

GIVE KIDS A CHANCE FOUNDATION

Fall Newsletter 2013

WE ARE A SMALL CHARITY MAKING A SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF HUNDREDS OF CHILDREN IN GUATEMALA AND INDIA. WE HAVE ONLY BEEN ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH THIS BECAUSE OF EACH DONOR'S HELP AND GENEROSITY.

Thank you.



Sarah, Give Kids Volunteer in Leh, Ladakh.

"You may never know what results come of your actions, but if you do nothing there will be no result."

Mahatma Gandhi

In the summer of 2013, two volunteers travelled to India to visit our scholarship students there. Here is their impression of the program:

"Seeing the impact of the scholarship program on the kids and their families was a great honour; the gratitude they expressed was unbelievable. In a tiny and remote Himalayan village, which is one of the highest, driest and roughest places to live, we visited the homes of scholarship students. (A video will be posted on the website shortly of our visits.) One family welcomed us into their home with the customary tea, but it was the experience of the next family, the poorest in the village, that stays with us. The mother of Ishey apologized endlessly for not having the means to provide a snack or tea for us, she cried in thanks for the opportunity offered by Give Kids A Chance, and she even chased us down an hour later to offer us a handful of peas to take with us, as she simply could not let us go without a token of her immense gratitude.



Danielle, Give Kids Volunteer with our agent and the principal of the school.

To us, what is important to learn from our experience is that indeed, money makes the world go around, but what is even greater is that your money has and is getting around the world and opening doors for these students, something they never dreamed would be possible. Give Kids A Chance and their donors are affecting the change we want to see in the world, we are giving them a chance!"

Stanzin Jignet is in 4th Grade in Leh, Ladakh. He is only able to attend school because Give Kids A Chance is helping him. Stanzin is one of the school's best students, the teachers admire his dedication and success, not only academically but also in sports and overall behaviour. Stanzin's life has not been easy, his father barely earned a living by selling dried apricots on the street. Two years ago the father was bedridden due to ill health and the family obviously suffered. Thanks to you, our donors, despite the family's situation Stanzin has continued to succeed in his studies.



Stanzin with mother and niece.



Sonam Dolma's mother cooking.



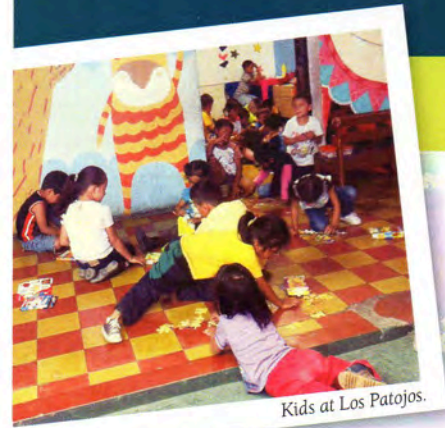
Our student Rig Vang with mother and sister.



Soni, Kamari with her parents. One of our best New Delhi students.

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Kids at Los Patojos.

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.

Margaret Meade

The Directors of Give Kids A Chance visited Guatemala in September to monitor our projects. In our scholarship program we have 52 students from primary grades to university, who are all doing very well in their studies with excellent grades. Thanks to you, the donors, they are changing their lives through education.

As you know, last year Give Kids A Chance purchased a plot of land where we will be building an educational/cultural centre in Jocotenango. We have been working since January, both in Guatemala while we were there, and from Toronto to obtain our building permit to build the new centre. We are very pleased that while this process can take up to two years, through our efforts and those of our agent in Guatemala, we are within weeks of obtaining a license to begin construction.

Meanwhile, Los Patojos, the project we work with, has been putting the land to good use. Over 75 kids play soccer in the evenings without cost, an opportunity they have never had before. The youth workers from Los Patojos have built tin rooms where they have a small library and a classroom for kids to come and study and read. They also used bamboo, which they cut themselves, along with used tires and old bottles to create a unique playground for the younger children from the centre. Clearly the children and youth have already benefitted from the land.

As you are aware, crime and violence are huge problems in Guatemala and Latin America. A project called 24-0 is a movement whose mandate is to unite young people in combating violence through peaceful means. Their slogan is "give us 24 hours with 0 violence." The project was begun in Columbia and has spread to many Latin American countries, including Guatemala. Juan Pablo, the director of Los Patojos is the national leader of the 24-0 program in Guatemala. Many of the young people from Los Patojos are working hard on this quest for peace and no violence in their homes, community and country.



Directors visiting Los Patojos.



Library.



Youth workers on the land.

**Please donate to help us continue our work.
100% of your donations will be used
to create opportunities for these children.
Thank you for your support in the past.**



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