



GIVE KIDS A CHANCE FOUNDATION

Spring Newsletter 2011

THIS NEWSLETTER IS TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS AND TO KEEP YOU INFORMED AS TO OUR ACTIVITIES.

Paola is one of our many successes. With the help of Give Kids, she graduated from high school this year despite the many challenges in her life. She was abandoned by her mother when she was very young and lives in a one room hovel with her alcoholic father and younger brother. This past year her father became gravely ill and was unable to work, leaving Paola and her brother with no means of support for food and life's necessities. Give Kids A Chance gave her an allowance for food so that she could complete her final year in high school. Upon graduation, she received a glowing recommendation from one of her teachers, which enabled her to get a job teaching high school. She received a scholarship from the school to attend university part-time. Give Kids' directors, Bryan and Rosi Levman and Gary and Donna Jepson, met with her several times during our two month stay this winter and we were very impressed with her enthusiasm and dedication to her work and studies. Her life has been profoundly changed by the access to education provided by your donations. Paola intends to continue working while studying in order to help her younger brother have the same opportunity as she has had. She says, "muchas gracias!"



Paola



Scholarship students

Give Kids continues operating a very successful scholarship program, with twenty four students attending senior high school or university. We had a productive meeting with them where each one had the opportunity to speak to the group about their studies and successes. All Give Kids volunteers and directors were present.



A safe haven for an abused girl



Safe & nourished



Scholarship meeting

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Lunch program



Art class



Learning technology



Greeting the project director



Los Patojos children

In addition, Give Kids supports two lunch programs in Guatemalan projects located in extremely poor villages. As a result of these programs more than three hundred children receive simple but nutritious meals every day. This is very important as in Guatemala more than 61% of children are undernourished. On the United Nations list of countries with the deepest poverty, Guatemala ranks third. By ensuring the children are not hungry and are receiving necessary educational assistance, more and more children will be able to reach their potential in education and in life. We visit, monitor and participate in these programs and we constantly are watching for young students who show academic potential.

During our visit this winter we worked in a very unique project which is designed to keep young adolescents off the streets, out of gangs and away from drug and alcohol abuse. The project offers these kids a variety of activities which interest them, such as visual arts, theatre, graphic design, journalism, music, computer skills, English classes and break dancing. Gary and Donna began an English program to help them with their spoken and written English skills. They were eager and excited to succeed and responded very well to their lessons. This program is being continued during our absence by other volunteers. This project is the only one of its kind in the area that teaches young people to be responsible for their actions, to be proud of their country and to learn to correct mistakes of the past. You can find more information on this project by googling **Los Patojos, Jocotenango**.



Gary teaching English



Our Indian students are doing well in school. Bryan and Rosi Levman will be in India for a month in June and will visit each child personally. We will let you know how they are in our fall newsletter.

We are achieving our goal of freeing young people from poverty because of your support.

Thank you

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