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# Fundación Totaí

“This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.” John 15:8



FT audiological technician Odalys Arce, with a young patient.

## New frontiers for FT health staff

NOVEMBER SAW an exciting opportunity arise for our audiological technician, Odalys Arce, when she was given the chance to attend an Ear & Hearing Care course in Guatemala, the first time she had ever travelled outside of Bolivia. And, just as we hoped Odalys would develop as a health professional, the Lord was looking for the rest of us to grow in our faith. There were severe delays in the delivery of Odalys’s visa application, but the visa was processed quickly and she picked it up on the day of her flight. God is good!

Odalys and other members of the Health staff have been busy promoting the work of FT in the city of Trinidad. In November, FT provided free hearing checks to the community in the city’s central plaza and in a particularly impoverished neighbourhood on the outskirts of the city.

We continue to reap considerable benefit from ENT specialist Dr. Yakov López’s work with us, with vital ENT surgery procedures taking place on FT’s premises on a weekly basis. We have also been joined recently by Dr. Diana Zabala, who provides a GP service in the afternoons.

**Give thanks for the Lord’s provision of Odalys’s visa, and for many opportunities to share Christ with our neighbours through healthcare.**

## ★ Staff Meeting

Ebelia Chonono, Cleaner



### What are your main responsibilities?

Cleaning the facilities here, including the operating theatres. It’s particularly important to keep a health centre like Fundación Totaí clean at all times. I also help with the movement of patients before and after surgery.

### What do you like about working at Fundación Totaí?

There’s a real family atmosphere and it is great to work as part of a team.

### Do you notice a difference here compared to other workplaces?

Yes. I really love the morning meditations we have every day. It has been a great help to me to start the day reading the Bible. For much of the day I work by myself but I don’t mind that as it gives me plenty of time and space to think about what was shared in the morning.



## Education

THE AFTERNOON classes for children in the community enjoyed their traditional end-of-year party on the 4<sup>th</sup> of December. This year we have been able to run three classes a week of Bible lessons and homework support for primary school-aged children from our own



community and the outlying village of Maná. The classes, run by Elizabeth Vaca and Victor Elías Ramos, will resume in February 2014.

**Pray for safety for the children who attend these classes over the summer holidays.**

## A Fond Farewell



AS 2013 closes, we say goodbye to two servants of FT over the years, Kenny & Claudia Holt. The Holt family, who left Trinidad on furlough in July, had recently been seeking God's will as to their future, and the Lord has provided Kenny with a UK-based job in missions, supporting ministries in South America and Africa.

Though we will very much miss Kenny & Claudia



and their children Emma, Sara and Joshua, we give thanks for their service here and look forward with excitement to what the Lord has in store for them in this new chapter of their lives.

## Sports

THE YEAR'S 'home stretch' is always a busy time for workers in FT's Sports department, with the end of the sporting season coinciding with the eight-week 'Kids Games' programme.

'Kids Games' ended in late October and our staff and volunteers were privileged to share the gospel with 37 pupils in a local primary school, via a games-based teaching method.

Our football teams once again excelled themselves in the city's championships this year, with the under-9 and under-11 teams finishing as runners-up in their competitions, and the under-13 and under-15 teams winning their respective titles.

Unfortunately, no competitive championship was organised for Trinidad's junior basketball teams this year. Nevertheless, our under-12 teams played a series of friendlies throughout the year, with the boys winning three out of 6, and the girls winning five out of 8.



The under-13s football team celebrate with their trophy.

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FT staff enjoyed a day out at Trinidad's local lake in October to celebrate our ninth anniversary.

## More Items for Prayer

- Give thanks for the Lord's continued blessings to us during 2013
- Pray for a restful and safe Christmas period, particularly for staff members who are travelling to visit family/friends
- Pray for safe travels for volunteer Rachel Peebles, who is due to arrive in Trinidad in January

