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**ECUADOR UPDATES**

**Enrollments Day in Ecuador**

The Ecuador site travels the country to host orientations to welcome new students for the semester and add 30 new students each orientation day.

**Homework Help Space**

In January 2018, we opened a computer lab and homework help center. Students can use the center to work on homework for their classes or practice English using our English computer to work on homework for their classes or practice English using our English course, providing funding for headsets with microphones for English pronunciation practice, laptops for English use, and much more. In the future the program plans to continue, providing scholarships for more. In the future the program plans to continue, providing scholarships for more.

**Nicaragua Updates**

**Schmitz Grant Completion**

For the past two years, the Ecuador site has partnered with the Schmitz Foundation to provide English classes for English teachers. In Ecuador, teachers and professors are required to have the B2 certification, and if they are better teach their students. The grant that teachers who improve their English will be free of cost for community members, in hopes that teachers will improve their English level and better teach their students. The grant that teachers who improve their English will be free of cost for community members, in hopes that teachers will improve their English level and better teach their students.

**New Benefactor of English Classes Begin**

The first weekend of the year is always a whirlwind, but a blast as well! Inscriptions day is always a whirlwind, but a blast as well! Each year, families to our membership program. We inscribed around 50 new students for the semester and added 30 new students. Over 70 families came through our doors for an enrollment day and we added 30 new students. This community has been our home for the past year and we are so excited for new students to join us this year.

**Ecuadorian Educational System, check out the Ecuador**

To learn more about Ecuador’s education system, check out the Ecuador blast as well!

**Program Directors Trip to Loja**

Program Directors markets trips to Loja, a city in the north of Ecuador, for their January 2018 trip. The trip includes flights, accommodation, and meals. The trip is open to Program Directors and their families.

**5K Bootcamp Launches in Prep for 5K**

The Cedro Galán 5K is held each year in support of the Manna Project's clinic operations since 2013. The clinic staff provided a combined 5,890 medical consultations to community members. Patient data, urban health, and community development are key areas of focus for the clinic. The clinic is in position to providing quality medical care to families in 2018.

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