



Walmart Employees Participate in Community Workday

Volunteers from [Walmart de México y Centroamérica](#) visited MPI's site in [Nicaragua](#) for a community work day. Employees from all departments of the corporate office and managers from several stores arrived in Villa Guadalupe ready to serve! The volunteers were hosted by women from our [Camino Nuevo Jewelry Cooperative](#).

In addition to contributing their time, the 28 Walmart employees brought plants for a beautiful garden, fresh paint for the cooperative's workspace and supplies to expand the [Villa Guadalupe Clinic's](#) patio waiting area. The shaded patio is a welcome addition for our patients, as temperatures frequently rise above 100 degrees.

While women in the cooperative worked, volunteers coordinated games, coloring, snacks, and a piñata for their children. Walmart employees then teamed up with members of the cooperative and learned to craft their own jewelry using the cooperative's creative process.

We are so grateful to Walmart for their continued support! You can see more pictures [here](#).

Summer Interns Arrive on Site



Program Director Dana and her brother, Summer Intern Connor, with Jose and Jose

Fun in the Plaza de Rumiloma



Friends enjoy a traditional meal at the Hornado Solidario event in Ecuador

Summer interns have arrived in Ecuador and Nicaragua from universities across the United States! Interns are developing relationships in the community, helping to operate programs in their area of interest, and completing special weekly projects. We have exceptional interns, and their hard work has a deep impact on the success of our programs during the busy summer months. We are so grateful for the diverse skill set, fresh energy and new ideas they bring!

You can read more about the [Ecuador interns here](#) and the [Nicaragua interns here](#).

More than 100 community members came out for MPI Ecuador's Hornado Solidario event last Saturday. The event was an opportunity to spend time with the community, raise money for the community center, and thank everyone for their support. Hornado is a traditional dish, comprised of a whole roasted pig served with potato pancakes and boiled corn. In between trips to the food line, kids had their faces painted and the adults played bingo. Who knew Ecuadorians would love bingo so much?

You can see a photo album of smiling faces at the Hornado Solidario [here!](#)

Calling All Runners

Are you a runner? This one's for you! MPI Ecuador will hold its annual 5K on June 13th. Program Directors are hosting sign-up tables throughout the community of Sangolqui. We expect a great turnout on the day of the race.

You can read the latest race info on [Twitter](#) or support Ecuador operations [here](#).

New Designs from Camino Nuevo

The Tania Bracelet is in production at the Camino Nuevo jewelry cooperative. This brand new design is handmade with love from recycled materials, is environmentally friendly and supports a great cause.

You can [order jewelry for any occasion](#) and read updates from the women [here!](#)

The New Look of MannaMail

Change is in the air! The MannaMail's new format is a product of our improved email platform, and will soon be followed by a shiny new website. You can expect to see a few changes, but "Communities Serving Communities" remains at the heart of everything we do both online and on site.

Welcome to New Subscribers

Welcome to our new subscribers! Whether you are here to support a specific volunteer, are a first-time child sponsor or a world traveler, we are so glad you are here. We hope you know how much we appreciate you - your interest in MPI's communities brightens our day!



We love hearing from you!

If this month's MannaMail inspired any thoughts, ideas or questions, please email meghan@mannaproject.org. We're listening!



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