



Most of the 23 wheelchairs, 2 walkers, one pair of crutches and one pair of walking canes delivered free of charge were for policemen in passive duty who served the country for over 25 years.

One of them was seventy-year old first sergeant Mario Buenaño from the Milagro canton. He mentioned belonging to the institution for 25 years while feeling grateful because he needed a

wheelchair due to kidney failure, diabetes and other illnesses which make his legs unable to bear his weight. "With this chair my family will feel relief when moving me to the dialysis center I attend three times a week" he commented.

Like his, various stories came together in a moving performance by main authorities such as commander Tanya Varella who singled out her gratefulness to la Junta de Beneficencia for this donation to those who have extended their services to society. "At present we will continue the work so that you can improve your quality of life" she pointed out referring to the beneficiaries.

Sgt. Ronald Garcia, a member of the Unit of attention to disabled policemen spoke on behalf of beneficiaries. His emotive words of gratefulness ended with the phrase "For many this help will only be a wheelchair or a walking cane but for those of us stricken with disability it represents our limbs, our independance and the opportunity of a better quality of life".

Eng. Eduardo Romero, Donations Inspector for la Junta de Beneficencia de Guayaquil recalled that the institution upkeeps a permanent mobility implements donation program for disabled persons at a national level in agreement with the Jesus Christ Church of latter Day Saints which in the present year, come to a total of 1022 wheelchairs, 96 walkers, 149 walking canes, 79 mechanically driven pet cars, and 174 crutches which have helped to mobilize persons.