



Fighting hunger with **Fuel Up** at Perry Harrison Elementary School. Cans of spaghetti and meatballs, beef stew, green beans, chicken, tuna, packages of granola bars and trail mix are packed in back packs every week for food insecure children to take home for the weekend. Last November Chapel in the Pines heard that four children were on the waiting list to receive **Fuel Up** back packs. This means that those four children might be at home hungry on the weekends without sponsorship for them in the **Fuel Up** program. Our church stepped in to sponsor the four children for one quarter of the school year with a donation of \$500.

Perry Harrison is in Chatham County. It's in our neighborhood. Hunger in our neighborhood is more common than we may think. For more information about **Fuel Up** visit [www.fuelupkids.ch2v.com](http://www.fuelupkids.ch2v.com)

# CASA MATERNA

*Ana Sayre* Cahabon, Guatemala

Imagine what it would be like to be pregnant and it soon will be time for your baby to be born. You have to walk along the dirt road about seven miles to the nearest health clinic. Imagine that you get to the clinic and they say there is no room in the clinic for you unless you are just minutes away from giving birth. You are exhausted from walking. You think to yourself, "Where do I go?" Your mind is filled with worries for your baby. For the birth. For your own self. The Casa Materna, started by a former Presbyterian Mission Co-worker, Anne Sayre who served with CEDEPCA (the Protestant Center for Pastoral Studies in Central America), provides a safe place to stay in Cahabon, Guatemala for pregnant mothers while they wait to be admitted to the nearby health clinic.

The Casa is currently moving ahead with constructing a new kitchen and a dining room because the ones that they have been using are about the size of closets. They are also hoping to add a second story over the dining room so they can add more beds. When the women come to the Casa, the women's husbands usually stay with them. Right now, the Casa has run out of room and can no longer welcome the husbands. A second floor would increase the number of beds in the Casa plus provide space for visiting medical teams and work groups.

