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Several people have asked how we have managed so far to keep our children and most of our staff relatively free of the Covid-19 virus at Alalay. In short, the only secret was that we were able to do a few simple things rather effectively!

Firstly, we stressed relentlessly the importance of regular hand-washing and general hygiene, coupled with a lot of education about the virus, and strict rules about isolation if a child appeared unwell.



Baking bread

Secondly, thanks to some great financial support we were able to invest in appropriate equipment (masks, sanitizers and so on) and also in more “distance learning” for the children’s schooling.



In lessons

Finally, our colleagues were brilliant at engendering the idea that “we’re all in this together and together we’ll beat it!”.



“Thank you for taking care of our health”

In the last newsletter we described some students who had successfully completed their vocational training. Here’s brief news of two more, each looking very proud:



Mariana

Mariana has completed her training in catering. She has also received a full scholarship and been accepted on a higher technical degree course at the private Bolivian Catholic University.

Benjamin is now an approved cook in international cuisine, having taken modules including pastry, baking and chocolate work. We are so proud of both students – I have known Mariana and Benjamin since they first arrived at Alalay. And as always, they are a wonderful example of what these young people can achieve if given a chance.



Benjamin

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