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### General Update

This month we had to say goodbye to three volunteers; Michael, Mikkel and Vrinda. We welcomed Marie Claire, who after working at the local hospital for two weeks is now leaving to work with the emergency ambulance service for the next six weeks at the indigenous Kavanayen village and live with a host family.



### Hospital project takes one more step in the right direction

This month Amy and Manfred had an important meeting with Doctor Requena, Doctor Romero and Pedro to see what they thought about her ideas for the hospital waiting and playground area. They all loved her ideas, brought more enthusiasm and are helping us to hopefully secure funding for the project.

Later this month Amy, our Coordinator Kelvis and one of our NGO managers Vincent took a trip to the hospital to interview the staff about their opinions and suggestions for the new area.

We are now closer to completing the process of designing this area for, and with, the people of Santa Elena de Uairen.



### Aldeas de Paz school is flying around the world

The big question every semester in our Aldeas de Paz school, is how do we keep the children motivated to come and learn with us every week, so we can create a continuity in our lessons.

From our past experience we know that it works when we have a continuing project for the whole semester with an end project to work towards.

This semester we have decided to take a journey to all the countries belonging to the volunteers in our organisation. Every week the children will learn some English vocabulary that relates to the creative classes, where we will make something from the specific country in question. We have, for instance, taken a trip to France, where we: painted impressionist art of the beautiful area around us, we learned to ask for things politely, reviewed vocabulary of colours, and all of this we used while we were all painting our own landscape.



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### [The experience of Adrian and Philipp as part of the conservation program :](#)

I interrupted these two German guys in the middle of a video games session to ask them a few questions about their experience here at the foundation. Being here for a whole year, their goal is helping make the foundation become independent of volunteer's money in the long term. They have a very heavy workload and are currently working on planting a coffee and cacao plantation to compensate for the shortage and the cost of these two resources in Santa Elena ; creating a garden to produce fresh vegetables and growing beans, peas and tomatoes. They are also in charge of the maintenance of the property: cutting the capi fields to feed the horses, painting the houses and repairing some of the many things that break everyday.



### [Night time football:](#)

We try to play sport all together once in a while. Our last attempt was a football game during the night time. With a storm looming on the horizon, the spotlights on the field went out, forcing us to play with headlamps and moonlight under heavy rain. The results of this experiment were a lot of fun, scratches, bumps, and laughs when everyone went to the pool afterwards! We look forward to the next game.

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They told me the favourite part of their work is doing physical, outdoor work and being able to see the concrete results of their work as days go by. They have some funny stories, like Adrian falling into one of his own holes or Philipp unintentionally killing a snake with his machete while cutting a plant. Unfortunately, illness has forced them to rest for more than a week this month, but they are now back in the fields to work on their projects despite the mosquitoes and the heat!