



NEWSLETTER – 04/2014

What's new in our Mosaic?

Dear volunteers, ex-volunteers, friends and members of Proyecto Mosaico,

After a lengthy break we would now like to share our next newsletter with you, including more information from our Mosaic. In recent months much has happened: In Germany we have gained Sarah Ullmann as a new board member, the next weltwärts cycle is already in preparation, a new website is in progress, and with your help we plan to establish a volunteer network.

In Central America, we were on the road in Nicaragua, Guatemala and Costa Rica. We visited various projects and thanks to the help of numerous donors we were able to support both the cooperative of female weavers in Tejidos Cotzal, Guatemala, and the organization Apimunic in Granada, Nicaragua with a financial support and with the allocation of school packages. Furthermore, we celebrated the World Water Day 2014. And last but not least: We are constructing an environmental education center in Granada. About all this and much more we would like to inform you in the following articles of this newsletter.

Here is an overview of our main areas:

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Have fun reading our newsletter. We are happy about any feedback from your side!

Saludos, the team of Proyecto Mosaico

Proyecto Mosaico e.V. – News from the Association

Changes in the Board of Directors:

After many years we say goodbye to our active board member Anouk, who will stay our coordinator for the German governmental program "weltwärts". Thank you very much for your great and honorary support! In



place of Anouk we have gained Sarah as a new board member besides Cordula and Sabrina. A warm welcome to you, too, and many thanks for your contribution as well.

New Website:

Together with our team in Granada and Anja, our marketing expert, we are currently working on a new website that will hopefully be online within midyear 2014. We appreciate any suggestions.

Our Team in Nicaragua:

We are pleased to welcome Janín, who supports us in the Nicaraguan development work in the fields of accounting and correspondence. Thank you! Thanks also to Wiliam, Coordinator of Club Verde and all Volunteering-for-1-day activities. And last but not least, as always a big THANK YOU to our amazing office volunteers. You are great! We would like to thank Hanna, Amelie, Gabi, Antonia, Svenja, Marco, Anja, Johanna, Jane, Christina, Elena and Bahareh for their support.

Job Vacancies in our Office in Granada:

Proyecto Mosaico e.V. is looking for office volunteers on a regular basis. You can find more information on our website. If you are interested to support us here in Granada, please contact our volunteer coordinator Sabrina (sabrina.heinrich@promosaico.org), or directly send her your application including cover letter, CV and picture.

Current Events in our Volunteer-Coordination:



weltwärts: Vacancies for 2014/2015

As of August 2014, we will dispatch seven volunteers to Nicaragua for 12 months within the framework of the developmental volunteer program "weltwärts", a program which was founded by the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development. Applications from German citizens can be send to us until 11th May 2014.

Reports about new and ongoing projects: Guatemala, Nicaragua & Costa Rica

In recent months we could expand our range of exciting projects to the great number of 50! In Granada, **Nicaragua**, we welcome a daycare center (project number N_F.28) and a library/tutoring project (N_F.29) as new partner organizations. Also we are pleased to cooperate as of now with an organization which is committed to eco-tourism and education in León (N_H.04).

During our visits of projects in **Guatemala**, we were able to gain another multi-faceted organization at Lago de Atitlán: G_M.14. among others. The project espouses education, the empowerment of women and access to medical care in the region. Another new project is G_M.05, which is also located at Lago de Atitlán. Furthermore, the daycare center in Santa Cruz is

looking forward to your support! Another project in Antigua (G_J.24) engages in the musical education of children and teenagers. Information about all our projects can be found within the respective presentations on our [website](#).

During a **Meet & Greet** in Antigua, Guatemala, our volunteers could share their experiences about the projects, the city and the host families with our volunteer coordinator Verena. Check out the pictures [here](#).

In **Costa Rica**, we visited our turtle project C_L.01. You can find a short report and many pictures of the visit [here](#).



Activities in Granada:

In October 2013, our volunteers held a **volunteer seminar** in which they reflected their present time in Central America. Within this seminar they also shared their experiences about the projects and the host families. Pictures of the seminar can be found [here](#). In the following month, our volunteers also had the opportunity to participate in a **first aid course**, to refresh their knowledge. The course was offered by the Red Cross in Granada. The related report and pictures can be found [here](#). In November and again in February we met to prepare the traditional Nicaraguan dish **Nacatamales**. Check out the pictures [here](#). The last month of the year traditionally contained some Christmas celebration! Our **office Christmas party** was held on December 6. Of course we also celebrated **Christmas** with our volunteers. A little Christmas party was held to exchange small presents and to support a social gathering at that special time of the year – [see for yourself!](#)

In January, February and March this year, several **Meet & Greets** took place in Granada and León. These meetings provided our volunteers with the opportunity to get to know each other and to regularly exchange views about the projects and life in Central America.

Volunteering for 1 Day:

You are travelling across Nicaragua with your friends, a group or your family? You want to get involved socially and to contribute to the environmental education in Nicaragua? Then you are the perfect candidate for **Volunteering for 1 Day**. You will be working together with local volunteers who enjoy helping as much as you do, and who want to make a difference – together with you! You can find impressions of past Vx1Day activities here:

[Volunteer for a Day! with Blyth Education](#) & [Volunteering for Day @ School](#)

Current Events from the Area of Environmental Education:



Unidos por el Agua 2014: We Celebrated the World Water Day

On March 22, once again we celebrated the **UN World Water Day** together with partner organizations from all across Nicaragua, as well as many volunteers and friends. On the area of the Red Cross Granada everybody was invited to enjoy a diverse and colorful program around the topic of water and environmental protection.



