

## September 2013

### General Update

The end of the summer camp gave our volunteers a chance to relax, and prepare themselves for the new trimester which started this month. September also saw the departure of several of our long term volunteers and staff, but many more new faces have joined the foundation too! Read on to find out what we have been up to.

### The New Trimester



A new trimester has begun here at the foundation, with a host of new volunteers to engage the beneficiary children in three months of activities. Our theme for this month is 'The Importance of Education'. The children will learn about the value of school and develop their own ambitions through a combination of art, English and physical education.

### Farewell to Cristobal

This month we have unfortunately had to say goodbye to our coordinator and Spanish teacher Cristobal. He lived and worked with us for 8 months, and he hopes to use the experience and knowledge he gained to set up his own NGO in Venezuela. Although we are all sad to see him go, his skills will be a valuable asset wherever his ambition takes him and we wish him luck for his future projects. We will miss you Cristobal!



### Update on Eilín Torrealba

During September our youth programme volunteer Annika has been helping tutor Eilín, in preparation for her starting school after her surgery. Thanks to all your generous donations, Eilín will be undergoing her surgery in the beginning of October. She couldn't have done this without your help, so thank you again!

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### Arrivals and Departures

September welcomed several new volunteers, many of them staying for long term placements. Bienvenidos! (welcome!) to: Carimar (Venezuela), Tina and Maiken (Denmark), Annika (Germany), Rick (England), Katharina (Germany), Sally (Denmark) and Nick (USA).

This month we also have to say goodbye to some volunteers, as they return home for work and university. Stephanie (Germany), Anthony (USA), Annika (Germany) and Juliet (England) have all made great contributions to the foundation and we wish them luck in the future.

### Horse Programme

Our horse riding programme is still going strongly, as our volunteer Stephanie has done some excellent training with our horses Medallion and Linda. Our new volunteer Katharina will continue the good work during her stay.

Thanks to our programme some of the children that have graduated from the youth programme are getting the chance to continue their time with us, as they participate in weekly horse riding lessons. This has been a great opportunity for the older children to develop a real passion for riding, and we hope to continue the sessions.

### Spanish Lessons

Cristobal's departure left us without a Spanish teacher, so Santa Elena's local Reuben has stepped in to fill his shoes.

Volunteers Stephanie and Juliet have also made a lot of progress with their Spanish. Although both girls started in the beginner class, their hard work has paid off, and this month they have moved into the advanced sessions. Their progress has really enhanced their stays here, so well done girls!



### Social Networking

Don't forget to follow us on our Twitter account, [@AldeasDePaz](#), and to like us on [Facebook](#) for frequent updates on our projects here at the foundation!