

First Deaf Engineer in El Salvador



In the photo you see Pablo Duran and his parents, Sylvia and Edgar Duran who live in San Salvador in Central America. Pablo is the first university graduate engineer in El Salvador who is deaf. What has that got to do with inclusive education in Canada you might ask. Well it turns out Pablo's dad Edgar is a former leader of the parent advocacy movement in that country. Edgar has visited Canada several times since first meeting Canadians at a conference in Managua, Nicaragua in 1993. Edgar has also attended a number of seminars about inclusive education and the benefits of inclusion and parent advocacy for inclusion. He attributes his passion for inclusion for Pablo to what he learned from his Canadian colleagues. What a great thing for Pablo and his family. We are indeed engaged in a struggle for fair play and justice not only in Canada but in neighbouring countries as well.