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Centro de Voluntari@s

**Support Network for ONGs
& Indigenous Peoples**

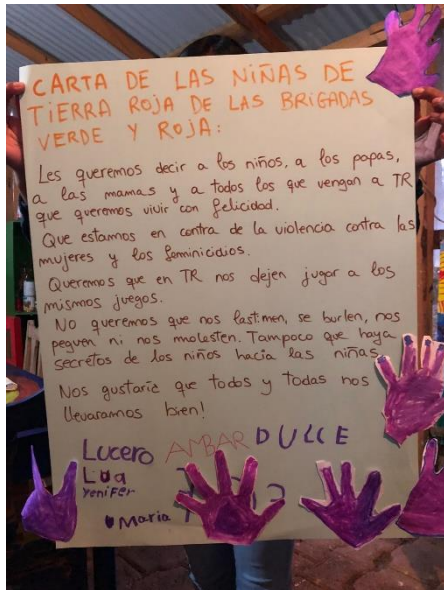
January - March 2021

New year, new hopes & new projects!



At the beginning of the year, many of the organizations that usually collaborate with Junax began to reactivate. Chiapas was the second state in Mexico to turn green at the epidemiological covid-19 system. In consequence, we decided to receive new volunteers. However, we always followed the maximum sanitary measures so no one was at risk.

The efforts made to gather donations during 2020 allowed us to keep the house open. As a result, we gradually increase the support to different organizations as the year was moving forward. For this reason, we want to take a moment to tell you one more time, and as many as necessary: with all our heart, **thank you very much!**



We are ready to support more organizations.

Our capacity to provide accommodation to volunteers and to support our solidarity groups was strengthened at the beginning of the year. The urban, rural, peasant and indigenous organizations with which we collaborate gradually reactivated their projects. As they started their activities, **at Junax we were ready to link volunteers with these groups.**

Committed volunteers!

At Junax we are very happy to witness, once again, that the solidarity of our volunteers is so strong that their work extends over several months.



We keep walking the same path.

During the first three months of the year, several Junax's volunteers collaborated with the same organizations in Chiapas they had been working with since 2020.

Braulio continued providing support to the **Human Rights Observers** in the communities of Chiapas until March. Additionally, he acted as a liaison and mentor for other volunteers who would come to participate in the same projects.

Elisa, Guillermo and their children also continued to support women in **Textile and Craft Projects**. They aim to strengthen the communities' economy and to market their products at a fair price.

Likewise, Laila and Garazi extended their work in **Tierra Roja** to continue facilitating spaces for development, learning and community participation.

The more the merrier...

In January, Victor, Carolina, and Mislav arrived. They got involved in different projects since their arrival. They actively participated as **Human Rights Observers** at different communities in Chiapas. Their work involves rigorous training, visits to the communities where the observation is carried out, and reports for the corresponding non-governmental organizations.

Victor and Carolina also joined **Tierra Roja**, an organization in the Cuxtitali neighbourhood supporting children and adolescents. Tierra Roja focuses on **literacy, school reinforcement and the promotion of training activities for children, youth and adults.**

On the other hand, Mislav worked on a variety of projects so wide that is difficult to summarize, but they range from **agroecological farms to shops turning old bicycles into washing machines.** Finally, Lilia arrived a few weeks after the rest. She collaborated with a women's group **working with migrants.** Additionally, she helped with some of Junax's administrative tasks.

This is how we lived the first quarter of the year at Junax. We felt rejuvenated and with a solid conviction that we can always do more to support the organizations and individuals who strive to improve their lives. From our beloved house, we want to tell you that **we continue to walk with different solidarity organizations in Chiapas and we have our doors wide open to anyone who want to get closer to sister organizations and communities.** Thank you very much to everyone in Chiapas or despite the distance who makes Junax everyone's home.

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