News from Ecuador

"Mommy and Me" Workshops Help Families Connect

MPI Ecuador is in the middle of the four-week "Mommy and Me" series. Each week, a local sociologist leads a workshop for mothers and children to practice effective communication. This series is an opportunity for mothers to learn helpful parenting tools while spending quality time with their kids!

You can see more from families here →

Ecuadorian College Students Pass English Exams

Students from MPI's English classes at the local university, the Universidad de las Fuerzas Armadas (ESPE), finished their semester strong. Program Directors will miss the students who are moving on, but are happy to have helped their students meet graduation requirements!

See if you can spot a familiar face →

Lonely Planet Names Quito a Top 10 City to Visit in 2016

Quito, Ecuador, was named one of Lonely Planet's Top Ten Cities to visit in 2016! What makes it so special? Check out this blog post from Program Director Carley to find out some of the city's most beautiful highlights and learn more about our favorite things to do in this cosmopolitan capital!

Would you enjoy Quito? Apply →

Meet Lupe.

"The clinic is very beneficial to my community," says Lupe, a 37-year-old resident of Cedro Galán. "The race is important to me because it supports the clinic, makes an example of our community, and encourages a healthy lifestyle for me and my family."

On March 19th, Lupe and six other women will lead 300 residents of Cedro Galán, Nicaragua in a 5K to raise $6,000 for their community health clinic. Lupe needs to raise $850. Will you sponsor her? Your gift ensures medical care in Cedro Galán. Thank you!

News from Nicaragua

USF Health Teams Partner with MPI Health Clinic

Medical teams from the University of South Florida are working with Cedro Galán clinic staff. The first team provided OB/GYN care for 70 residents, and the second team is leading patient consultations, teaching in local schools and planning with the community advisory board.

You can follow USF's teams here →

Teacher Training Helps Both Teachers and Students

Kelsie Fowler, Science Department Head at the American Nicaraguan School in Managua, is working with Program Directors to improve our programs through seminars to support teaching skills, differentiate learning styles, plan great lessons and manage classroom behavior. Thank you, Kelsie!

Are you curious about what they teach? →

Community Homestays Make Valentine's Week Memorable

Seven-month Program Directors spent their Valentine’s weeks living with families in the community of Cedro Galán. Community homestays are a once-in-a-lifetime experience in cultural immersion! Everyone had a great time cooking, living and spending time with their host families in February.

Immerse yourself: follow MPI's Instagram →

In The News

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