

July 2014

General Update

This past week much has happened here at the Foundation. We have said farewell to four of our volunteers, but have had the pleasure of welcoming a new volunteer- Tess. Tess joins us from Denmark. She is currently a nursing student and will be here for five weeks working at the local hospital in Santa Elena. Welcome Tess!

Venezuelan Family staying with us

Sylvia, Daniela and Arturo, have left us as well. But before they went, they were able to hand out all of the wonder donations of school supplies they brought. They donated to the under privileged children in an indigenous community called Guairá. Each child in the community received a bag filled with markers, pencils and other art supplies. Then the older children received notebooks and folders. It was amazing to see the looks on the faces of these children when they had their new school supplies and thy new clothes and shoes that were given out as well. This is what the mission at Aldeas de Paz is really about! Thank you for staying with us and for your kind donations.

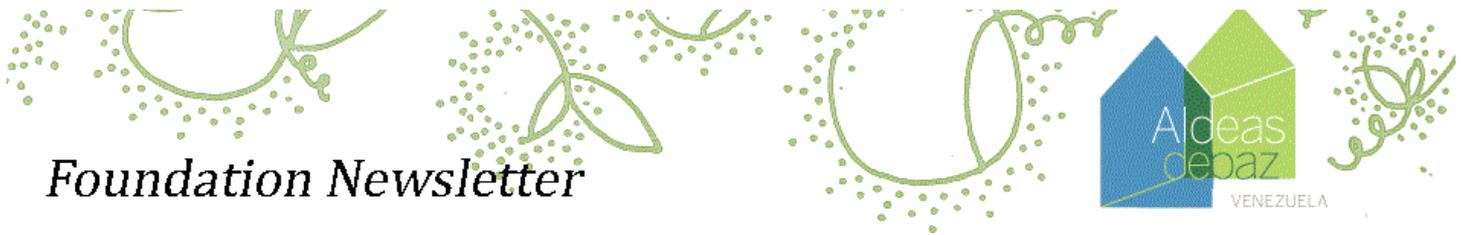


Miriam Tess and Heather going to El Pauji

Last weekend, three of our volunteers traveled to the scenic yet remote village of El Paují. this área of the Gran Sabana is known for its cascades, look out spots and generally great scenery. The most famous: Salto catedral, Pozo Esmeralda y precipicio El Abismo. The trip took all day , most of which took them on a dirt road into the wilderness, But it was all worth it!



Silvia took this picture at the base of Salto Angel. One of the many excursions that can be set up from Santa Elena.



Foundation Newsletter



July 2014

[Watching the World Cup 2014 in Santa Elena de Uairén](#)

Manuel also left us this past week. He made it home just in time to see Germany take the World Cup Championship! Thank you Manuel for all the hard work at the foundation. We wish you well in all of your future endeavors.

[Fights to Venezuela](#)

The reasons why some airlines have temporarily cancelled international flights to Caracas are too complex to describe them in detail here. They are partially political and partially a result of Venezuela's exchange rate system.

The good news is: Iberia offers cheap flights from several European destinations to Caracas, especially German cities (e.g., Frankfurt am Main, Dusseldorf, Munich). From North America a variety of airlines (e.g., Santa Barbara, Copa Airlines, Avianca) are regularly operating to Caracas.

In addition, there are several other convenient options to get to Venezuela via neighbouring countries. Venezuela is easily reachable by plane from several Colombian cities, including Bogotá. Connecting flights from Colombia to Venezuela are quite frequent and very reasonably priced.

Another frequently used way of getting here is through Manaus, Brazil – Boa Vista – Santa Elena. There are relatively cheap flights from North America (e.g., Miami, NYC, Toronto) or Europe to Manaus. From Manaus you can either fly (1h) or take a luxury bus (10h) to Boa Vista, which is so close to Santa Elena that busses and taxis operate daily (2:30h; taxis cost no more than €10). We are always there for advice in case you have any inquiries.

[Get in touch](#)

To get in touch with us you can write us an E-Mail at mail@peacevillages.org. Don't forget to follow us on our new Twitter account, [@AldeasDePaz](#), and to like us on [Facebook](#) for frequent updates on our projects here at the foundation!



The Foundations' social area at twilight!