



Christmas 2016 Newsletter

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by Corinne Korchinski-Fisher

Another year has flown by, and what a year 2016 has been. In the inception of FEP, we really did not know what to expect or have any idea of where this journey would take us. Two and a half years since inviting the people of las Cañadas to the Foundation, we have been blessed to build a community of people who believe in their own potential, and are investing in themselves and their families. The Foundation continues to work with nearly 40 families from our first two 'generations' of members. We have also begun a third 'generation' with an additional 25 women and 3 men who have just begun the introductory phase.

Our first generation of families are immersed in their basic English training. They have gained the confidence to practice what they have learned with English speaking visitors to the FEP Community Centre.

Our prayers and wishes have been answered just in the nick of time in 2016. After countless hours and various attempts at finding land to build a more suitable facility for FEP, in November we finalized the purchase of our piece of paradise in las Cañadas. In this month's newsletter, Kerny Korchinski shares the journey in acquiring this property, and more about the construction project that is now well underway.

During this Christmas season, all the members, staff and board would like to wish you and your families many blessings. We would like to take this time to express our gratitude for all the support that has been given in various ways to make FEP what it is. May 2017 bring much joy, health and happiness to all of you.



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New FEP Community Centre

By: Kerny Korchinski



We are proud to announce that we have recently acquired a property in the community of Cañadas for the purpose of constructing a Community Centre for Fundacion Para El Empoderamiento Personal.

Albeit it was a lengthy process to finally acquire this property, we now realize that the time was right for a number of reasons. It allowed the Foundation the time to become entrenched in the community, we were able to develop an understanding of the specific needs there, and the correct piece of land became available.

The land is approximately .5 of an acre that is at the base of some hills that provides a perfect backdrop as well as natural protection from the effects of nature. We were very fortunate in finding this piece of property and most importantly will be able to attain title to it in a very short period of time.

Construction on this two story facility, which is a bit over the 6.000 sq ft. mark, has now begun. It will house a number of classrooms that will provide proper space for our personal development, professional development, therapeutic consultation, English training as well as a dedicated room for child care while parents are in their respective programs. Once we have made the transition into this facility we will identify additional programs that will be offered based on the recommendations and needs from the FEP members. The completion date is scheduled for the end of February or the beginning of March.

This certainly has been an answer to many dreams for our family as we have been involved in this type of activities for several years, though not exactly the way may have visualized the delivery. Now we believe we are able to truly serve these people with the vision we had, and had been made possible by those who have contributed their experience in this arena.

We certainly feel the blessings in approaching this project and look forward to the results based on the attendance of the residents of Cañadas. After less than three years that we have been in our journey with these people, we already see the positive affect it has had not only on them but on all of us.

We will keep you posted with the construction and the dedication ceremony which will be held upon completion.

Thanks from all of the group at Foundation Para El Empoderamiento Personal.



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Where is Las Cañadas?

Las Cañadas is located roughly 20 Minutes North-East from Puerto Vallarta and 20 Minutes South-East from Nuevo Vallarta. It is a small community comprised of approx. 200 homes.

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Posada - Christmas Party

On December 2nd we had the wonderful opportunity to gather as a FEP family, give thanks for the year we had, all our blessings, and unite to celebrate the exciting year that lies ahead for the Foundation. Here are some of the moments captured from the evening's festivities.



Participation

If you have the wonderful opportunity to visit the Puerto Vallarta area this winter, and you wish to take a tour or spend some time at the community centre in Las Cañadas, please email Corinne at c.kfisher@fepfoundation.com and we will arrange with you a time to share the FEP Community.

Fundacion Para El Empoderamiento Personal is currently a registered charity in both Canada and Mexico, giving us the ability to provide tax receipts for monetary and gift in kind donations. We currently have our application in to become a registered charity in the US, and patiently wait for our approval. To learn more about how your monetary donations will serve the people of Mexico we look forward to sharing how funds are utilized please contact the Executive Director.

Thank you to each of you for your interest and support of FEP Foundation.

