

Report from Guatemala 2012 - 2013

On behalf of all people in El Triunfo, Gualan, Guatemala, we express our gratitude to all friends of the Guatemalan Project. Because of your continued support and trust, we have been able to continue our services of loans, scholarships, construction of houses, college internships, and educational advancement programs. We do our work with transparency, in good faith, and making sure to utilize every dollar that you donate in the best way possible. Please visit our UPDATES in our webpage at www.guatemalanproject.org to read and view data pertaining to each program described below. Your comments and suggestions are always welcome. Send your emails to guatemalanproject@gmail.com

The Microloan Program

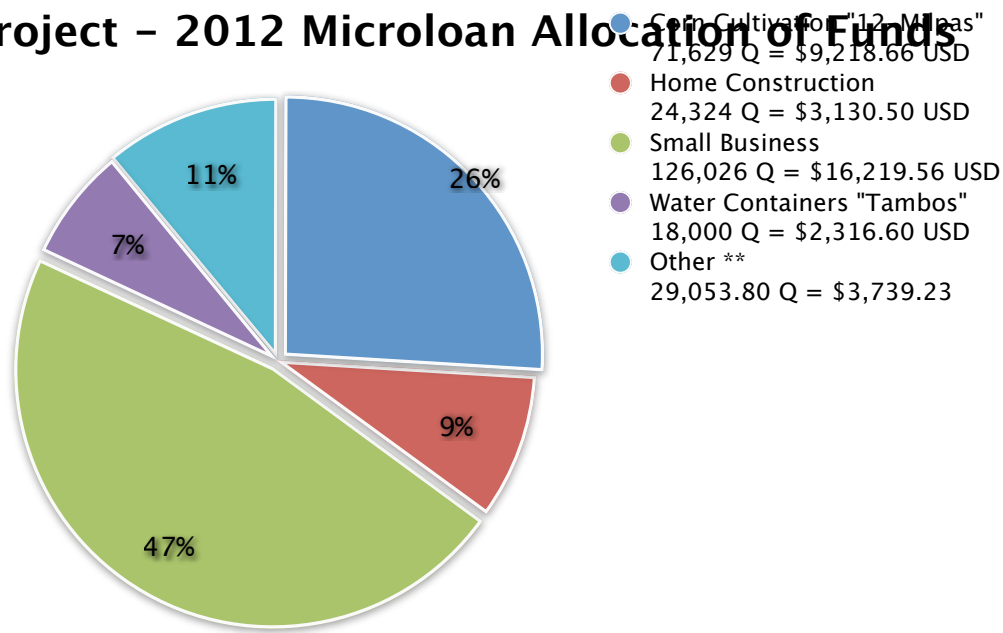
Your generous donations in 2012 allow The Guatemalan Project to work with the community of El Triunfo by providing 206 loans, totaling 269,032.80 Quetzales (\$34,624.56 USD).

People of the community re-paid 268,175.00 (\$34,514.16 USD).

This motivates us to continue micro-lending projects, helping many families start businesses, cultivate corn, buy additional school supplies and/or repair or build a home.

We are grateful for your contributions; please see the diagram below for a detailed description of fund allocations and types of loans.

Guatemalan Project – 2012 Microloan Allocation of Funds



*calculations based on Quetzal exchanged at 7.77 per 1.00 USD

** "Other" includes loans given out for: illness, school tuitions and personal needs

The PBJ Scholarship Program

PBJ Foundation 2012-2013 – Distribution Report		
	Quetzales	USD
Total Donations Received 2012-2013**	60,158.98 Q	\$7,742.47
Scholarships Awarded 2012	18,605.00 Q	\$2,394.47
Scholarships Awarded 2013	14,901.48 Q	\$1,917.82
Total Scholarships Awarded 2012-2013	33,506.48 Q	\$4,312.29
Total Remaining Funds	26,652.50 Q	\$3,430.18

We express our gratitude for your continuous contributions. Donations are awarded to help pay tuition, purchase school supplies, books, and/or uniforms. Your devotion to our organization makes it possible for many students of *El Triunfo* to attend school. In light of our great appreciation, we have enclosed a breakdown of donations received and the number of students helped from 2012-2013. *calculations based on Quetzal exchanged at 7.77 per 1.00 USD

**Donations received plus interest gained 2012-2013

“Total Donations Received 2012-2013” includes a previous balance of 16,014.45Quetzales (\$2,061.06 USD)

PBJ Foundation 2012-2013 – Awards	
Students Receiving Scholarships 2012	26
Students Receiving Scholarships 2013	34
Total	60

The Sherman Scholarship Program

Sherman Project 2011-2013 – Distribution Report		
	Quetzales	USD
Average Annual Donations	39,117.04Q*	\$5,034.37
Total Donations Received**	78,234.08Q*	\$10,068.00
Total Distributed Funds	75,026.65Q*	\$9,655.94
Total Remaining Funds	3,207.43Q*	\$412.06

*calculations based on Quetzal exchanged at 7.77 per 1 USD

**Donations received plus interest gained 2011-2013

Sherman Project 2011-2013 – Scholarships Awarded			
Student Name	Area of Study	Quetzales	USD
Juan Estuardo Santos Vega	Automotive Mechanic	44,595.45Q*	\$5,739.44
Clara Luz Lopez Perez	High School/Teacher	9,378.20Q*	\$1,206.98
Jorge Salguero	Radio Announcer	20,346.00Q*	\$2,618.53

