

Angel Update: What's New at Valley in 2016?



The answer is that there is **LOTS NEW** going on here as we completed our celebration of graduating 11 girls from our **VERY FIRST CLASS EVER in 2015!!!!** Three of the girls won full scholarships to Landivar, a local Jesuit school and another girl, **Blanchita** is going to attend one of the most prestigious agricultural schools in Central America located in Honduras called **Zamorano**. We just began our 24th year by opening our school doors on January 12th to welcome 219 beautiful children.

Before relating all the good news happening here, we would like to start by officially announcing the arrival of **Sr. Maylin Valladares**, the latest blessed addition to the Valley family. Originally from Honduras, she is truly an angel and has jumped into her new role quite enthusiastically, taking care of our children and the Church with great love.

First, I am happy to relate that **Laura De Alonso** the Founder and President of the Caring Crew (**Delta Airline's National Charity**) has chosen



Valley of the Angels to help this year with a proposal to make a camp for the children. We are planning **Camp Angel** to be a 1- 3 week camp with the specific purpose of giving our children an option to remain at Valley rather than return home. This important alternative is particularly valuable given the culture of violence, as well as the physical and sexual abuse the children live in. We hope to offer a variety of educational and cultural programs: computer, recreational, sport, artistic, and agricultural activities, while utilizing the resource of talent of those who volunteer to accompany us during this time.

Camp Angel aims at keeping these children safe as opposed to sending them back into high risk or threatening situations in their homes and neighbourhoods. We are hoping to invite those who want to participate to come and join our final festivities in the third week of October in order to get to know the children and then begin the programming immediately after the school year ends. (around October 23rd) We will finally be able to use our facility during the “summer break” and so approach maximizing our potential. In addition I am in formal discussions with the graduate school of **Harvard University** in order to finalize how they can best augment our camp and school’s curriculum with some educational or financial assistance.

Secondly, we kicked off our year by initiating our first of two brand new fundraisers this year. Our **Major League Baseball-Golf Tournament Charity** (February 4-5) featuring Major League Pitcher **Anibal Sanchez** from the Detroit Tigers was a tremendous success that included prizes like, free airline tickets to a major league Baseball game in the U.S. and a brand new car to anyone who gets a hole in one. Our next big fundraiser is the **Cena de Amor** on March 7th, modeled on the very successful dinner that **Fr. Flavian Mucci** hosts called Banquete de Agape in El Salvador. The idea is to feast on sharing God’s love rather than a big meal, (as we will serve only soup and sandwiches) in the spirit of the famous meal that St Francis and St Clare shared, in which legend

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A BENEFICIO DEL ORFANATO VALLE DE LOS ANGELES

4 DE FEBRERO
Hora: 18:30 hrs
Firma de Autografos & Concursos
Lugar: TOP TEE Cayala
Donación Q150 por persona

5 DE FEBRERO
Hora: 8:00 hrs
Torneo de Golf Best Ball (PAREJAS)
Lugar: San Isidro Golf Club
Donación \$100

INVITADO ESPECIAL
Anibal Sánchez
Miembro del Salón de la Fama de Grandes Ligas con Detroit Tiger

PREMIOS
2 hole in one,
longest drive contest,
2 closest to the pin
boletos

holds that all could see their mutual love of God glowing as if a fire had overtaken the forest.



And finally we are proud to unveil two new projects that will not only help our children's future by providing them with much needed practical skills but will be a significant step towards future self sufficiency at Valley. **Diego Sanz-Agero**, one of our three new board members (along with **Patty Castillo** and **Elaine de Minondo**) is pioneering a new endeavor called **Angel's Garden** that will develop our hereto unused land in order to cultivate a variety of agricultural products. Working closely with **Agrequima**, he will plant fruit, vegetables, flowers, seasoning, decorative plants etc. This project, along with our **new Panaderia, (Bakery)** will be fully integrated into the curriculum of the school and so be an important part of their hands on education. The goal is three fold: 1) To instruct and equip the children on how to grow their own nutritious food and thus reduce the likelihood of malnutrition, 2) Conserve money by consuming our own organically grown food, 3) Give us the ability to generate an income by selling our product.

We are very excited to have such a great start to a new year and want to thank you all for your constant and generous support!