

Ecuador Express



We are just writing first of all to wish you a very Happy Christmas – or Feliz Navidad-and all the best for 2010 ! Please accept this as our card to you ! This is true we were honestly going to send individual cards to people but in working out the cost and the time etc it would have been easier to buy a ticket and come and deliver them personally but then you would be under pressure to invite us in for a coffee and a mince pie !! so we thought best to send as many as we could by email please accept our apologies but you the unfortunate ones who are on email get an email with 2 attachments ! We wanted to share some Highlights of 2009 with you.....



We have been really encouraged with a link that has developed with the Montebello school – the students in their final year there have been coming to the Monday – Thursday programme here at Mano & Mano to help the children in their education/homework and other activities. This has been a tremendous help to us.

We continue to provide the children with a healthy meal as well as helping them with education and sharing special days with them like birthdays and special events



Every Friday we have the Gran Show which is open to children in the wider community – this has been a great time to see the children come week by week.

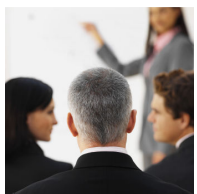
As a little girl climbed onto Santa's lap, Santa asked the usual, " And what would you like for Christmas ? " The child stared at him open mouthed and horrified for a minute, then gasped: " Didn't you get my email?"



In October the dental clinic opened this is run by Elsa from Latin Link and is open to the community Monday – Friday. It's early days but gradually it's getting known and used by folk in the area.



In October there was a training day for children's workers in the area – we hope in the future that the project can host other events with regards training though Dave will have to find other jokes as he used the 3 he had all on that day !



In October along with some friends from another school we started a course for parents in the area- we plan for this to be a monthly event.



Our address.....
Mano & Mano Funhand
Hacienda de Moreno
No 510 y via a la Merced
El Tingo
Quito
Ecuador

As mentioned in one of our previous letters at times we have had real struggles and are very conscious day to day of our weakness and failings but grateful to God for His Faithfulness and Grace who picks us up when we want to call it a day ! 2 Cor 12 :9

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The 3 stages of a man's life

He believes in Santa Claus

He doesn't believe in Santa Claus

He is Santa Claus.

CHRISTMAS APPEAL

This Christmas we are making a special appeal for two things that would be a real benefit to the project : one is we would like to buy 20 new computers that we can use for the day to day work with the children at present we only have 5 very old ones (that came out of the Ark) we would also seek with these new computers to open up a internet café to help other young people in their studies/ research. The other is we need to build a new wall for security and to stop the football flying over !

We would appreciate (if you feel it is appropriate and comfortable with the idea) that you make this appeal known to your friends, schools, colleges, churches , work colleagues. We are looking to raise £5,000 to cover these two things. Thank you for your consideration in this.



Thank you so much If you can support us in anyway in this appeal much appreciated – please send any donations to :

Hand in Hand
3C The Granaries
Reeds Farm Estate
Roxwell Rd
Chelmsford
Essex
CM1 3ST

Include a note that the donation is for the Ecuadorian Christmas Appeal.

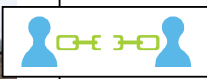
We hope to have some young people for 2-3 days from Inca Link as part of their week conference at the end of the year – so we will seek to do something for the community to see the old year out and the new one in - Without Auld Lang Syne because I don't know the words let alone the Ecuadorians !



Edison enjoys his Colada Morada and guagua de Pan !

Always a highlight for us is to have teams over and this summer was no different thank you to Marilyn, Chris & Hanna, Paul & Chris and Alan & Julie for all you did while you were here both working with the children and young people and the building work- MUCHAS GRACIAS !

We are looking forward to others coming out in 2010.



The wonder of the Christmas message is not that God is Great (though he is !) but that he became small - small enough to fit in a manger .



A low light – Ecuador not qualifying for the world cup ! so no chance of seeing Antonio Valencia versus Ashley Cole etc at least will be safe to wear the England shirt in the summer of 2010 here !



Ana with Juan Ernesto her new nephew !



Dave with Sam – mum's dog – Dave is the one with sunglasses- Sam has been known to enjoy the odd picnic !

Happy New Year



Thank you once more for supporting the work here over the past year and again we want to wish you a Feliz Navidad- apologies we haven't written to you personally

With love Ana y Dave

