



# FOUNDATION TOTAÍ UPDATE

January – March 2021



On 25th March our team travelled to the town of Puerto Ballivián (9 km away) to provide free medical care and medicines for ear pathologies and covid-19. 80 people received essential medical care during our visit to this rural town on the banks of the river.

On 30th March, our health team moved out of the health centre again to provide more free healthcare and medication – this time travelling to the town of Puerto Varador (12 km away) where 40 people were treated. Both these towns have been badly affected by recent flooding during the rainy season



## Covid-19 Safety and Vaccines

All biosafety protocols against Covid-19 have been followed, with daily disinfection with modern equipment and safe chemical substances for our staff and patients. Twelve of our front line staff received the Chinese Sinopharm vaccine.



Thanks to funding from CBM International, we were able to purchase two new pieces of equipment: a modern electro-surgical unit to perform ENT surgeries with greater precision and a digital audiometer to perform audiology tests to guarantee more accurate results.



# SPORTS

In March we began clearing the football pitch that we use in the local neighbourhood, to prepare for the return of the children to start training again after the holidays.



## CLOSING CEREMONY FOR SPORTS

At the beginning of this year we held the closing ceremony for the sports area, with a delicious lunch and the distribution of medals and certificates. The opportunity was taken to give out reusable masks to all the children and young people as a preventative measure against Covid-19. Masks were also distributed to all the children in the community classes.

The training sessions of the FT football school began, in the age categories of 10, 12, 13 and 14 years. They will all participate in the municipal championship of our city.



Sports uniforms were purchased for all of the children in the four teams for different age groups.

On 8th March, the Community classes began and our children showed their joy at returning to our classrooms. We began with a training on coronavirus prevention measures, run by the FT health personnel, and then the children played games together and share a delicious snack.





Sports coach and head of the Sports area, Luis Savaraín Oniava (San) started visiting the families of the children who participate in our football school, sharing the word of God with them and also assessing the needs that the families have. This time a bag of food was given to two families who were struggling. These visits will continue during the year, to help strengthen relationships with the families of the children, and to help out where needed.

## VOLUNTEERS



We are delighted that Brian Justiniano Aguilera from the Bolivian city of Cobija - Pando has arrived as a volunteer. He is a member of the Iglesia Cristiana Misionera which is affiliated with 'Misiones Cristianas Bolivia' (Christian Missions in Bolivia). Brian joins El Jireh Church and he will support the activities of the sports ministry. He will also visit the children's families along with San, our football coach.



Simon Howling spent two years with us supporting El Jireh Church and also as a volunteer sports assistant at our football school. However, this month his time with us came to an end and he returned to England. We are very grateful to him and we thank God for his life and for having brought him to us.



## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- For the prayers and financial support of our brothers and sisters in the United Kingdom as we start this new year.
- To all our staff for showing commitment and always being strong in the face of the fear of this second wave of Covid-19.
- To all our patients who trust our institution

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- ❖ For our sponsoring partners. May the Lord bless their lives.
- ❖ For all our staff at our institution. May God protect them and their families.
- ❖ That all the planned activities and projects for this year can be carried out without any setbacks or difficulties

