

# CENTRAL MEXICO YOUTH FUND NEWSLETTER

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## Summer School 2018

*El Puente de Esperanza* hosted its annual summer school (curso de verano) for elementary school children in the rural community of Chavarrías. Located in the municipality of Cadareyta de Montes in the state of Querétaro at some 9,380 feet above sea level, 65 children from the community participated in the nine-day event. Chavarrías is also the home of three of the residents at *El Puente*. All of the classes were organized and taught by the residents of *El Puente*, which gives each of them an opportunity to give back to their home communities as well as promote the group's educational mission.

Activities at this year's summer school included chess, dance, science, robotics, pre-school activities and a play center. As always, the final day of the program is a special fiesta when the parents and family members are invited to participate in and view demonstrations by the students of what they learned during the summer school program.



Unique to this year's program, *El Puente* resident Ramona, who is finishing her studies to become a dentist, brought her dental equipment along and gave each of the children of Chavarrías a dental exam and teeth cleaning! Ramona will be graduating in December along with three other *El Puente* residents: Viridiana (nursing), Alberto (auto mechanics) and Eduardo (engineering)





## What's Cooking at El Puente

With the help of an instructor and students from a culinary school in Querétaro, the beneficiaries of El Puente are learning how to cook and make nutritious food.

The residents of El Puente prepare their own meals as part of their household responsibilities, but their academic schedules make this difficult at times. They welcomed the advice of some experts to make this task both easier and healthier. *Provecho* (bon appetit), as they say in Mexico!



## Kids Thrive at Hogares Providencia

Our partner Hogares Providencia operates three residences in Querétaro that provide a home to 45 vulnerable children and adolescents. All of its beneficiaries are enrolled in public education programs at levels consistent with their ages and three attend local universities.

Some examples of the academic success achieved by these kids are the recent graduation from high school of Edwin and Martín, who are now attending professional programs as a laboratory technician and accountant. At the university level, Nathalie is studying criminology and her excellent grades have earned her a scholarship to continue her academic career, while Julián is part of a Visual Arts program and already sells some of his creations to finance the costs of his work materials.

We are also pleased to report that some generous local donors made it possible for the children to visit the Africam Safari theme park near Puebla, a four-hour trip from Querétaro. It was an exciting experience for the kids to travel there by bus and see for themselves many animals that they only knew previously as printed or internet images.