Sandy Felipe Mendez	Middle School	707.00Q*	\$90.99
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**calculations based on Quetzal exchanged at 7.77 per 1 USD*

The Doctoritas Scholarship Program

Doctoritas Project 2012 – Distribution Report		
	Quetzales	USD
Total Donations Received	38,850Q*	\$5,000.00
Scholarships Awarded	31,390.80Q*	\$4,040.00
Funds Awarded to Organization	4,662Q*	\$600.00
Funds Awarded to Field Coordinator	2,797.20Q*	\$360.00
Total Distributed Funds	38,850Q*	\$5,000.00
Total Remaining Funds	0 Q*	\$0

**calculations based on Quetzal exchanged at 7.77 per 1 USD*

Doctoritas Project 2012 – Scholarships Awarded			
Student Name	Area of Study	Quetzales	USD
Beverly Genis	Middle School	3,108Q*	\$400
Andrea Guerra	Middle School	3,108Q*	\$400
Clara Luz Perez Lopez	High School/Teacher	3,108Q*	\$400
Katherine Ramos Mendez	High School/Teacher	3,108Q*	\$400
Isbenia Franco	Middle School	3,108Q*	\$400
Sandy Felipe Mendez	Middle School	3,108Q*	\$400
Sindy Genis Gutierrez	Middle School	3,108Q*	\$400
Wilda Gonzalez	Middle School	3,108Q*	\$400
Yensi Lorena Gariol Castillo	Middle School	3,418.80Q*	\$440
Yesilda Marily Genis	Middle School	3,108Q*	\$400

**calculations based on Quetzal exchanged at 7.77 per 1 USD*

The College Internship Program

During 2012 The Guatemalan Project benefited from the visits of various students coming from Boston High School, Wellesly College, Indiana State University and Harvard University. Students visited with families in El Triunfo and became aware of some of their needs. Some of the students have addressed the challenges of the families by either continuing social programs or starting programs that benefit all people of El Triunfo.

We hope to have the students' continued support and invite students from other colleges to join us in our effort to making opportunities for all people viable.

The Computer Lab Program

On February 21, 2013 the Guatemalan Project and the Gualan Municipal High School (Instituto Diversificado Municipal) celebrated the initiation of the first Computer Lab at the High School. Thanks to the generous donations from Seabord Marine, Hands on Tzedakah, Inc., Robert J. Ross, Patricia Hall, and Mair Xion the Guatemalan Project purchased nine computers Compaq Presario CQ43-402LA NOTEBOOK PC. The cost of the nine computers was \$5,000.00 at \$555.00 each.

We are grateful to the donors who made possible the purchase of the computers, to the Governor of Zacapa for providing a classroom for the computer, to the Municipality of Gualan for donating the tables, chairs, and a secured cabinet where all laptops will be kept safe, and to the students of the electrical program at the High School for making all the necessary electrical connections.

At present there are over 200 High School students at the Municipal High School. We hope that in a very near future, more computers could be made available so that all students may have, at least, two hours of computing time per week.

The Municipal High School is the only high school in the region where students do not have to pay tuition. Students come to the school from faraway places in the municipality and all of them are of very low income.

In the UPDATE section our webpage at www.guatemalanproject.org , we share with you some pictures of the Computer Lab opening ceremony. You will be able to appreciate the participation of the Municipal Government representatives, the group of electricity students who donated their labor, the acknowledgement given to the Guatemalan Project, and the enthusiasm of the students as they entered their new computer lab

The Matt Housing Program

Mr. Mathew Pewler and a group of his friends from New York will be visiting El Triunfo for the third time. The group works with families of very low income and, together build one house at a time. So far, three houses have been built for three families and another one is in the planning for this year. We thank the generosity and commitment of the Matt group and invite others to follow.

In the UPDATE section our webpage at www.guatemalanproject.org , we share with you some pictures of the houses built by the Matt group and the families.



Other Information

2012 Additional Allocation of Funds		
Program Name	Quetzales	USD
Madrinazgos (Child Sponsor Program)	3,777.70	\$486.19
Administrative Expenses	10,513.00	\$1,353.02
Miscellaneous Services	1,550.00	\$199.49
Health Center	3,145.00	\$404.76
Water Pipes	1,360.00	\$175.03
Roads	6,378.50	\$820.90
Medicines	1,971.00	\$253.67
Total	28,695.20 Q	\$3,693.06

*Miscellaneous Services includes donations for funerals, child care, illness or other emergency services
 calculations based on Quetzal exchanged at 7.77 per 1 USD

Other Revenues

A total of 1,714 Quetzales (\$220.59 USD) was received as contributions from the people of El Triunfo who obtained loans throughout 2012.

In an effort of promoting savings for education, children are encouraged to save. The Guatemalan Project matches the amount saved by students so children can enter high school. In 2012 students saved a collective amount of 9,628 Quetzales (\$1,239.12 USD). Our savings program has even enabled students to save and purchase laptops for school.