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Fundación Totalí

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

Staff Meeting

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Board of Directors



What’s your role at FT?

I’m the finance director, the treasurer on the board of directors and jointly responsible for human resources with another director.

What makes FT different to other organisations?

It’s a Christian foundation so its mission and vision are different and our goal is to reach people for Christ.

Does your faith affect your work?

Yes, a lot! Since I work in finance, I see God’s provision all the time. What is impossible for us is possible for God!

Is there anything you’d like to say to the people who support FT?

I’d like to thank everyone who supports FT, whether financially, in prayer or by sending donations of materials or equipment. All support received is of great value and makes a real impact. Thanks to your support FT opens its doors every day.

Reaching out into the community

Last month saw the start of a new venture for FT - mother and toddler groups called “Let’s Play Together” for mums and 0-5 year olds in the local community. Two groups were started - one in the FT premises and the other in the Maná neighbourhood, where community classes take place. Unlike Scotland, where there are many options of groups for mums to take their children to, here there is nothing at all.

Between the two groups around 25 mums and 30 children attend each week. The format gives mums a time to play and spend quality time with their children, with toys, jigsaws, water and sand, followed by a more structured time of songs, nursery rhymes and group parachute games and a healthy snack. Relationships and friendships are being built with these women and children and it’s a great encouragement to see them coming along each week, ready to sing and play together!



Songs and games at the mother and toddler group “Let’s Play Together”

On the 24th May the women’s group had an exhibition of the work they have done so far this term. They have made amazing progress with their painting and are now making place mats and tablecloths. Every week, the women take home verses to learn. At the exhibition an evangelistic talk was shared with the group, summarizing the verses learnt. Around 30 women attend each week to paint, chat, and share together, and many came to the special Mother’s day service at El Jireh church.



The Saturday afternoon craft group and one of the women showing her handiwork at their recent exhibition

Medical Campaign, Surgeries and new services at the health centre!

The medical campaign for flooding victims in the Beni region finished in May, after providing much needed medical attention and medicines to hundreds of families affected by the flooding, both in Trinidad and in the surrounding areas. Patients referred to the health centre for ENT and audiology evaluations are still arriving for follow up appointments. There are also surgeries planned with patients identified during the campaign. We give thanks to God for the support received from CBM and Medical Missionary News which enabled this campaign to go ahead.

We recently welcomed two new healthcare professionals to the FT team, providing services of physiotherapy and maxillofacial surgery, adding to the previous health team of GPs, ENT specialist, Hearing and Ear Care doctor, Pediatrician, Dentist, Audiologist, and nurses, who provide quality healthcare on a daily basis to the local community.

PLEASE PRAY!

- ✚ Pray for the sports coaches and community class teachers as they work alongside over 150 children from the local area each week.
- ✚ Pray for the new mother and toddler groups and the opportunities to get to know mums with young families and build relationships with them.
- ✚ Pray for the group of women who come to the craft classes each Saturday to learn to paint, and for opportunities to share the gospel message with them.
- ✚ Pray for the health team and for the opportunity to show God's love to the many patients that come to FT each day for medical attention.
- ✚ Pray for the new workers who have joined the FT team in the areas of health and administration.
- ✚ Pray for a team of 3 young women from Seattle who will arrive on 17th June to volunteer at FT for 2 months in the areas of health, community and sports. Continue to pray for Cameron Smith (First Serve volunteer) who is with us until mid July.

Thank you so much for your continued support and prayers!

Kid's Games & Sports

Kid's Games is an interactive and fun way to teach the Bible to children. Using the wordless book, teaching time, songs, games and small group discussion, the message of salvation was taught over an 8 week block. This was the first Kids Games of the year and FT took a team to work with children in primary 5 children at a local school every Tuesday afternoon, taking over their RE class. Using the wordless book, the children learned Bible verses, songs and had time to talk about what they were learning with their small group leaders. Another Kid's Games is planned for later in the year. Please pray for the leaders as they plan the next group to work with children in local schools and that the children who were involved over the past 8 weeks will remember what they've learnt and that God will work in their lives.



Kid's Games with primary 5 children

In the past month the football tournament has started up and the basketball teams have played friendly games. Over 100 children come to training sessions each week. Once a week the children have a Bible study on the pitch, giving the coaches an opportunity to share the gospel message with them.



Bible study on the football pitch



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