Throughout the day, participants and visitors of Granada had the opportunity to come to learn about the work of various organizations at their booths (*Feria de Agua*). Furthermore, there were performances of traditional dance, theater and acrobatics, and a presentation on cooking with solar ovens. Especially for children, many activities such as face painting, doing handicrafts and reading were offered.

In the afternoon, all participants gathered in order to campaign jointly for a responsible use of water and energy as part of the worldwide protest march "**The World Walks for Water & Sanitation**".

At this point, we would like to thank all participants and volunteers, the German Embassy in Managua and all private donors. Only due to their support, the project could be realized.

You can find many beautiful pictures and further information here: [Unidos por el Agua 2014](#) – A video will follow soon ☺

Amigos de la Naturaleza: Construction of an Environmental Education Center

Here we go: Since March, Proyecto Mosaico e.V., together with its partners, has been constructing an environmental education center on the premises of the Red Cross Granada. Our goal is to create a space for experiencing, learning and sharing in Granada. "Amigos de la Naturaleza" is intended to be an **education and information center** especially for the young people of Granada. But also local residents, schools and institutions will have the opportunity to get inspired by practical guidance and models. Following the principle of "learning by doing", 15 adolescent promoters/volunteers (Club Verde) will get the opportunity to experience in practice how to live by simple means in close communion with nature.

At this point, we would like to thank the **Manfred-Hermesen-Stiftung for environment and nature** from Bremen and the **Stiftung AES e.V.** for their generous support. First pictures of the terrain can be found [here](#).



Club Verde: Commitment to Environmental Protection

The Club Verde ("Green Club") is a group of young, committed people from Granada, who work voluntarily for a clean and beautiful city. In cooperation with the city of Granada and the practical help of Club Verde, the school Lorenzo Guerrero receives a new school garden with many different vegetables, an irrigation system and a compost heap. On the premises of Corazón Contento, an organization for the promotion of people with disabilities, new plants were planted in order to make the garden more beautiful. You can find many pictures of the enthusiastic participants and even a great video [here](#).

Current Events from the Area of Women:



Donation Campaign for Tejidos Cotzal (Guatemala)

In August 2013 we received the news that one of our partner organizations, the cooperative of female weavers *Tejidos Cotzal* from San Juan Cotzal in the north-east of Guatemala, had been robbed. We were of course speechless – but did not remain inactive. Therefore we started a donation campaign immediately. Thanks to your support, we were then able to transfer more than US\$ 2,000 to the cooperative within a few weeks. In December 2013, our volunteer coordinator Verena visited the project in Guatemala to see how the recuperation of the project went. You can find the related report, pictures and a video following this [link](#).

Current events from the area of education & social work:



Christmas donation 2013: School Packets for Children in Granada (Nicaragua)

With our Christmas donation campaign 2013, we supported the students from Santa Emilia and Pantanal – districts of Granada where low-income families live. We are delighted that due to your support, we were able to allocate urgently needed school supplies to 47 girls and boys. You can find a report, pictures and a video [here](#). We would like to continue this donation campaign. Therefore, we keep counting on your support in the future!

How to support us:

Donate via Betterplace for our Environment Protection Projects in Nicaragua!

[EcoREDMOSAICO](#) – an environment network in Nicaragua. In the context of a nationwide project, which was initiated by a network for the protection of the environment, it is planned that organizations and self-help initiatives are enabled to connect and to develop together.

[EcoVolunteers](#) – Club Verde: Club Verde is committed to environmental education and the urban beautification of different districts in Granada. Newly created small gardens are supposed to draw attention to the population to keep their city clean and to embellish it.

[EcoARTE](#) – Development of environmental awareness in an artistic way: Make it possible for children from Granada to participate in a theme-centered workshop! Within EcoARTE activities they can be creative, they are promoted professionally and they learn that their environment is unique and worthy of protection.

We want to thank all previous donators and we are looking forward to new ones in order to be able to implement our work in Nicaragua a successfully as always. THANK YOU!

Boost-Project: Shopping for a good cause!

On boost, everybody can get involved in a good cause while shopping online. It is possible to choose from a pool of 400 partner stores from Amazon to Zalando. On boost we are active for EcoREDMOSAICO. Simply register on their website and shop for a good cause with your next purchase.

Donations of Laptops for “Los Gusanitos”

“Los Gusanitos” (the worms), one of our partner organizations in Granada/Nicaragua, received donations of laptops via the aid project Labdoo.org e.V. We are now looking for intermediaries who travel to Nicaragua, and who are willing to take a laptop with them. If you know someone who wants to get rid of his or her laptop, you can find grateful people [here](#).

Saludos desde Alemania y Nicaragua!

Carlos, Janín, Cordula, Sarah, Anouk, Sabrina, Verena and the rest of the Mosaico Team!

PROYECTO MOSAICO E.V.

Since 1998, Proyecto Mosaico e.V. has been taking an active part in Central America and has been dispatching volunteers to various countries and partner organizations in Guatemala, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Costa Rica and Panama. Our focus is on the areas of education & social work, women and environment. In addition to volunteer coordination, we are involved in own projects within the areas of environmental education and water as well as networking of aid organizations and ecological self-help initiatives.

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