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WHV – Zacualpan

◆ Earliest 16th Century Monasteries on the Slopes of Popocatepetl, Morelos, Mexico

To raise the awareness of local people about their heritage, 3 presentations about WH were presented to approximately 120 children and 300 adults. Activities such as games, hiking and dancing were organized. Moreover, volunteers organized About 20 young people participated in these activities. Also, English language course was given to 30 children.

Furthermore, volunteers learned traditional method of painting. Applying the skills they learnt, volunteers painted more than 400 meter of wall that was located at the site. In the process of learning the traditional method, not only volunteers themselves were exposed to the intangible heritage in personal level but it was also visible to local people and this helped locals to develop sense of ownership.



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By preparing activities volunteers had direct contact with more than 100 habitants. During those meetings volunteers exchanged their experiences. They were surprised to learn many local people never thought about the concept of volunteering. To local residents WHV was an eye-opening event which helped them realize the importance of the heritage in their town.

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[World Heritage Volunteers – "Patrimonito Voluntary Action 2011"](#)

Sources: for the description of the World Heritage site: UNESCO World Heritage List, <http://whc.unesco.org/en/list>

For the description of the activities: www.whvolunteers.org and www.ccivs.org