

## November 2013

### General Update

Another month has passed and we are reflecting back on a busy November as we head towards the end of the year. A month of mixed emotions for us at the foundation as we had to say goodbye to Carimar abruptly, for family reasons, but we have been happy to welcome new Co-ordinator Zena to the foundation.

We have also been making efforts to interact and become more involved with the community of Chirikayen with visits and are happy to announce a new multi-media project that will focus promoting the Pemónese culture.

### Foundation work

With the arrival of Zena, the classes at school have been developed even further and we are striving to carry on the excellent work Carimar did with the children. Some of the older group are now having proper English lessons which is also helping the volunteers practice their Spanish. Both volunteers and children have been exceptionally patient with each other !

Aaron has also decided to stay with us for longer and is helping with foundation maintenance which has also helped to cut through Daniel's workload.

We are also beginning work on new stables for the horses as part of the ecological building program. As ever we are very busy but that's exactly how we like it.



### Chirikayen

Chirikayen, nestled between the Grand Sabana and Chirikayen Tepui is a Pemónese indigenous town.

This month volunteer, Sally from Denmark went to visit the Pemón community for a week which is an open option for all volunteers .

Sally was met by the chief ( the towns' only English speaker) in Santa Elena and then made the trip to the community, 1 hour away. She was hosted with a local family where she slept and ate during her stay. Spending time working in the school with the children Sally helped with the classes and taught them about her own background too.

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In her free time she was able to explore the beautiful countryside of the area. Between even attending church services and learning several Pemónese words there is plenty to do in even just one week.

*"It was a grand privilege to have first hand experiences with daily life activities conducted in the indigenous language Taurepán. It was amazing to be constantly surrounded by such magnificent and unique nature ."*



### Arrivals and Departures

In November we had to say goodbye to Carimar ( Venezuela), Sally and Maiken and Tina ( all from Denmark ). Thank you for all of your hard work and efforts.

We are pleased to welcome Zena to the team who takes the position of new Co-ordinator.

### A Very Unexpected Arrival

We are very pleased ( if not a little surprised ) to announce that we have a new horse at the foundation. Linda has given Birth! After one of the worst nights of rain that Santa Elena has seen in months Katharina and Lara began their daily early morning feeding trip to be greeted by a third horse. Despite being covered in mud and half soaking from all the nights rain the new foal was trotting around happily full of energy. It seems to be in fine health and we are excited for the children who will be able to give a warm Venezuelan welcome to our new pet. We have yet to name the foal but we think being born on thanksgiving may nudge us in the right direction for suggestions.



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