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### General Update

This month has been an exciting one for Aldeas de Paz! The projects are up and running. We are excited about getting more and more volunteers, and by the beginning of next month we will have welcomed both Vrinda from Germany and Vincent from France into our little family.

### The school is up and running

We have now had the pleasure of starting our Aldeas de Paz school again. Our approach to education and learning is that it has to be creative, fun and filled with repetition through games and activities, so we can ensure that all learning will become a part of the kids long term memory.

For the first week we invited all children between the age 6-15 from the Ezequiel Zamora community that wanted to try out our school. Now we have the younger kids every Tuesday and older kids every Thursday. This is done in order to offer the best education for everyone.



### Unexpected observation for new waiting area

Jo is the person in charge for the new hospital project, which is designing a new waiting area and playground outside the hospital. With her social entrepreneurship and interior design background, she considers the involvement of the local community in the development and execution of the project as the highest priority. She was therefore also wondering how she would be able to observe the experience of waiting at the hospital as it is right now, without drawing too much attention to herself. This would later turn out not to be a problem, because one of the volunteers, Michael, needed to go to the hospital after a minor accident with the weights in the gym!



When Michael needed to be stitched up, Jo went with him, and this gave her the opportunity to experience the atmosphere in the halls of the hospital, and in the end she talked to some of the other patients about their view and ideas of the new area. Michael was luckily OK as the injury was not significant.

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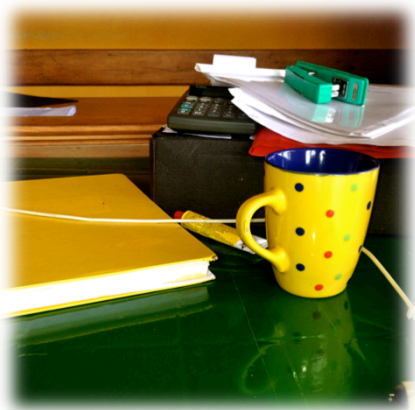
### My experience as an NGO manager in training

This section will be a part of our newsletter for the following months, so besides the project descriptions, it will be possible to read about new input from different volunteers on different projects.

This time it will be me, Nadia Guldager, that lets you guys into my life and work here.

When I first arrived, I had a conversation with Manfred about my ambitions, what I am good at, as well as what I want to learn more about. After this I have been given more and more responsibility every week. After a little over one month, I am in charge of the newsletter, double checking the finances, translating different papers, organizing the volunteers in their work and monitoring the daily tasks on the premises.

Now my workload is great and diverse through the different aspects of the organization, but this is also exactly what I asked for at the beginning. I still have the option to limit my workload, but as long as I still have the nights and weekends to investigate this beautiful city I live in, and I have time with the people in our little community, I am getting the insight of running a small organization, and especially a grassroots one as I longed for in Denmark.



### The food of Venezuela

Whenever one chooses to explore a new country, one will be exposed to different kinds of cuisine, and Venezuela is no exception. In Santa Elena de Uairén, everyone should for instance try the big ants the indigenous people make.

Also the casabe, which is a type of bread, that is made out of yucca. Yucca is a type of root, that is rich in fibre and minerals, and it has always been and remains an important part of the Venezuelan peoples diet.

And of course one of the most eaten dishes at the foundation, the village and the rest of Venezuela: La Arepa. It is a cornmeal pancake, that is grilled or fried, and is often eaten for breakfast.



*Fried ants and a Arepa*

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