

Paseo Familiar – OSA Family Outing



“Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain.” (Psalm 127:1 NIV). This Bible verse was the focus of OSA’s annual Paseo Familiar, a day out for the whole family, on Sunday, September 25th.

The families were divided into four groups named, Aguilas, Delfines, Leones and Osos (Eagles, Dolphins, Lions and Bears). The last two days before the trip the children made a coat of arms, a flag, and a poster with the group’s slogan.

At 7 a.m. the first families arrived. Everybody gathered at the sport field behind OSA and at 8 a.m. the groups were directed to their buses. Each group had their own bus to make it easier to count the people.

After a smooth trip of over an hour we arrived at the recreation grounds. We arrived before the big crowd, so we found a nice place with

trees providing some necessary shade. When the groups were settled and the flags were raised the group leaders led them in a devotional.

Games

Then it was time for games. Young and old were involved. Some of the children took it very seriously while others were more relaxed and smiled at their parents. The OSA Team encouraged everyone to participate even though some of the games were both physically and mentally challenging.

“The Treasure” was the last game of the morning. This game challenged the players mentally, spiritually and physically as it was a combination of mathematics, Bible verses and seeking the next tasks all over the recreation grounds. Parents and children worked together.

Recreation

In the afternoon, there was free time, which most of the children spent in the swimming pool. Others enjoyed the swings and other playground attractions.

Parents went for a walk to the river, took a nap, played volleyball or soccer, and/or enjoyed watching their children having a good time. There were even some parents that dove in the swimming pool.

A group of men had just started playing soccer, when it was time for departure. On the way back, the busses made a short stop so one could buy some fresh milk and cheese. When we hit the smooth paved road, we knew we were close to home and around 5 p.m. we arrived at OSA.

We thank God that we could organize this day and look back on a Paseo without accidents and with many smiling faces.



Good news from the kitchen table

From Monday through Friday, four mothers are scheduled to prepare the lunch for the children in the OSA after school program. This is one of the ways a family "pays" OSA to have its child in the program; three times per month.

But before they serve the children they have lunch with the OSA team at a table in the kitchen; for a moment during the day, all have lunch as one family.

Many different topics are discussed and also the mothers take the opportunity to share concerns and ideas with the team.

One day, one of the mothers shared her appreciation of the program. Over the last months, her daughter, who is in 1st grade, has improved in school and the mother told us that she heard the same from other mothers of the 1st graders. A special word of thanks was expressed for Fany who spends most of the time teaching these children. These moments make the food taste even more delicious. It also encourages the team to be at the kitchen table at lunch time to hear more of these stories from the OSA mothers first hand.



Fany with the 1st graders

Thank you,



Petry!

OSA wishes to express sincere appreciation to Petry Marin for the invaluable contributions in his role as an educational psychologist at OSA for the past three and one half years. Petry has also taught the children about the environment and how to care for God's creation. Petry has accepted another position and will be leaving OSA later this month. However, in his usual spirit of teamwork, Petry will assist Kees Abbring in the organization and logistics of the construction work during the upcoming OSA mission trip. Petry's enthusiasm and the way he works so well with children will be greatly missed after he leaves.

In the photo above, Petry is shown leading his team during the "Paseo" for the final time.

Introducing...

Fany Marcatoma Díaz

Fany is a teacher in the OSA after school program. She teaches reading and writing to the 1st and 6th grade, logic and mathematics to the 1st grade, and helps the 1st graders with their homework.

We asked Fany the following questions.

When did you start at OSA?

"I started working at OSA the last days of March 2011."

How did you hear about OSA?

"I heard about OSA through the recommendation of a friend who is friends with two OSA employees. At that time, I was praying to God for a job as a teacher in a Christian institution."

What do you like most of your work at OSA?

"I like OSA because the environment is warm, and I have the freedom to use materials and to work with the ludic methodology. I recognize that OSA has more emphasis on the children than other institutions, and I can minister to the children. These children can learn about the love of God; I have the freedom to encourage them with Christian principles."

Do you have a dream for your work here?

"I would like to study more and to get more training in order to be more effective in the children's academic enrichment. I would like to see the Word of God present in these children in the future and that they can grow in their relationship with God."

Anything else you want to share?

"I thank OSA for its support, and I thank God for this wonderful ministry here in Collique. I pray that our hands can be like the potter, helping to mold these children into vessels for God. May God bless Operación San Andrés."

Upcoming Events

- Fall Mission Trip
October 7-15
- Medical Campaign, Construction, VBS
October 10-14

Please, PRAY with us for

- Fall Mission Trip
- Comedor San Andrés
- New Psychologist
- Petry and his new position
- OSA Staff

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