



February, 2011

The Mano Amiga



This is the Rebirth of The Mano Amiga. Our Newsletter made by volunteers for volunteers. The purpose is to keep us united, and provide a tool to maintain and strengthen the family we already are. We want to keep you informed and updated on news from Ibague, the children and their families, and in contact with former Manos Amigas Volunteers (MAVs) living around the world.

Your comments, stories, and participation are what will make this newsletter successful.

The Mano Amiga will consist of five sections:

1. One of our own - This is a section dedicated to stories from former and current MAVs. This is really where we need your participation. We are looking for stories about what you have done since your time in Ibague, what you are doing now, or anything else that may be of interest.

2. People of Manos Amigas - This section is dedicated to stories about the kids of the foundation, or people from the various programs of Manos Amigas/Let's Go Volunteer. Current MAVs will be charged with conducting interviews with a person of choice, providing their background information, and writing a profile for this section.

3. Current news from Ibague - This will be an update on projects, special events, and future plans involving Manos Amigas.

4. Variety Section - This will be dedicated to those MAVs currently living at the foundation. They will provide insight to their life and activities. It may include trips they went on, news from the house, and any other funny or interesting stories they have to share.

5. News from Colombia - This section will keep you updated on various news stories from Colombia. Whether it be floods, festivals,

crime, politics, or soccer, we will keep you in the loop of everything Colombian.

6. Classified Section - This section will provide a forum for former volunteers to gather support for projects they may be planning in various cities around the world. It may also provide assistance for those volunteers with travel plans, looking for a place to stay, and suggestions on what to see and do.

Ex. If I am planning a project in New Orleans, USA I can advertise this project in the Mano Amiga classified section to try and recruit support from other MAVs. Or if I am planning a trip to Paris I can list my travel plans and contact info in hopes volunteers living in Paris, or those that have traveled there can provide suggestions, tips, or even a place to stay.

My name is Nick O'Neill. I will be serving as the Editor of the Mano Amiga, and contributing to various sections. I served as a MAV from October 1st, 2010 - January 7th, 2011. I am originally from New Orleans, LA, and for the next few months I will be making my home on the southern coast of Guatemala. I will be working in close contact with Volunteer Supervisor David Dunkley, in organizing and disseminating this newsletter. Suggestions, comments, and critiques are welcomed and encouraged. Please send us any stories you have, or ads to be posted in the Classified Section.

The Mano Amiga will be a bi-monthly publication, with the first edition coming around the corner. We hope you enjoy.

If at any time you would like to be removed from this mailing list please reply to this email with the subject changed to unsubscribe.