

Airline Ambassadors;



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Airline Ambassadors Colombia began its first project in la Guajira, in a small town called San Juan del Cesar. In this first trip we had the opportunity to visit the musical school of "El Maestro Mauro Milian", an institution which has dedicated all its efforts to educate the most needy, including very young indigenous children. We were also able to visit a very poor community called "Las Tunas". 32 families in real need of homes, education, health and work.

We had 2 meetings with the new mayor who was very receptive to our visit. As always we relied on the help of the National Police Department, specially Cnl. Chavarro from the narcotics division who played a very important role in our logistics. We also had huge support from Antonio Urbina (a very well known artist in our country) and Tasha Bermudez, a new Airline Ambassadors' member. We will be sending a complete report on our visit and the results of future meetings (14th of december) with the local authorities here in Bogotá. The idea for now is to obtain some instruments for the school using the formal agreement for partnership with the Inter-American Cultural & Development Foundation of the Inter-American Development Bank and with the Organization of American States. CASA project is key for this community. Including the DARE program would be a real success, too.



There are tons of things to do. We are organizing an agenda to start our planning. We'll keep you all posted!