



FUNDACIÓN TOTAÍ UPDATE

OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2022

With great expectation, we carried out an ear surgery campaign, that was made available to our patients. We thank Dr. Carlos Orrego Molina, who offered to come from Argentina to support us in this campaign. Eight patients benefitted, and health personnel also received training in new techniques that are used in this type of ear surgery.



In order to contribute to the visual health of the people in our local community, we carried out eye examinations, and provided glasses. We were able to help supply lenses of very good quality, at a low cost. We want to thank the opticians at Claro Vision, from Santa Cruz for supporting us with this.



To mark the International Week of the Deaf, our health team participated in a local educational fair, organized by 'The Association of Deaf People in the Beni' (our region). We performed hearing check-ups and we spread the word about the importance of hearing health care, to raise awareness and increase knowledge.

COMMUNITY



The Trinidad branch of 'The Confederation of Women's Institutions' presented an award for the work of Fundación Totalá, on the 15th anniversary of the 'Manitas Creativas' (Creative Hands) Arts & Crafts programme. It recognized the excellent service provided to the community and the constant support to women entrepreneurs.



With the support of El Jireh Church, we built a wooden house for the Cartajena Manú family - our sister in the church, Ecilda, along with her daughter, mother, father, brother and nephews. The family had to leave the home that they were renting, and they had nowhere to go. We are grateful to God for what we have been able to do to help this family in their moment of need. There is still more to be done as some basic services are still required.



With great enthusiasm, around 85 local children attended the Christmas Club, called "Explorers Club", which was held from the 12th - 16th December. The theme was all about Christmas: "Love, hope, joy and peace." It was a wonderful time of teaching, worship, games and crafts. We want to thank both El Jireh Church for all their support, and the amazing volunteers who gave their time to help us run the club, to share the real meaning of Christmas with the children in our neighbourhood.



Daniela (age 14) and Jael (age 15) are two girls who have been participating in the community craft classes, that Carla runs once a week. They have demonstrated their skills and creativity by making beautiful costume jewellery products. We held a fair at Fundación Totalá, so that they could exhibit and sell their products. They did very well, and they were able to sell several accessories and earn some money, to help support themselves and their families.

Our community classes concluded at the end of the Christmas holiday club, and there was both excitement and a bit of sadness as the children celebrated another milestone. Our children enjoyed a delicious snack on their last day, in addition to receiving a small gift for their attendance. We want to thank God for this past year and we pray that 2023 is filled with many blessings.



PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for all the children who attended our Christmas Club - that they will remember what they learned, and grow in their knowledge and understanding of the Bible and God's plan for them
- Pray for the Cartagena Manú family, and that we will be able to finish the house that has been made for them.
- Give thanks for the holiday break over Christmas and New Year, and for the opportunity to spend time with family and renew our strength for the new year ahead.
 - Give thanks for everyone who supports our ministry from a distance, and makes it possible for us to continue to work for the Lord in this place - our prayer partners and financial supporters, and the FT UK board.
- Give thanks for all that God has done this past year and pray that He will continue to work through us here at FT in 2023