



Embudo Presbyterian Church Manse Re-dedication

October 23, 2011



Brooklyn Cottage Hospital - 1914



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GATHERING AND OPENING PRAYER

HYMN: Surely the Presence of the Lord is in the Place

Insert

SCRIPTURE READING: from PSALM 121

Listen now to the promise given by the Psalmist of the one who watches over this house,² Our help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth. ³ God won't let our feet slip. Our protector won't fall asleep on the job. ⁴ No! Israel's protector never sleeps or rests! The LORD is our shade right beside us. ⁶ The sun won't strike us during the day; neither will the moon at night. ⁷ The LORD will protect us from all evil; God will protect our very life. ⁸ The LORD will protect us on our journeys—whether going or coming—from now until forever from now.

HOUSE DEDICATION

We dedicate this home to love and understanding. May its joys and sorrows be shared and the individuality of each person who lives and visits here be appreciated. We light a candle to love.

We dedicate this home to work, rest and play. May it be filled with joy and good fellowship, with kindness and laughter inside its walls. We light a candle to joy.

We dedicate this home to friendship. May its doors open in companionship and its windows look out with kindness toward other homes. We light a candle to hospitality.

We dedicate this home to cooperation. May its duties be performed in love, may it minister to our comfort, and may its table remind us that God works with us for the supply of daily needs. We light a candle to cooperation.

We dedicate this home to the appreciation of all things good and true. May the books bring wisdom, the pictures symbolize things beautiful, and the music bring joy and inspiration. We light a candle to appreciation.

We dedicate the time and talent of those who live here to help build a world in which every family may have a home of comfort and fellowship. We light a candle to Christian service.

As the flames point upward, so our thoughts rise in gratitude to God. Let us pray. One: Holy God, we lift our hearts in gratitude to you for making possible the restoration of this manse. We thank you for providing what we needed to make this building into a useful one again.

All: God, we thank you.

One: We give you thanks for the saints who have gone before us: the women in New York who donated the money for the Brooklyn Cottage Hospital, the Atencios who donated the land and all the people of Dixon whose hands and hard work built it.

All: God, we thank you.

One: We offer thanks for those who labored here as doctors and nurses, aids and workers, for those who recovered and those who didn't, for the children who were born here.

All: God, we thank you.

One: We thank you for those who have labored earnestly and faithfully for this home in the past, taking care of it and maintaining it when earlier pastors lived here. We thank you for those who did their best to protect it while it was unoccupied. We are grateful for their work and service to our church.

All: God, we thank you.

One: We give thanks to you, God, for providing the financial resources and dedicated workers to restore this house. We remember and give our gratitude to all those whose love and caring have made this day possible. We especially remember: our anonymous donor, Santa Fe Community Foundation, Ben and Irene who spear headed this effort, Jonathan and Melissa, Ed Brown, Doug Nelson, Johnny Moulton, those who made individual financial contributions, the Women's association, Mission Embudo, and our contractor Mr. Caballero.

All: Most of all we thank you, God, for taking care of all of us for so long, for being here when we needed you and providing so much throughout the history of this church. Thank you for your continuing presence, for in you is our hope and trust. It is to your glory that we dedicate this building. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF THE PLAQUE

PRAYER OF BLESSING

.....We pray all of this through Jesus Christ our Lord who taught us to pray:
Padre Nuestro que estás en los cielos, santificado sea tu nombre. Venga tu reino.
Hágase tu voluntad, así en la tierra, como en el cielo. El pan nuestro de cada día,
dánoslo hoy. Y perdónanos a nuestras deudas, así como nosotros perdonamos a
nuestros deudores. Y no nos dejes caer en la tentación, mas líbranos del mal. Porque
tuyo es el reino, el poder, y la gloria, por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.

HYMN: Canto de Esperanza

Insert (we will sing Spanish and English)

BENEDICTION

BROOKLYN COTTAGE HOSPITAL: A BRIEF HISTORY

At the turn of the 20th century, Presbyterian mission teachers were active in many northern New Mexico villages. In addition to education, they often found themselves providing medical care. Typhoid, malaria, "black diphtheria", influenza and many other infections were rampant. The need for more intensive medical care was obvious.

In 1914, the first nurse, Mary MacKenzie, arrived in Dixon. Shortly after that, Brooklyn Nassau Presbyterian on the East Coast sent \$2000.00 to build a small hospital. Opened in 1915, Brooklyn Cottage Hospital had two beds, one nurse and one housekeeper. It began providing medical services for an area that eventually covered 200 square miles. By 1926, it had expanded to 6 rooms.

In 1932, Dr. Sarah Bowen became the full time physician-in-charge. "The number of patients had continued to increase and the little hospital was bulging at the seams. Each room served several purposes: the office was used for an examination room, drug room [pharmacy] and operating room; the sterilizing room was the laboratory, children's ward and duty station, besides holding cots for adults. The women's ward was reserved to maternity cases. Since medical and surgical patients were kept in the men's ward, that room usually held more women than men. Actually at times one man would be there surrounded by screens. The delivery room was also the nursery. The bathroom was also the utility room. The kitchen was also one doctor's office and the staff dining room; here the babies' formula and the patients' trays were all prepared. Apple boxes were used for bassinets until the installation of laundry baskets." (from Sowers Went Forth)

An early physician, Dr. Virginia Milner, recalled that a delivery including prenatal care and a 10 day hospitalization was \$30.00. \$5.00 was added if no prenatal care had been given. Home deliveries were \$10.00, at night they were \$15.00. Home calls were 50 cents, \$1.00 at night, but there was no charge for office visits, only for medications. Pay came in cash, but more frequently in the form of hogs (which the cook butchered), turkeys, wood, fresh vegetables and fruits.

When the new 25 bed Embudo Presbyterian Hospital was opened out on the highway in 1940, Brooklyn Cottage Hospital was given to the Embudo Presbyterian Church and has been used as the home for its minister or as a rental since that time.