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General Update

This month we said good-bye to Susy. Thank you for your time at Fundación Aldeas de Paz, Susy. While Susy left us, we welcomed a Venezuelan family originally from Caracas and now living in the United States: Silvia, Daniela and Arturo are volunteering with us for a couple of weeks during their Venezuelan adventure.

Heather from the United States is going to volunteer with us for six weeks as well. Our former volunteers Rick and Julia went on a trip to Manaus together with Kelvis and Manuel to watch a few matches of this year's World Cup in Brazil.

Venezuelan Family staying with us

We happily welcomed Silvia, Daniela and Arturo for a short-term stay at our foundation. The three help feeding the horses, cleaning all of the many materials that horses require (e.g., saddle, horse brushes), as well as the horse stable. Furthermore, they are engaged with the children assisting Miriam and Kelvis. Especially Arturo's skills with the guitar are much appreciated by the young kids.

Silvia, Daniela and Arturo moreover collected material donations in the U.S. that they brought along with them. We can use many of these materials at the foundation and will donate those that cannot be used to those in need. Silvia, Daniela and Arturo are going to visit Roraima and Angel Falls while they're staying with us, two very much recommendable destinations.

Thank you for staying with us and for your kind donations.

Watching the World Cup 2014 in Manaus, Brazil

At Stadio Amazonas Rick and Manuel watched the game England – Italy (1:2), Rick and Julia saw the match Cameroon – Croatia (0:4), and Rick and Kelvis Portugal – USA (2:2). The public viewing on the big screen at teatro amazonas also proved to be a wonderful experience for all of them. The Brazilians are friendly people heartily welcoming foreigners from all parts of this planet. Let alone the bus system in Manaus is difficult to grasp.



The England squad warming up. It didn't help: England still lost the game and is out of the tournament.



A view of Stadio Amazonas, Manaus.

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

Watching the World Cup in Santa Elena is not quite comparable to watching it in Brazil. Nevertheless, to give one example, the bakery “La Gran Sabana” has neatly prepared for this occasion by decorating its store with flags of all participant countries.

You can enjoy the World Cup there – though not with beer, but with a cup of tea and a slice of cake (a good way to stay healthy).

[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 quiet frequent and very reasonable 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.

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Susy’s last evening at Fundación Aldeas de Paz: eating Pizza at Amarway with some friends.