

Report from Guatemala - March 15, 2014

Dear friends of the Guatemalan Project: Best wishes and many thanks from the people of El Triunfo, Gualan, Zacapa, Guatemala. Once again, I report to you another wonderful year, one filled with happy graduations and projects.

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: This report covers our success until the year 2013 when our scholarship funds stopped. Thanks to your generosity and vision, and especially thanks to the generosity of the Reece foundation, since 2008 we have impacted in the educational progress of eighty eight (88) students who could not have attended school without your support. Some of this children received educational funds only for one year, most received small scholarships for three years. On the average, each child received \$100.00. Ten students also obtained special three-year grants from the Wellesley College program to finish Middle school, and four others received scholarships from the Sherman program to finish special training in auto mechanics, radio, or to supplement the very expensive High School program.

The list below of students who benefited from scholarships indicates the last year of school for which each student received some scholarship. As you can see, there are over 40 students who are still in either Middle or High School. In 2013 the last \$9371.00 in scholarships was given. Unfortunately, in the year 2014, we only received funds to help eight students. The cost of a year of High School is \$600.00 and a year of Middle School is \$450.00. Unless we received more funding, we will not be able to help these students graduate.

The summary list indicates the following:

11 graduated from High School, six are working full time

7 graduated from Middle school

1 graduated as professional mechanic from a vocational school, and is working full time

1 graduated as DJ from a music school, and is working full time

6 students are still in 10th grade

3 students are still in 11th grade

8 students are still in 12th grade

3 students married

12 students are still in 7th grade

17 students are still in 8th grade

3 students are still in 9th grade

3 students stopped their schooling to begin working

SUMMARY OF SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2008-2013

FECHA	CATEGORIA	NOMBRE	
1/15/2013	UNIFORMES	SANDRA MARILU	ROMERO ESCOBAR
1/10/2012	UNIFORMES	MARIA MIRTALA	SUCHITE GARCIA
1/10/2012	UNIFORMES	ABNER DANIEL	IPINA ESQUIVEL
1/10/2012	UNIFORMES	RAFAEL ALBERTO	ROMERO ESCOBAR
1/10/2012	UNIFORMES	MIGUEL ANGEL	ROMERO ESCOBAR
1/10/2012	UNIFORMES	JOSE ANTONIO	ROMERO ESCOBAR
1/10/2012	UNIFORMES	AIDA MARILU	SUCHITE GARCIA
1/10/2012	UNIFORMES	SANTOS ANTONIO	HERNANDEZ GARCIA
1/10/2012	UNIFORMES	MARLON JOEL	SUCHITE GARCIA
1/10/2012	UNIFORMES	JOSE BENEDICTO	SUCHITE GARCIA
1/10/2012	UNIFORMES	ELDIN HUMBERTO	GONZALEZ MARTINEZ
2/12/2007	GRAD. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	LEA ANGELICA	GONZALEZ GENIS
1/11/2012	GRAD. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	DELMA MARIELA	PEREZ LOPEZ
7/29/2006	GRAD. HIGH SCHOOL	KAREN SAMANTA	VARGAS PINEDA
10/3/2007	GRAD. HIGH SCHOOL	FLOR DE MARIA	VIVIDOR NUFIO
1/21/2010	GRAD. HIGH SCHOOL	OSCAR MAURICIO	GUTIERREZ ALDANA
1/11/2012	GRAD. HIGH SCHOOL	MIRNA ISABEL	GENIS MENDEZ
9/22/2011	GRAD. HIGH SCHOOL	CINDY CAROLINA	CARRERA DUARTE
1/10/2011	GRAD. HIGH SCHOOL	CLARA LUZ	PEREZ LOPEZ
1/21/2010	GRAD. HIGH SCHOOL	OSEAS BENEDICTO	GONZALEZ GENIS
1/8/2011	GRAD. HIGH SCHOOL	ALIDA SUSELI	OLIVA SALGUERO
1/8/2011	GRAD. HIGH SCHOOL	NORMA JEANNETH	RIVERA COREA
7/17/2013	GRAD. HIGH SCHOOL	RENE ALBERTO	RODRIGUEZ
2/12/2007	GRAD. HIGH SCHOOL	REYNA JOHANA	CASTILLO ARAGON
1/11/2012	GRAD. MIDDLE SCHOOL	ANA MELISA	RAMIREZ
1/14/2012	GRAD. MIDDLE SCHOOL	MARLENE	RAMIREZ
1/21/2010	GRAD. MIDDLE SCHOOL	ALBA MARIA	LOPEZ VASQUEZ

