



Sowing Life

For years we have dreamt of opening a community center in Comuna 13. We envisioned a place that would give hope, light, life, encouragement, and empowerment to everyone that walked in the door. In January, we were able to launch by giving 300 families groceries and 300 school supplies kits to children in the community.

In February, we launched programs for kids and adults. We began to learn the community's wants and needs. We have been adapting and shifting to reach the areas where we feel there is the most need. Our strategy has been to build relationships, to listen, to love and serve others, and to get to know this community and its people at the core of who they are. We have learned so much! It has been more work than we ever imagined, but we have been blessed with an amazing team of volunteers who make serving this community possible.



We are known as the "Sowing Life Foundation." Our goal is to help everyone in the community to have the resources they need to raise healthy families - physically, emotionally, and spiritually. While we have a variety of programs and events for all ages, the overall goal is to share the love of God and to help anyone, who is seeking, to find a new life following Jesus.

This month, we spent two weeks doing a "Wild West" Vacation Bible School. One of the highlights was at the end when the children were invited to accept Christ. It was wonderful to watch them pray but then listen to them explain what it meant to believe in Christ and how he died for them. It was clear they had fully understood the Gospel message.



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Our Current Projects in Comuna 13

Adult GED Program

We opened a program to help adults finish their high school education. We were a little overwhelmed when more than 100 people from 16 to 74 years old signed up. About half of the initial group has stuck with the program and will graduate in February. We are getting ready to open a second group in August.

Soccer

Twice a week, Corey and four of our male volunteers work with a group of nearly 60 kids playing soccer. Currently the group is all boys, with the exception of one girl. The leaders take time to teach about integrity, respect, and how loved the children are. Many of the kids do not have a male figure in their household. We have seen a beautiful response in several of the kids who started with behavioral issues that with time and love have resolved.

Children's Feeding Program

Also twice a week we serve lunch to 30 to 40 children. It started one week when a couple of kids were hanging around while we were eating. One of our volunteers made plates for the children. The next week a few more came, and it continued to grow. Now we are busting at the seams and looking for partners to help us expand and feed more children throughout the whole week. We started with just a sink and a rice cooker. We are currently renovating the kitchen area and have added a stove, refrigerator and lots of utensils.

Still to Come

Sidewalk Sunday School, Bible Studies, empowerment for boys, girls, and women, music classes, activities for the elderly, and more!



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