keckler Medical Supplies. The funds originally donated by area Rotary Clubs are now being used for operating costs of the mobile medical clinic, such as replenishing medical

supplies, and to help victims with special needs. Three Rotarians, Sid Loshier, Tom Muñoz, and Gary Boudreaux, drove the van to Hattiesburg, Mississippi, a city about 90 minutes away from New Orleans. The Rotary Club there worked jointly with other local clubs to provide medical care in the area

### **MATCHING GRANT FOR CLEAN WATER**

A matching grant project initiated by the North Stockton Rotary will provide clean water for many Mayan families in the departments of Alta Verapaz and El Peten, Guatemala by providing minimal-maintenance rainwater systems. There is no running water in this area; no electricity and no telephone; just one-room huts with dirt floors.

Since there is no available clean water in the area, Mayan women walk three kilometers or more to get fresh water for the family, a routine that is repeated every day throughout the year. Clean water is a very important benefit to the Mayans and will reduce water-borne illnesses such as diarrhea and dysentery in children.



### **BOSNIA MISSION**

*from an article by Diana Barden, Madera Rotary*—Madera Rotarian Jane Wiebe has taken her 11th humanitarian trip to Bosnia funded this year with the help of her organization “Help is On The Way” and donations from the Rotary Clubs of Atwater, Lodi, Oakhurst Sierra, Madera, Madera Sunrise, and Sonora Sunrise. Jane spent her days in the little villages of Bosnia visiting and helping families in need. She comforted a family of children who had lost their mother in an accident. She gave them clothing and had long talks with the 11-year-old daughter. She spent time with many other families providing for their needs and offering her friendship. “How



little it takes here to bring joy to these people”, Jane adds.

Jane revisited the world famous 16<sup>th</sup> century stone Mostar Bridge that was destroyed during the war. This was no ordinary bridge. It was a priceless piece of architecture. It represented all that Bosnia was. With the incredible help of Rotary and two other organizations, this bridge has been fully restored. The restoration has brought healing to this distraught country. “It was an emotional and moving moment to see this bridge once again complete,” says Jane.

