

# GIVE KIDS A CHANCE FOUNDATION

## FALL 2010 newsletter



WORKSHOP

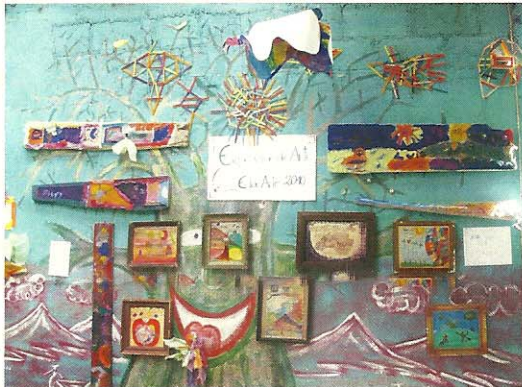
### **WE ARE SENDING THIS NEWSLETTER TO ENSURE THAT OUR DONORS ARE AWARE OF THE CURRENT PROGRESS OF OUR STUDENTS AND PROJECTS.**

In Guatemala our scholarship program is functioning very well with the help of CasaSito volunteers who are monitoring our students' progress when we are not there. We are proud to announce that we will have five more graduates in November of this year. These are all students from exceptionally poor homes who would never have been able to attend college without your help. We are also continuing to fund lunch programs in two children's centres, feeding over 200 children every day. This is often the only food they have each day. We are very familiar with the programs and their directors and visit frequently during our time in Guatemala. We also monitor which of the children are showing promise in their studies in order to begin determining those that can be scholarship recipients of the future.

We are also sponsoring parent and student workshops to teach families the benefits of better nutrition, sexual education, controlling violence in their homes and neighbourhoods and how to improve parental responsibility in the lives of our students. We have seen some major benefits from these workshops.

In India we are continuing and expanding our scholarship programs with two students now at an advanced college level. The reports from our agent are that all are doing well and succeeding in their courses.

In Africa two of our students from the Kibera slum are now in their final year of college. We are very excited to see they are so close to their goal which will absolutely change their lives.



ART EXHIBITION



RECEIVING SCHOLARSHIP



WILLIAM WITH VOLUNTEERS

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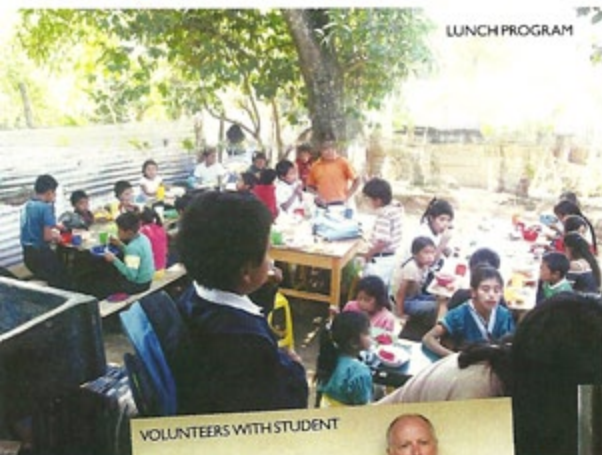
**In order to give you a more in depth understanding of the lives of our students we are going to feature two students in this newsletter.**

*Erika*  
Erika is a young woman who lives in a poor town in Guatemala. Her mother abandoned her when she was a small child and she has been living with her alcoholic-abusive father. She studied hard in her first two years in college while working every day at a clothing store. At the beginning of this year the abuse in the house was intolerable and also, her father had been stealing her money to buy alcohol. She was able to move in with an aunt until she finished school. However, she was emotionally and physically drained – she didn't have enough money to feed herself and her sister. Give Kids has supplied her with a food allowance and she has been able to finish her final year. In her letter of thanks she says "Thank you for my scholarship with which it has been possible to realize the dream of my life, to graduate. As well thank you for caring not only for my studies alone but for my personal life, the help you all gave me, not only for school but for the personal help, which made it possible for me to eat and to study more and now I am at the point of graduating." Erika will graduate with a diploma in business administration.

*Dechen*  
From India we would like to introduce Dechen who is 17 years old and has recently passed the exacting Indian college entrance exam. She is now studying in the 11th standard in Jammu City. She is studying Humanities-Arts. She lives in paying guest accommodations in Jammu. Both her fees and her living expenses are funded by Give Kids A Chance. Her father is a labourer and her mother stitches traditional clothes. Both have physical problems due to the nature of their work which limits their already meagre income. Rosi and Bryan Levman have visited Dechen's village in Ladakh and have seen first hand the poverty and living conditions of the family. We know that when she graduates she will have the opportunity to rise above the poverty level in which she grew up.



LUNCH PROGRAM



**Give Kids Directors will be returning to Guatemala for two months this winter and to India in the spring to monitor our programs and our students' progress. We firmly believe that education is the only hope to break the never ending cycle of poverty. None of these students would still be in school if it were not for your donations. They need your assistance to continue. We thank you once again for your past support and hope you will continue to help us to change these children's lives through education.**

**Please mail donations to the address below.**



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