

PACO'S STORY

We moved our after-school education program from Magisterio and the School of Champions to Colonial Volcanes in March 2011. Shortly after that we learned about a scholarship program sponsored by Club Rotario PVR SUR. I had become a member of the club so I was very interested in starting a scholarship program in Volcanes.

My neighbor, Deb McPherson said that she was very interested in helping with some scholarships from Eagle Wings Foundation and arranged to meet with the Principal of the Volcanes Primary School. Deb said that EWF would support 6 scholarships and the principal selected the most deserving students. Her first choice was Francisco (Paco) Ramos.

Paco lived in Volcanes and wanted to continue his education going into High School. His mother insisted that he drop out of school and get a job and help her support the other children in the family. Paco insisted that he wanted to go to high school and in the end, he had to move out of the house. He wandered homeless for a few days and one of his friends told him to come and stay with him for a little while. That began Paco's move from house to house of friends and relatives. He still does not have his own apartment to this day.

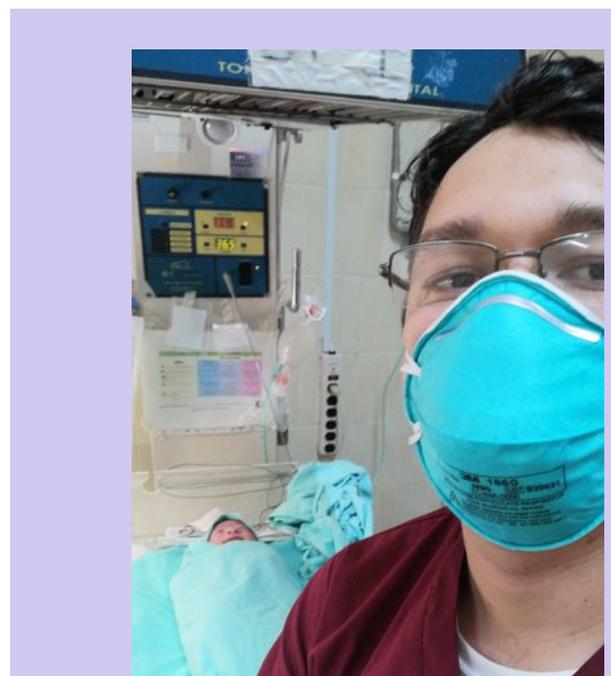
He has continued his education with no financial support from his family, only the scholarship from EWF and a small stipend from us. Paco has always worked two or three jobs to support himself. He started a professional Puppet Show and before the Pandemic would entertain children in hotels and condos. He owns a t-shirt printing business and a Photo Studio. He taught classes in our annual summer camp every year until the Pandemic.

He started University at the Medical School in University of Guadalajara PV Campus and always maintained a GPA in the 90's. After completing his medical courses and practica, he graduated with a Doctor's Medical Degree. He became Dr. Francisco Ramos M.D. He is currently completing his required one year of service at a small clinic in a small town in Jalisco. He recently transferred to the local ISSSTE clinic here in Puerto Vallarta where he will complete his service in July. At that time, he will receive his certificate and license to practice medicine anywhere in Mexico he is not finished with his education. Next fall he plans to enroll in the Surgery Internship program in the largest hospital in Guadalajara and after that one year he will transfer to the Neuro Surgery Department for a 4-year internship. Upon graduation he will become a licensed Neurosurgeon.

Unbelievable unless you know Dr. Paco and his relentless drive to achieve his dream of becoming a Neurosurgeon. All the while he has become the Poster Student for our Volcanes Education Program and the entire community of Volcanes. He is the inspiration of all students in the community and is the one role model that they need to inspire them to continue their education and be like Paco. Your continued support of Paco has enabled him to succeed and reach his dreams.



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Dr. Francisco Ramos M.D.

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