

The ASAPROSAR Newsletter



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News from ASAPROSAR!

This is our first electronic newsletter! We are so happy to be able to connect with you in this way. Our hope is to keep you informed of what is happening in El Salvador and what ASAPROSAR Development Fund, Friends of ASAPROSAR, Vecinos and other groups are doing in the United States to support the work of ASAPROSAR. We don't want to inundate you with emails so our goal is to have a monthly newsletter with occasional updates for the big important stuff. We are encouraging everyone to send ideas for stories or subjects that you would like to see highlighted as keeping the newsletter as interesting and fresh as possible is our goal. Thank you for your support. We value each of our supporters and ASAPROSAR has been successful because of your continuing support.

Meet Peter and Henry!

Peter and Henry are two members of the ASAPROSAR Leadership Program. Peter is 17 years old and has been a part of ASAPROSAR's youth program, Barefoot Angels, for 10 years. He has a gift for magic and performs for groups, visitors and now may start a business with his talent. With the Barefoot Angel's staff Peter is learning new leadership skills enabling him to help other younger Barefoot Angels like Henry.



Dr. Guzmán began her mission helping individuals in rural areas become leaders. The first people trained were health promoters in their communities. The youth program at the Santa Ana bus terminal (Barefoot Angels Terminal) uses the same methodology. The ASAPROSAR Leadership Program integrates the ASAPROSAR philosophy of empowering Salvadorans along with this leadership training.

ASAPROSAR has identified leaders like Peter and Henry within their Barefoot Angels program and are training these leaders to become facilitators for a larger group of youths. The facilitators are vital in planning the leadership activities and goals of the program. These young leaders range in age from 13-18 years old and the youth participants range in age from 10-18. Facilitators will join with the ASAPROSAR staff in educating their peers in the areas of life planning, self-esteem, entrepreneurship, crisis intervention, children's rights, sexual exploitation and rights, child abuse and domestic violence. [Read More...](#)

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ASAPROSAR Launches New Website!

Check out WWW.ASAPROSAR.ORG

We are very excited to announce the launch of our new website! Our updated site can still be found at www.asaprosar.org as well as www.asaprosar.net and www.asaprosar.com. All three URL's lead you to the same great place. The website includes a new layout with updated content and new features such as photo albums. The "Give Now" icon features with credit card capability for processing donations online using Visa, MasterCard, AMEX, Discover and Diners.

Websites are always a work in progress so please send your ideas for content or new features you would like to see added. [Send ideas now!](#) Coming soon to the site will be staff bios from El Salvador, more information on work/study trips and ways you can organize events within your community or group. The website is another way keep you informed and to raise more awareness and support for ASAPROSAR.

Successful Eye Campaign for Friends of ASAPROSAR!

by Jorge Luna translated by Eloise Clawson



ASAPROSAR, in coordination with Friends of ASAPROSAR, conducted an International Ophthalmology Campaign, from January 31 through February 5, 2009, at the Multiclínica "Vicky Guzmán" of ASAPROSAR in the city of Santa Ana and in the facilities of the Eagles Sporting Club in the city of San Miguel.

64 International Volunteers, (not including the many Peace Corp volunteers) and 45 members of the staff of ASAPROSAR participated in the campaign. This included ophthalmologists, nurses, anesthesiologists, optometrists, general practitioners, educators, consultants, eye technicians, social workers, managers, logistics personnel, and others.

1,959 patients received benefit. 52% came from rural and urban marginalized areas in the western region of El Salvador; 1,302 ophthalmologic consults were provided, 1,655 persons received

optometry care, 151 surgical procedures were performed and 3,523 pairs of corrective/reading/ sun glasses were provided, plus 1,105 medicines were distributed.

[Read full report for the campaign.](#)

Did you know?

ASAPROSAR has plans to build a new youth center in Santa Ana.

Get involved with the planning and support of this vital project!

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Our Mission

The mission of ASAPROSAR is to work with the neediest families in El Salvador to improve their quality of life. ASAPROSAR empowers the poor through health care, youth leadership training, environmental and nutritional education, micro-credit, and community development. Priority is given to children, youth and women in rural and marginalized urban settings.

Suggestions?

If you have any suggestions for the newsletter, website or ideas on developing ASAPROSAR programs please email us newsletter@asaprosar.org.

Thank you for your support and for reading our first e-newsletter!

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