



Newsletter

15 Years

Educating to change lives

Fundación Mapfre will be signing an agreement for another year with Pan y Amor

For the fourth year now, Mapfre, the Spanish Insurance company, through their foundation in Spain, will be signing an agreement of financial help with Pan y Amor. Without this fabulous help we would not be in a position to improve our daily meals by adding either meat or chicken twice a week plus a glass of milk daily.



Their assistance also helps cover some of our expenses with the technical careers such as teachers and school materials.

During the year we also receive support from the company's local volunteers, through sports events, workshops on dental care, traffic safety, nutrition and recycling among others.

Thank you, Fundación Mapfre and your wonderful volunteers, for this invaluable aid and companionship.



Our Students are invited to a Korean Cultural event at the theatre:

One hundred of our students were invited to attend a wonderful event at the theatre, where young Korean students danced the “Dance of the Fan” and the “Dance of the drums” among others. It was a beautiful, colorful event enjoyed by both students and adults alike.



Visit to art gallery to see a “Pablo Picasso” exhibition:



Photo from El Nuevo Diario

Our high school students were invited to the Centro de Arte Fundación Ortiz- Gurdian, to view and be informed about the exhibition of 27 prints of paintings by Picasso named “Picasso, imaginary photographs”.

They were fascinated by a video on Picasso’s life and another on how the prints were made, and then “like great art experts” they enjoyed walking around in groups discussing the prints which most caught their attention. What a wonderful experience for our students and as one young man expressed, “It was a moment to be remembered and to tell his children about”!!

Our Violin Player moves up from the junior to the adult symphony orchestra, the Camarata Bach.

We are so proud of our young ninth grader, Alicia. If you remember, she was bought a violin, several years ago, by some of the Diplomatic Ladies and has been playing and forming part of the choir in the junior section of our local symphony orchestra. She has done so well that she has been promoted before the regulated 5 years, to the adult group.



This summer Pan y Amor receives three mission groups

This has been a wonder summer with visits from three mission groups of spanish speaking Miami students. We started off with Manos del Sur in June, Little Pencils from Westminster Christian school in July and finished with a second group from Manos del Sur, in August. These trips are so well organized from beforehand that they are nothing but joy for all concerned. So as to not interrupt the primary school curriculum, the visiting students spend their mornings tutoring the Pan y Amor students who need help. During the afternoons they have the freedom to carry out any project which might have been planned such as sports, arts and crafts or a science project. The Miami students participated in the English classes with both our primary and high school students. The Pan y Amor students always finish the week with one of their famous and great artistic shows.

We greatly admire the patience of the lady chaperones, who come with many ideas and offer our students and teaching staff great workshops and suggestions for the class room activities. This year they came in force with their wonderful husbands, who came prepared to work with our



middle and high school students offering them leadership and survival courses as well as practical workshops on a variety of subjects which compliment their technical career studies. They arranged and accompanied our students on visits to local businesses in Managua such as McDonalds, Micro Soft and Kimberly Clark and as we mentioned in our previous newsletter, Javier organized a day with the ninth graders as a small restaurant, quoting, buying the food, preparing and serving a delicious meal to a select few. Our students are already looking forward to next year as they have never experienced such wonderful opportunities and especially so much individual attention.



We take this opportunity to thank Paulina Montes, founder of Manos del Sur, Maria Paz and Guillermo Victoria, Vicky and Martin Mas, Javier Cividini, Ilse Maria and Eric Brenner, Jessyca and Maddy, teachers from Westminster Christian School and the students who came as leaders for their groups. We love you all and we are already looking forward to next year's mission trips!

Marina Salomé is a Pan y Amor Graduate:



Marina Salomé Araica Montoya is 18 years old, having studied her last three years of high school at Colegio Pan y Amor Batahola (2010 through 2012). Along with her high school degree she received certification for three years of technical career training in accounting. To achieve this certification she needed to apprentice for 460 hours with a local business, which she did working in the accounting department at the call center, Solucionara, S.A.

Marina is in the process of furthering her studies at one of the local Universities having received a 100% scholarship due to her excellent grades. In 2013 Marina initiated another apprenticeship required by her University, with the International Maritime Agency (AMINS). To be able to work full time in Nicaragua one needs to have reached the age of 18, which at the time Marina had not yet reached, however the company was so happy with her work that they kept her on as an apprentice until her 18th birthday. She is now fully employed as a member of the accounting department of that agency.

During an interview carried out by our in staff reporter, Maria Elena, Marina Salomé expressed her gratitude to Pan y Amor for the education offered her and added that the opportunity of working for an organization/business as an apprentice was of great advantage, allowing her to add the work experience to her resume and thus facilitating future employment.

This intelligent young girl, who helps maintain her family, was diagnosed two years ago with Lupus, however she always maintains her spirits on high. Well done Marina, we are very proud of you!