



Second Semester 2015 - Classes Are in Session!



On July 13th, BPP launched the second semester of our school year with a bang opening up new student enrollments in English and Extracurriculars. Thanks to awesome volunteers and sponsors, BPP is able to offer Yoga Classes, Cooking Classes, Gardening Classes, Board Games and Sports and will continue with our regular courses in Fitness, Computers, Art, Dance and of course English as a Second language! Pictured above students from our cooking class make Bruschetta with basil and tomatoes they've grown in our garden, Yoga students have a special class at Zen Yoga Nicaragua and sports students get to participate in swimming classes, sponsored by both Hostel Pacha Mama and Hotel Anamar!



Our New Playground!

The week of July 13th was a busy one! BPP also hosted a group of volunteers from an organization called RAKlife who perform Random Acts of Kindness all over the world! BPP was lucky to receive their generous contribution of a playground that they built for our students in the front of the school. Additionally BPP is happy to help facilitate and coordinate a microloan from RAKlife for the family business of one of our most trusted and reliable staff members, Williams Robles.



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Volunteers in the Spotlight

Nancy Dickinson and Gordon Skultety are retired teachers from Ontario, Canada and have joined us as English Teachers for our second semester of 2015! In addition to teaching English, Gordon and Nancy are also offering elective classes where they are able to share their love for gardening and board games. In Canada, Nancy worked with children and adults in a variety of settings over the last 50 years, from teaching skiing and running waterfront summer camp programs to being the Special Education Resource Teacher at a High School in Ontario. This is Nancy's seventh trip to San Juan del Sur and she welcomes the opportunity to work with the newest students of BPP. Gordon has also been very involved in the community, from volunteering with Boy Scouts to being on the Board of a local Credit Union and of a Housing Co-operative. Gordon has his Masters of Education in Curriculum Development, taught a variety of subjects including French at an Elementary School in Ontario and subsequently became Department Head for the Special Education Department. Nancy and Gordon are both very excited to be living and teaching English in San Juan del Sur! They love living by the beach, learning Spanish and becoming a part of the community! Interested in becoming a BPP teacher? Commit to four months and receive either room & board or Spanish classes. We are now accepting applications for our next semester which will go from February until June of 2016. Please email any inquiries to info@barrioplantaproject.org.

Positive Incentive Program



Our classes are expanding, which means so are our incentive programs. BPP offers three different types of Positive Incentives for our students to encourage commitment, dedication and character building. Every Thursday, thanks to Abroad Perspective, we host a dinner for the students who have participated in and attended all of their classes that week. Every Friday, thanks to our rotating sponsors El Timon Restaurant, Naked Tiger Hostel and Restaurante Brisas Marina our students who behaved the best in each of our 11 English classes are rewarded with a dinner with their teachers! Above, students enjoy a sit down dinner at El Timon Restaurant. Additionally every month students with Perfect Attendance earn a field trip. BPP is looking to raise funds for transportation to enhance the quality of our trips and make them educational. If you are interested in donating to any of our programs, making a commitment to monthly donations, or sponsoring a child, please visit our website for more info. Together we can Help a Child Grow.

Interested in getting involved? BPP has tons of volunteer opportunities available for anywhere from a day to a year. Options include homestay, Spanish classes, group activities and customized voluntours. Send us an email or visit our website or facebook page for more info! #HelpaChildGrow

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