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New class, same lesson



Volunteers

IT'S THAT time of year again when volunteers from foreign climes begin to arrive in Trinidad, and in late June we were delighted to welcome (left-to-right) Juliana da Cruz, Brittany Campbell and Haley Moore-Long from University Presbyterian Church, Seattle. The American trio will be supporting various facets of the work here until mid-August, while in mid-July we are looking forward to the visit of brothers Thomas & Joshua Pike from Swindon, who will, likewise, be here for two months.

FUNDACIÓN TOTAL'S Sports and Education & Community areas have once again come together to run the now well-established 'Kids' Games' programme, which is taking place this year in a new school, and with two primary one classes, the youngest age-group the team has worked with to date.

This year, FT workers such as KC Rivero (pictured) have been joined by various young people from *El Jireh* evangelical church, as they share the good news with the children through games and Bible teaching. The team are hoping to return to the same school later this year to work with a different class. We are so thankful for another great opportunity to share Jesus with the children of Trinidad during school hours.

The schools take a mid-year break for two weeks in early July, and many of the Kids' Games team, as well as a few others, will be involved in running our annual five-day holiday club, which will meet in another local school. And by the time that classes have resumed in August, the Kids' Games group will oversee a training course for other organisations who are interested in running such programmes.



In Brief

THE 'Let's Play Together' programme continues on Friday afternoons, overseen by Carla Camader. Parent-and-toddler groups are rare in Bolivia, and the programme provides a great opportunity for parents to spend quality time with their infants. A range of stimulation activities – again, hard to come by here – are available to the children each week. Please pray for commitment from the parents to attending the group.

WE WERE blessed in April by the visit of John Aitken, Jim Armstrong and Alan Smith, representing UK-based missions agencies 'Echoes of Service' and 'Interlink'. The three visitors spent their three days here taking in the work of all areas of FT, while supporting the work of the local church at the same time.

A Fond Farewell

OUR ENT SPECIALIST Dr. Yákov López (left, with Dr. Romina Ribera) left Trinidad at the end of May, with many a happy memory to take with him, but it's fair to say that, when he first arrived two years ago, he wasn't exactly enthralled by the prospect of living and working in Trinidad.

"I had just finished my specialist training in La Paz, and was then assigned here by the government for twelve months. It was a total change, a completely different culture – and very hot! I felt a little bit frustrated at first, not least because I was initially working in Trinidad's main hospital, where the ENT service was very poorly equipped.

"However, I very soon learned about FT, who were at that point in need of an ENT specialist, and I paid them a visit; they were glad to show me around, and I was amazed by what I saw. I could never have imagined such a well-equipped ENT service, not least in one of the poorest cities in Bolivia.

"As a result, my time here has been one of great professional growth, and it was a pleasure to be able to develop the ENT programme here further over the last two years. I have also always found the people here in Trinidad to be most hospitable. The staff are a pleasure to work with, and I have very much enjoyed getting to know the patients too."

As Dr. López returns to his home city of Sucre, he can be assured that the feeling is most definitely mutual.

PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for our ENT service, which from the 22nd of June will be run by our new surgeon, Dr. Guillermo Azogue.
- Pray for safe travels and personal growth for our five visiting volunteers.
- Give thanks for the 'Pray for Fundación Total' evening in May, which saw many of our staff and their families come together to lift up FT's needs before the Lord. More such activities to come!