

June 2015

General Update

This month we saw good progress in our project. Our ongoing activities are reinforced thanks to new volunteers, the special need kids school literally started and an alliance for eliminating Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC), with our multi media program.

Multimedia Project

We successfully launched our multimedia project this month. Our multimedia project will focus on the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children, which is a problem in Samaná and other cities in the Dominican Republic. Our volunteers will work on a documentary, and other videos, that will raise awareness of the issue and give a voice to the victims of Child Exploitation.

Since we began in early June, we have partnered with El Movimiento Para el Autodesarrollo Internacional de la Solidaridad (MAIS.) MAIS is the ECPAT International group in the Dominican Republic, based in Puerto Plata. MAIS has been combating the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children in the Dominican Republic since 1997, and will be a great resource for Aldeas de Paz. In addition to the documentary, MAIS and Aldeas de Paz will work on a multimedia campaign to raise awareness on the issue throughout the region. We will also work on a campaign specifically for children to share in schools across the Dominican Republic. We are very excited about this new alliance!

In addition, Aldeas de Paz is now apart of the committee, "Caso a caso," which focuses on Human Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation. Through the committee, we have met people who we can interview, expanded our network, and learned valuable information about the situation in the Dominican Republic.



We are in the pre-production stage of our documentary, and our volunteers continue to research the topic. We plan to begin filming the first week of July. We are also working on other content to share on various multimedia platforms, such as radio, local television and social media.



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Mama Elba – Special need kids school

From 2nd of this month, a special need kid school “Mamá Elba”, named after a teacher of our director, has begun. We have three classes in a week, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday: 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Six children are delighted to participate in our class.

Since this is the first time for them to participate in a class in a school, we tried to make a good, comfortable ambient for them, using some didactic toys.



Sometimes we tend to assume, unconsciously, that they will have difficulty in learning (especially writing and reading) because they had never studied; it was not true. They really like learning something and doing their homework. Little by Little, but we are actually impressed by how they absorb everything.

Playing with bubbles

One day, one of our volunteers brought a soap bubble and with them we played blowing bubbles in break time (this is called “merienda”). It was quiet pretty time!



Volunteer Info.

Aldeas de Paz welcomed two new volunteers this month!

Sara arrived from the United States on June 6th. Sara has a degree in Broadcast Journalism, and has a background in Television News Production. She helped launch our multimedia project and is excited to study Spanish while in Samaná. Our second June volunteer, Bianca, arrived from the UK on June 21st. She is currently studying International Relations and Spanish and will join our NGO Management & Administration program. Bianca will help with all our programs, including multimedia, youth care and conservation.

Both volunteers have a passion for travel and are excited to explore all the Dominican Republic has to offer.

Get in touch!

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