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10/26/2013	GRAD. MIDDLE SCHOOL	CAROL	TOBAL SANTOS
1/21/2010	GRAD. MIDDLE SCHOOL	ELSER ESTUARDO	MENDEZ PEREZ
1/11/2012	GRAD. MIDDLE SCHOOL	SAQUEO BELTHAZAR	SANCHEZ RAMOS
1/21/2010	GRAD. MIDDLE SCHOOL	MIRNA MARLENI	RAMIREZ RAMIREZ
4/13/2010	GRAD. RADIO ANNOUNDER	JORGE ARMANDO	SALGUERO GUTIERREZ
1/11/2011	GRAD.INTECAP - AUTO MECH.	JUAN ESTUARDO	SANTOS VEGA
1/11/2012	HS 10TH GRADE	ALEXIS ALI	PORTILLO MARIN
1/11/2012	HS 10TH GRADE	ANDREA CECILIA	GUERRA LOPEZ
1/11/2012	HS 10TH GRADE	WILDA YANILETH	GONZALEZ CONTRERAS
1/10/2011	HS 10TH GRADE	BEVERLY ROSILDA	GENIS MENDEZ
2/11/2011	HS 10TH GRADE	ALBA LUZ	RAMIREZ VASQUEZ
4/28/2012	HS 10TH GRADE	SANDI ASUSELLI	FELIPE MENDEZ
1/21/2010	HS 11TH GRADE	ISBENIA MARIA	FRANCO ESQUIVEL
11/6/2012	HS 11TH GRADE	KATERIN GUADALUPE	RAMOS MENDEZ
1/21/2010	HS 11TH GRADE	SANDRA BEATRIZ	CORTEZ AQUINO
1/5/2009	HS 12TH GRADE	PEDRO SALVADOR	ESQUIVEL
1/8/2011	HS 12TH GRADE	MARIA FERNANDA	CRUZ PINEDA
1/25/2010	HS 12TH GRADE	ZULMA NOEMI	MENDEZ AQUINO
1/8/2011	HS 12TH GRADE	MARIA DEL CARMEN	VIVIDOR NUFIO
1/11/2012	HS 12TH GRADE	EDGAR ESTUARDO	RAMIREZ ALVAREZ
1/11/2012	HS 12TH GRADE	HECTOR HUMBERTO	SAGASTUMES ZACARIAS
3/14/2012	HS 12TH GRADE	WILLIAM AROLDO	RIVERA COREA
1/21/2010	HS 12TH GRADE	YECILDA MARILU	GENIS MENDEZ
1/21/2010	MARRIED	GLADIS NINETH	PEREZ LOPEZ
1/21/2010	MARRIED	LESLEY YUSETH	FRANCO ESQUIVEL
1/21/2010	MARRIED	MAYBELINE XIOMARA	GUTIERREZ ALDANA
1/15/2013	MS 7TH GRADE	NOLVA EVELIA	MENDEZ PEREZ

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1/6/2013	MS 7TH GRADE	MILTON JOSE	RAMIREZ ALVAREZ
1/11/2012	MS 7TH GRADE	GENFRI OLIVAN	VASQUEZ RAMIREZ
7/26/2013	MS 7TH GRADE	SINDI ASUCELY	GARCIA ESQUIVEL
1/11/2011	MS 7TH GRADE	MAYRA CONSUELO	MENDEZ PEREZ
1/6/2013	MS 7TH GRADE	CRISTIAN OMAR	RAMIREZ ALVAREZ
3/3/2011	MS 7TH GRADE	LUIS ALBERTO	GUERRA LOPEZ
1/22/2013	MS 7TH GRADE	ZULMI PAOLA	ORTIZ CORTEZ
1/15/2013	MS 7TH GRADE	KEVIN EDUVIGES	SANTOS VEGA
6/21/2012	MS 7TH GRADE	ROSA ELVIRA	VEGA SANTOS
1/14/2012	MS 7TH GRADE	JOSELIN MARLENY	GARCIA GONZALEZ
1/13/2012	MS 7TH GRADE	ELIDA SARAY	RAMOS PEREZ
2/11/2013	MS 8TH GRADE	KATHERIN PAOLA	MORALES ALVARADO
1/21/2010	MS 8TH GRADE	JOSE MIGUEL	SOSA LOPEZ
2/11/2013	MS 8TH GRADE	RICARDO GOVANY	CRUZ IPINA
2/11/2013	MS 8TH GRADE	LESTER ENRIQUE	SOSA CHOCOJ
2/11/2013	MS 8TH GRADE	ANER ALEXANDER	LOPEZ PALACIOS
1/6/2013	MS 8TH GRADE	GUNI AVDIEL	GENIS MENDEZ
12/26/2012	MS 8TH GRADE	MARVIN JOSE	MENDEZ PEREZ
2/11/2013	MS 8TH GRADE	CRISTIAN	VEGA
2/11/2013	MS 8TH GRADE	JOSE RANDOLFO	PINEDA JORDAN
1/6/2013	MS 8TH GRADE	BRYAN ESAU	CASTILLO ARAGON
1/6/2013	MS 8TH GRADE	SILVIA ISABEL	PEREZ GONZALEZ
2/11/2013	MS 8TH GRADE	WARNER	RODRIGUEZ
1/18/2013	MS 8TH GRADE	ZULMI	VEGA
1/11/2011	MS 8TH GRADE	OTTO RENE	LEIVA PADILLA
1/17/2013	MS 8TH GRADE	MAYRA YULISA	MORALES RAMOS
1/11/2012	MS 8TH GRADE	LUIS ROLANDO	GONZALEZ GENIS
1/6/2012	MS 8TH GRADE	LAZARO EDMINDO	RAMIREZ PEREZ
1/8/2011	MS 9TH GRADE	BRYAN ELISEO	GUTIERREZ PINEDA

