

September 2015

General Update

From this month we started our environmental class in two local primary schools. Our school for children with special needs, Mama Elba, has started physical class with our new volunteers, and the fundraising campaign has resulted in success.

Environmental Class

We have started our environmental class in two local schools; Jose Gabriel Garcia and Saint Peter. The objective of this class is making the local children be aware of environmental challenges in Samana.

In the city of Samana, we can see a lot of garbage on the street. The origin of the garbage varies; in one case it is caused by the lack of trash can, in another case caused by the people who throw their garbage to the street. Those are only examples.

Out of a lot of strategies we can choose, we decided to give a series of environmental classes in local primary schools in order to raise awareness towards this problem. We hope children in the schools learn what we would like to tell them and our class will serve improvement of the city's environment.

This month we did two lessons; the first lesson was introduction to the problem and the subject of the second class was garbage itself.

In the first lesson, we talked about some general things about garbage problem. Since they knew the problem, we realized that our main role will not be teaching them but to make them understand the problem.



(Pictures we used in the 2nd lesson)

In the second lesson we dealt with garbage itself. For the children of fifth grade to eighth grade, we talked about the time for which garbage remain on the street or in the sea. Children were so surprised at how long garbage lasts in the nature; for example, in general, bottle of plastic remain in a land for 100 years to 1,000 years.



(In a class)

We are so glad to have many children who are interested in this problem and responds us actively!

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Mama Elba - physical class

This month, we started regular physical education. Although we had some opportunity to have a dance class occasionally that was not a regular one. In addition to dance classes, we have such classes as indicating their body with the words they learned. Our new volunteers brought a lot of ideas and those ideas enhanced the content of the class.



(Pictures in the physical education class)

In a series of the classes, we had an impressive event. In this school there are some children who also have some physical problems and walk with some difficulty. We decided to have a dance class for all of them but we were worried about the children. However, in a dance class, we saw the children helping each other! In the right picture above, we can see a boy with black shirt who sits on a chair and dances with a boy, and a girl (on the left side) who is dancing with the other children in spite of her physical problem. We felt so glad at this behavior. We hope that our class gives more good influences on their character.

Mama Elba - Donation Campaign

Thanks to the Japanese supporters, our fundraising campaign has resulted in success. With the donation we have gained, we can improve some equipment of the school and buy some teaching materials. We will keep informing them (including you!) the usage of our donation. All of us in the school appreciate their cooperation!

Volunteer Info

In the end of the last month we welcomed Anouk and Laura, both of them from Germany. Anouk is a gap-year student and is excited to have a precious experience with our volunteer program. Laura is currently studying social work in her university and we hope her staying here serves her future work as a social worker. Both of them participate in Mama Elba's class and the environmental class in local schools. Marco who was engaged in our Multi-Media project accomplished his staying and left here. Thanks to his work on the documentary against CSCE, and our Multi-Media project can move on to the next stage.

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