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their full potential



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“OUR NEW NORMAL?”

The COVID-19 virus continues to impact the lives of our boys at both Refugio Mazatlán and Mi Futuro. Bere, Lupita and Oscar locked down completely with the kids until the beginning of June. Since then we have been focused upon easing into the new normal. Paola, our Social Worker, Celene, Cook, and Enrique, Night Caregiver, have returned to work utilizing strict precautions including masks, daily health and temperature checks, social distancing and sanitization.



There are currently 14 boys from Refugio Mazatlán and Mi Futuro adjusting to the new way of life in Refugio. The remainder of the boys will continue to stay with their families until schools reopen. It is unclear as to when this will happen, and online classes may well continue for some time.



New Students at Mi Futuro

Three young men from Refugio graduated high school last month and will be starting university in August. They will be moving into one of the apartments at Mi Futuro.



Javier will be studying International Commerce at Universidad Autónoma de Durango. Christopher will attend Universidad Autónoma de Occidente to study Computer Engineering. David's dream is to become a Helicopter Pilot



and he has already started the theory portion of his program.





ISA FOUNDATION

Even though our daily operations

have been impacted by COVID-19 we are continuing to teach the boys about staying healthy. We provide nutritious

meals and continue to educate the boys about how they can maintain a healthy lifestyle in our new normal. The boys have a fixed time period each week during which they study nutrition, and exercise classes take place each day.

Thank you again to ISA Foundation for your continued support!



We installed some lighting in the patio area, so they are now able to enjoy sports activities in the evenings once it has cooled down a little. We embark on small,



safe local outings where there are no other people, but are always looking for creative activities to do in Refugio. Thanks to the generosity of some donors, the boys have been able to enjoy jigsaw puzzles, board games, arts and crafts and music classes. We are always looking for new



ideas of things we can do with the boys. If you have any fun activities to share, please let us know!

VOLUNTEERS AND DONORS

Our volunteer program has been put on hold in order to keep the volunteers, boys and staff at Refugio safe. The boys miss these relationships. We are incredibly grateful to



all the friends of Refugio who have mailed or dropped off donations of food and other items. Some donors have also sent funds to help through

this time. We keep our "Current Needs" list updated on our website: <https://www.refugiomazatlan.org/current-needs>.

Thank you all for your support and we hope that you are safe and healthy.

“To keep the body in good health is a duty...otherwise we shall not be able to keep our mind strong and clear”

-Buddha

CREATIVITY IN QUARANTINE

We have started to ease some of our full lockdown measures, but the boys and staff still largely remain inside Refugio. The boredom and feelings of confinement are frustrating for the kids and challenging for the staff. Our "in-house gym" has been well-used and the boys spend a lot of time working out.



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