

Tess Unlimited

Newsletter May 2016

GIFT OF A SMILE

In the first week of February we had a surgery week in cooperation with the organization Free to Smile. We have been working together with Free to Smile for about 5 years now and did 8 surgery weeks together! This February we operated on 30 kids.

During that week, we made a short impression video. Be sure to check it out at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e2-R1tN-rwM>

The upcoming surgery weeks will be in May, June, August and September.



This is Diodoro 4 weeks after his surgery

MILK PROJECT

Since January of this year we have a monthly average of 100 children in our milk project. These are mostly kids who are in preparation of their upcoming surgery and kids who continue in our project for a few months after their surgery, to make sure they recuperate well after the surgery. At this time we spend about \$40 per child per month. These costs include formula (milk powder), vitamins, check-ups with a pediatrician and a special Habermann drinking bottle. Most

children stay between 3 and 6 months in our project. Right now we have a few babies in our project who are extremely malnourished; we will tell you more about them in our next newsletter.



Kenelyn, 1 week old, 1.3 kilo.



Darix is 6 weeks old and weighs 1.8 kilo

EVALUATION

Besides the Milk Project, about once or twice a year Tess Unlimited organizes a big evaluation. This is to keep track of all those children who we operated on in the last years. This way we can ascertain if they need dentistry, speech therapy and if they can be invited to Campamento Sonrisas. We also see lots of new children, mostly babies and infants. On April 6 we evaluated 79 children in San Marcos, on April 7 we went to Huehuetenango, where we evaluated 166. On April 13 we stayed in Antigua, where we saw 75 children. We made a little video clip of these most recent evaluations too: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nT9ZkBJGyqU>

Also take a look at these before and after photos.



EDUCATIONAL CENTER

The Educational Center started a new year again! We welcomed a new student: Julio! Julio is 13 years old and is legally blind. Our volunteers Anna and Hans are teaching him English twice a week and this boy is one of the most motivated students we have!



KIDS RESTAURANT

KIDS restaurant started with a new group of children this year! Let us introduce you to our new team: Sherlin, Rubi, Angela, Alejandro, Michelle, Josue & Ricardo. Fortunately for us, Luis,



Pedro, Henry & Kenny keep on helping us out. We had some restaurant nights already, which were fully booked!

WANTED!!!

1) We are looking for fun, creative, inspiring and most of all delicious new recipes for our cooking classes and KIDS Restaurant. We have cooked and baked so many recipes these past 5 years that we need some new input! Any recipes come to mind? Please send them to us! We will translate them in to Spanish. Thank you!

2) Become a volunteer for Tess Unlimited! How about helping us out for a few weeks in our Educational Center & KIDS Restaurant? Or maybe joining our team for Campamento Sonrisas and summer school? Please contact us. We can use you well!

3) There are a lot of children right now who need speech therapy. There is a great willingness among parents, but there is a lack of money, to take their child on the bus every week to come and see us. For € 10 / \$ 11.50 a month, a child can come to us 4 times a month, accompanied by a parent. We are looking for 30 people who can contribute for 1 year. We invite you to become a member of our speech-therapy-club! You will support one child, of whom we will send you a picture. Your support will make a positive difference in his or her life! Contact us at: tessa@tessunlimited.com .

Until the next time!

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