

Projects Abroad

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Painting Project at the Day Care “Kidztown”, in Liberia.

From December 9th, some of our volunteers in program are part of the painting project at one of the best day cares of Liberia. Its name is “Kidztown”.

Volunteers are helping from Monday to Friday during 9 am to 11am; the purpose of this is to beautify the place in which many children are part taking. Thanks a lot to them for participating on this project, the last one of Projects Abroad in Liberia city.



Christmas Festival, December 7th, Liberia city.

On December 7th Liberia city was adorned by bright and many national and international bands as part of the Christmas festival around the city. This festival is celebrated each year during this time with the purpose that families of the city and of the whole country can share a great family time. Children are always very happy with this activity, as there is plenty of light and music around.

This year, 2013, Liberia was visited by the Nicaraguan and Honduras bands, they were really great and funny, it was definitely a great time to feel happy and sharing it with loved ones.



Last Year of Projects Abroad in Liberia city.

So it is time to say good bye to Projects Abroad Liberia. So sad to say bye after 7 years of work, commitment and dedication of all who have been part of this great experience. Liberia will always be a very special office where we shared many beautiful things with our volunteers, who have been part of us during these years.



Just say thank you very much to all those who have visited us, thank you for your work, for your dedication and for your friendship. We've had many volunteers who have given much effort and have been very humanistic in this country especially in our city, Liberia. Thank you all for all this time with us.

Finally, wish the best in this new era in Heredia city. Wishing and hoping much success and creating many more beautiful experiences to live and to share.

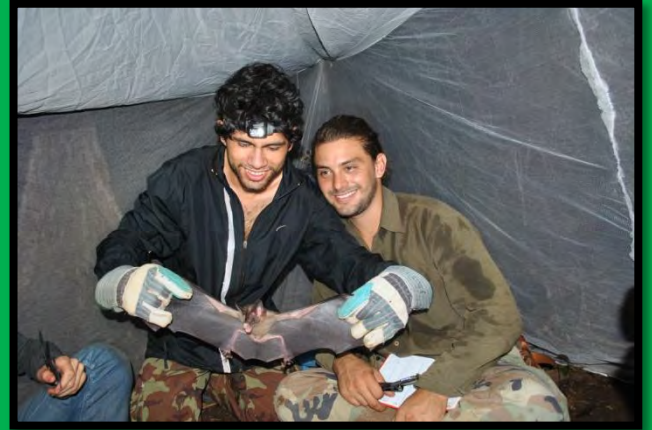
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This December was a usually dry month considering we are in the dry season in Costa Rica.

This month I have the special honor to tell you that our macaw project came to a very successful end, because we found a third nest of macaw, so we are going to protect one nest more, this mean new individuals flying in the area of Barra Honda National Park. We are also looking for a new nest in the west site of the park, because some neighbors told us that they have been seen a couple Scarlet Macaws flying around. The Macaws are looking for a good tree in this month, a tree that will be their nest for the reproductive time, so we have to check if the tree doesn't have troubles such as: bad branches, bees, etc. The next step will be checking in the nest for how many eggs they have in every nest, and we will have dates about the success of every nest. We must keep watch over the nest in the next month for 24 hours; we will sleep in the forest in front of the nest. So this will be a great adventure.

I also have great news within the bat project, we were part of the Central American counting bats, we had a visit from important biologist and also we had a visit of Bernal Rodriguez, he is one of the most important researcher in Costa Rica and he has news ideas and projects that will support us in our dates and knowledge. The Central

American Counting Bat was for three days and other researchers supported the event, this was near to the waterfalls of Barra Honda, and we started from 6 pm until 2 am.



Another important success of this year in the bat project was the new species found, the biggest bat, the famous *Vampyrum spectrum* this is the biggest

bat in America, and is one of the three species of vampire in Costa Rica.

Together with the volunteers we also managed to build a nursery garden close to the camp. In the future we will use it to plant seeds of typical Costa Rican trees and let them grow in the nursery garden until they are big enough to plant them out in the forest.

But not all is hard job, the volunteers and staff has enjoyed the system of cave of Barra Honda, principally the Terciopelo Cave.

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