



Newsletter for the Friends of Projecto Horizonte

# News Update – October 2012

Dear friends!

Welcome to another news update from Projecto Horizonte. We are proud to present you the highlights of our recent activities. I am specifically excited about the Solidarity Day we organized. Children shared food baskets with the poorest residents in our community. This is a wonderful sign that our work does create a sustainable impact.

Please take the time, read through the stories and share the newsletter with your friends and families. We also look forward to your feedback!

Yours Christian Ruehmer

## It's all thanks to your Donations!

As you can see from our news updates, Projecto Horizonte has a tremendous impact on the 800 children and their families. We are lifting the community out of extreme poverty in a sustainable manner. We do that based almost exclusively thanks to your donations. We keep our cost low (~US\$ 15/month per child) and have no administrative expenses outside Bolivia.

In order to continue this work and serve more children in similar situations, we do rely on your donations. Please think of us in the coming holiday season, company events or club meeting!

## Here are some examples of our activities of the past weeks!

### Poetry Contest

We held a poetry contest for our students in the primary and secondary schools. The contest's main objective was to motivate students to express their emotions through poetry. A stage was set up and a selection of students recited their own poems in front of the rest of the school. First, second and third places were awarded to students from the secondary and primary schools. The prizes received were literary



works of great authors, a bouquet of flowers and a cake to share with their classmates.

### Brushing Teeth!

Dentist students from San Simon University visited us. Bad dental conditions resulting from poor nutrition and hygiene are a common threat. The goal of the day was to create new habits in dental health. The students visited all children of our daycare center. They explained the importance of dental hygiene and nutrition, demonstrated the right technique of brushing and distributed new brushes. At Projecto Horizonte, we encourage students to brush their teeth regularly, but it is good for them to hear this message from many sources.



### More Space for our Programs

Thanks to the efforts and donations from our volunteers we were able to renovate the second story of one of the oldest buildings in the community. Our communications and administration teams have moved into the much needed space. There is also a computer room for our volunteers and students. This has freed up the ground floor which we use as meeting rooms for our extra-curricular clubs, such as the very



popular anime club. It also hosts the psychiatric clinic and a bakery.

### Sharing with those in Need!

September marked the birthday of our Patron, San Vicente de Paul. We celebrated with a day of community solidarity. Each child of our daycare center donated a basic food item such as oil, pasta, rice or butter. Each class made a food basket. The children walked up and down the hills of our community, to deliver the baskets to their friends in the poorest families. These families struggle to afford even the most basic food items. The donations were happily received and our young students learned something of community solidarity.



### Cleaning Day

A few weeks ago, we had a "big cleaning day" at our school. Every student had the day off from the usual classes but was required to attend a day of cleaning. All 600 students brought their own cleaning products from home and spent the morning scrubbing windows, tables, chairs and floors. It is an important activity as it teaches responsibility and respect of the objects around them. The students did manage to enjoy themselves working in teams, although this might be because they got a free afternoon afterwards!



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