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General Update

A busy month for us has seen the arrival of new volunteers, more students at the school and also a new worker Daniel from Porto Ordaz, Venezuela.

The installation of floodlights at the foundation has also been a highlight for many and allowed the always competitive volleyball games to carry on late into the night as teams discuss in or out decisions!

Work at the Foundation

One of the biggest positives of new volunteers is the new ideas for the program they bring with them, and so far the new group has been not disappointed. Aaron and Nils have developed several games that help the children with body co-ordination and balance. Mainly working with the older children they have managed to come up with ideas other than football every week.



We have also filmed some of the games which all of the children have been extremely excited to watch back as they see themselves in action.



Sally and Carimar have been working hard to conceive and introduce new activities for the children to keep them interested while also challenging them in different ways. Through feedback from weekly reviews about the children and classes, they have created a new Pictionary style game which is helping the children to develop team work, creative and descriptive skills. The girls have managed to mix some English tutoring in with the games too.

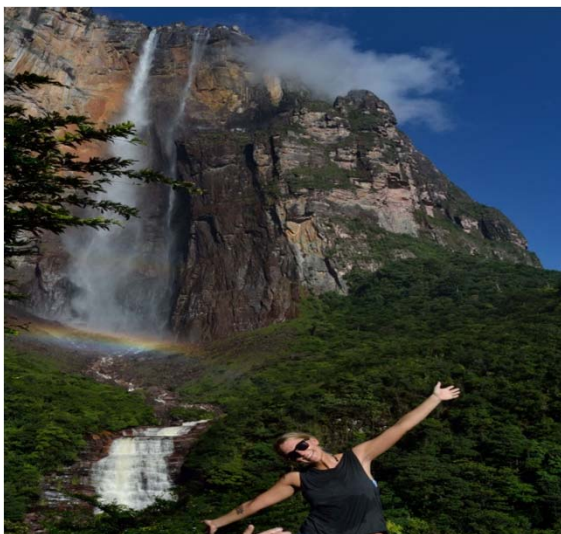
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Farewells and Hello's

We have welcomed several new volunteers, most of whom will stay for long term placements with us, through Christmas and into the new year. Bienvenidos : Lara, Nils and Bjorn all from Germany, and Aaron from the U.S.A. The only departure in October has been Nick who was on the ecological building program. Thank you Nick for all your hard work.

Trips

This month some of our volunteers made the trip to the beautiful Angel Falls with another pair taking a six day trek over Roraima. Unfortunately for Maiken and Tina after a week of sleeping under the stars, in the rain and cold they came back to a foundation without power and were locked out of their rooms!



Español

Carimar has taken over from Reuben for the Spanish lessons and has been making good progress with both classes. They are improving conversation skills and also learning different regions pronunciations and phrases, all the way from Maracaibo to Madrid.

Update on Eilín Torrealba

7 year old Eilín has made the journey to Caracas where she will have the operation at a military hospital and spend the rest of the month recovering before returning to Santa Elena. We are all wishing her the best of luck.



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