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1/6/2013	MS 9TH GRADE	JUAN ALEXANDER	CASTILLO ARAGON
1/6/2013	MS 9TH GRADE	DAYSI IDALIA	HERNANDEZ MARTINEZ
3/1/2010	WORKING	CARLOS ROBERTO	GUTIERREZ
1/8/2011	WORKING	CARLOS ALBERTO	SANTOS VEGA
1/6/2013	WORKING	MAYNOR FRANCISCO	PEREZ LOPEZ

LOAN PROGRAM: This program continues to be a success. In the year 2013 we gave a total of Q181.830.00 (\$24.440.00) in loans to a total of 136 families. Many families have received more than one loan.

The category of loans in the year 2013 was as follows:

36 business loans

20 house improvement loans

5 educational loans

45 agriculture loans

4 other personal loans

9 medical loans

16 water containers loans

NETWORKING WITH OTHER AGENCIES: Our efforts of working together with regional agencies continue successfully. We have, not only participated in events which were jointly coordinated, but also have contributed with donations, such as computers, desks, fans, water fountains, water filters, a front metal gate for the health department, a new office built for the director of the El Triunfo Elementary School, school supplies, and gifts use in various celebrations in our local school.

Our small contributions to our local health and education agencies have been received with great appreciation. In the Municipal Middle School we started a new computer center with nine computers which serve 250 students. On a schedules basis, students receive forty five minutes of computer training per week. Our health department clinic has four computers. Much more is needed. We have two computers in our office; these are used by our children in El Triunfo who visit us in the afternoon or early night and use our library and encyclopedias to do their homework. We wish we could have two more computers and a printer to better assist them with their studies. Our possibility of being connected to the internet is still far away.

We have made a very sound relationship with the Jalapa Ophthalmology Hospital which provides FREE eye operations to anyone. We have already taken twelve patients to the hospital and ten have been successfully operated of cataracts, and terighio. The other two,

unfortunately could no longer be helped because their eye nerves were affected. Usually, there is a need for three visits to the hospital: pre, operational, and pos-operational. Each trip cost \$60.00. Although there is no charge for the operation, many people cannot afford the cost of the 175 kilometers trip. So far, the Guatemalan Project has covered the cost of the trips, however, that is no longer feasible and, unless there is specific assistance for this program, it will have to stop.

NUTRITION PROGRAM: Working with the local health clinic which identifies children in need of specific foods to alleviate and prevent malnutrition, the Guatemalan Project began the construction of a chicken coop to raise hens to provide identified children with eggs and chicken for their nutrition. The program involves the family of the identified child in learning how to raise their own hens.

The total cost of building the chicken coop, purchasing the baby hens, an incubator, and all the necessary equipment to take care of the hens was \$19,000.00, of which \$10,000 has already been donated to the project (the high cost of building the coop had to do with the nature of the very steep terrain and the need for security. We give special thanks to Ms. Joyce Abu from "Precious Children" who coordinated the fund raising effort for this project. We need your assistance to help us raise the balance and to be able to purchase feed for at least the next five months, until the hens begin to lay eggs. The first batch of baby hens arrived March 17, 2014 and will begin to produce eggs in August, 2014.

SHOULD WE FEED ONE EGG TO EVERY CHILD OR JUST TO THE CHILDREN IDENTIFIED AS AT THE BORDER LINE OF BEING MALNOURISHED? In order to pay for feed, we need to sell eggs. We would need \$1.00 per week to feed one child an egg a day. It would be wonderful to do that! If you wish to sponsor ONE child or many, please visit our webpage at www.guatemalanproject.org and donate online. We will send you the name and a picture of the child to whom we assign your donation.

Also, visit our webpage at www.guatemalanproject.org to view our bank activities for the year 2013, our Federal Report-Form 990, and our facebook page where you will be able to see many pictures of our friends in El Triunfo, and of the hens as they grow.

NOTE: Please note changes of addresses:

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Respectfully Submitted, Cecilia Campoverde, Director