



Newsletter August, 2011



**FORT HAYS STATE
UNIVERSITY**

**A Partnership with Volcanes
Community Education Project**

A year ago several professors from Fort Hays State University in Kansas, with their families, visited Puerto Vallarta and volunteered to help at our summer camp program, then held at the School of Champions. They were so impressed with the children who attended the camp, that they decided to explore the possibility of the University helping with the various programs that we were involved in. Several months ago a group of 7 professors from the University came back to discuss how the University could help. We brought them to the Volcanes Primary School and showed them our classrooms and presented our plans for the upcoming school year. They were very enthusiastic about the program and its possibilities. A 3 year program has been drafted by the University with a number of specific projects outlined, including: flat screen TV's, computers and video cameras in each classroom; a complete new community library; on-line, interactive teaching from the University in Kansas; University student teaching experience at Volcanes Primary School; adult education programs and University student help with summer camp at Volcanes, to mention a few of the projects discussed.

The electronic equipment for one English classroom is in the process of being installed and should be ready by the end of September. Most of the projects will not be started until the next semester starting in January, and will continue to be implemented during the next several years., Eventually, we expect to have a complete interactive program between the university in Kansas and our project at the Volcanes Primary School to the benefit of the students in Kansas, the students at Volcanes Primary, and the Volcanes community in general..

ANGEL THREADS

Roberta Groff of Calgary, Canada operates a foundation called “**Angel Threads**” which among other things, donates new clothing from COSTCO and other manufactures and retailers, to the needy children and their families in the Puerto Vallarta area. For the past 4 years she has been actively involved in helping the Down Syndrome foundation, various church groups and the School of Champions in Puerto Vallarta. She has seen our new program at Volcanes and wants to partner with us. She has asked that we get clothing sizes from all of the families whose children are involved in our Volcanes Project. There are approximately 180 families who have children in the Volcanes schools; kínder, primary and secondary. The **Angel Threads** foundation hopes to get new clothes to at least 100 of those families in the coming school year.

As each family receives the clothing package, they must commit to helping at the school in one way or another. This way we will get the help to maintain the facility and the parents will see the program first hand and become more involved. The clothing will be transported to Vallarta in suitcases via tourists who are traveling from the Calgary area to Puerto Vallarta. Roberta needs volunteers to carry the suitcases. Most airlines will allow one suitcase for charity for free. Roberta will take the suitcases to the airport in Calgary and we will pick up the suitcases at the airport in Vallarta. .

School Starts September 12

Our Volcanes After School Program begins September 12. We expect over 120 students to enroll. Each student will have 1 hour of English and 1 hour of computer classes every school day. The students are anxious to begin classes but we need school supplies to get them started properly. We need ; note books, pencil cases, pens and pencils, sharpeners ,erasers, glue sticks and crayons.



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