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NOTE BY COUNTRY DIRECTOR

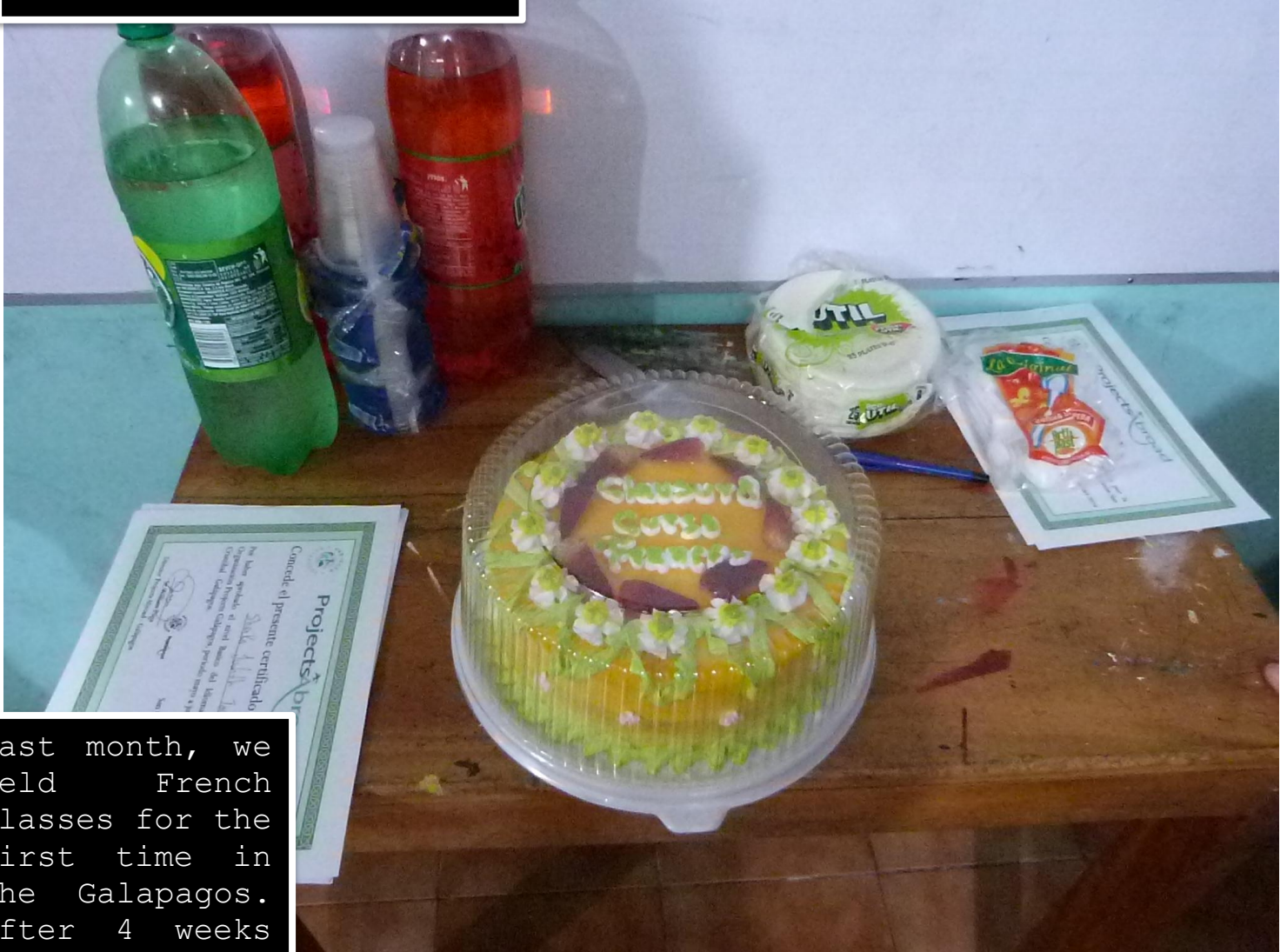
Hi, everyone,

June was a great month this year. The numbers of volunteers coming to San Cristobal Island keep increasing, which is excellent for our children, conservation activities and the community. The work of Projects Abroad volunteers is having a very positive impact on local tourism and bringing in much needed money to help our people. We have started our own creative art project in our center, instead of working in the local school system, and have courses such as art, recycled art, painting and dance. Conservation continues to be a very strong project since we help the officials in the Galapagos National Park look after the giant tortoises and protect the unique bird, the Galapagos petrel. We are helping to protect its nesting areas by getting rid of rats and wild cats, in one of the areas of the island that has limited access by the local people. We have been clearing vegetation and moving nests to help protect the eggs and young birds. Our new English programme is also successful and easier to teach because we have new materials that also help with testing and placing students in the correct levels. In addition, we have signed an agreement with local education officials so that our volunteers can work in the local system without any problems. Finally, we continue to need a lot of help in the Galapagos, and look forward to welcoming YOU here. Thank you.



William Puga
Country Director, Ecuador

FRENCH CLASS



Last month, we held French classes for the first time in the Galapagos. After 4 weeks of hard work, the students successfully completed their first module of basic French, which was conducted in English by our Canadian volunteer, Jeremie Durand. In this month's newsletter, we would like to share some photos from the class.



CREATIVE ART PROJECT



It is a pleasure to have more volunteers joining our creative art projects. We consider it very important that students be involved in a project where they can be themselves, get creative and express their feelings. The activities include arts and crafts, dance and painting.





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