

# Summer Newsletter

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### Dear friends and supporters

It's a pleasure to bring you news of the village of El Tular, El Salvador. We report on the education bursaries being made to young people thanks to your support, and share many colourful photographs to give you a flavour of life in their community.

The 15<sup>th</sup> of August marks the 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of Wellsprings founder Brian Cordingley, someone held very dear by the El Tular Community.

### Update from El Tular

#### Community activities

There are various activities going on in the El Tular Community. One of the most important characteristics of this place is the community organisation that facilitates the implementation of initiatives presented by local committees.

A flagship project in recent months is the "Community Street Repair Project in the El Tular Community," promoted by ADESCO (Local Community Organisation).



Many people contribute labour and materials, others bring refreshments and bread, and some prepare lunches for the workers. It is very characteristic of the community atmosphere of the people of El Tular.





## Agriculture

In the crop area, there was a period without rain in July lasting about ten days, but then the rains returned. Farmers expect the first corn harvest at the end of August.

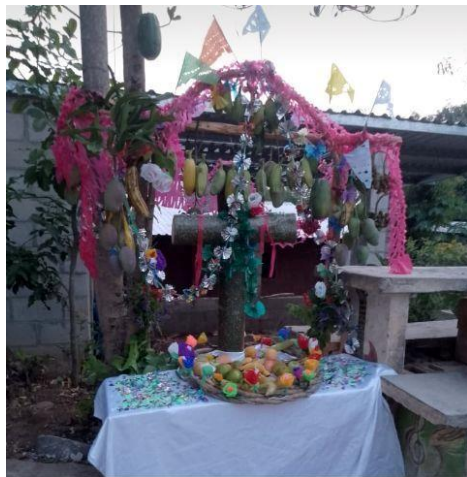
## Education bursaries

Gamaliel Hernandez, a former recipient of a Wellsprings bursary sent us a report detailing how funding from Wellsprings UK has been contributing to education and training.

Four students were completing their English Courses for work in call centres in the first quarter of the year, with another two students starting in April. There has been a surge in interest in a hairdressing/beauty course for which nine students had enrolled. Funding has been spent on materials required for the course. Gamaliel continues to tutor students in IT and provides support with homework in the community house, subsidised by Wellsprings UK.

Wellsprings' funding has also contributed to the library project, which is an extension to the community house. The money has paid for labour, construction materials and electricals, bookshelves and stationery.

## Day of the cross



On 3<sup>rd</sup> May the El Tular community celebrated el Día de la Cruz (the Day of the Cross). While not considered an official national or religious holiday in El Salvador, the day marks the beginning of the rainy and growing seasons, and celebrations date back to pre-Hispanic times, when indigenous people offered food and gifts to the gods and Mother Earth in the hope of a good harvest. The wooden cross, decorated with flowers and garlands, was included when the tradition fused with Catholicism in colonial times.

Photo: Atrium of the Sagrada Familia church, El Tular

## Wellsprings El Tular UK

On Saturday August 2<sup>nd</sup> a coffee morning was held at St Chad's Parish Centre, Uppermill, Saddleworth as part of St Chad's August 'Away Giving' for which the chosen charity is Wellsprings El Tular. £225 was raised which will go towards educational resources and the El Tular community library. Thanks to all who attended or helped.



***With best wishes on behalf of the Wellsprings El Tular Committee in the UK  
Rosie Banham, Chair***

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