



Agradecimiento "2020 año de la Solidaridad"

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The year 2020 has been the year of solidarity, so we want to thank all donor friends both in Colombia and in Europe, particularly in Belgium, for their generous contributions, which have allowed us to bring boxes of food and basic necessities to 60 vulnerable families corresponding to a total of 248 people, including many children and adolescents. In total, we distributed 660 boxes that have allowed these families to access minimum vital sustenance, in a period of special difficulty due to the mandatory quarantine related to the COVID-19 pandemic, which in Colombia lasted for almost six months, one of the longest in the world.

During my visit on November 5, we managed to get the public-private entity Corporación Colombia Internacional, CCI (www.cci.org.co) to designate the agronomist Leandro Gil, in order to begin the construction of the "Garden for All", where we will grow legumes, vegetables and fruit trees, so that the population has healthy and low-cost food available, in a self-sustainable way and respecting the environment. The first theoretical talk on the importance of the home garden took place last Saturday, December 5, at the Foundation's Playroom. The attendees were divided into 3 groups, children, adolescents and adults. The idea is that each participant grows the seeds and, once the plants grow, transplants them into their homes, following the instructions given by the agronomist. The second instructive talk will take place on December 26 and the inauguration of the home garden is scheduled for January 5, 2021. For the occasion, we will have the presence of Dr. Adriana Senior, President of CCI, of the agronomist responsible for the project and of the undersigned, as the Ad-honorem Legal Representative of the Foundation.

During my stay I also met in Santa Marta with Colonel Rodríguez, chief of the high mountain troops in the department of Magdalena, who has been supporting us on behalf of the National Army, with the transport of food in a military truck. With this help we were able to buy more food.



In 2021, we also hope to finish the construction of the cabin to house the European volunteers, who give us valuable help by giving English classes, organizing educational activities and games in the Toy Library.

We thank “Femmes de Europa” for their support in this project. In the same way, the group of friends who helped us buy food for these vulnerable families: AMA Supports Mothers who Help, as well as IKAL Independent Art and Martin's Atelier and the group of Artists, to the 2020 class of the German School in Brussels, to the Colombo Belga work in Bogotá and of course to Supertiendas Olímpica for the discounts they gave us. To the Carvacaro Group for the donation of 6000 masks that were distributed by our social work, throughout the Troncal del Caribe, including the Kogui and Arhuacos communities.

We will continue the construction of the library room and the homework room, works that were paralyzed because the funds that were available were allocated to the urgent purchase of the first 120 food boxes, which were distributed in April 2020. We are looking for resources to pay for a specialized teacher who cares for children and adolescents with learning disabilities and thus avoid truancy. Our goal is to support them so that they graduate from high school, give them a better perspective on life and avoid unwanted teenage pregnancies or that they engage in delinquency due to the lack of studies and opportunities.

Following the request of some friends who ask about the costs of sustaining the social work, we clarify that in FDH Colombia the administrative costs are limited to the payment of the salaries of one full-time employee based on site, who is in charge of coordinating the projects, maintaining contact with the community and developing the planned activities. The rest of the members of the Foundation are made up of solidarity volunteers, who cover with our own resources the trips from Europe, as well as the costs involved in transporting the didactic material for the nursery and the Play Center, the library books or the clothes that we collect throughout the year in Europe and Colombia.

We take the opportunity to wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a year of 2021 full of health and well-being.

On behalf of the children of the social work, infinite thanks to each one of you !!!

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