

THE FUNCTION OF EDUCATION IS TO TEACH ONE TO THINK INTENSIVELY AND TO THINK CRITICALLY. INTELLIGENCE PLUS CHARACTER – THAT IS THE GOAL OF TRUE EDUCATION.

- Martin Luther King Jr.



## ESTER'S STORY



Ester came to Los Patojos as a troubled, problematic teenager who was having difficulties at school and in her home. Within a few months she became actively involved in the program and is excelling in academics, music, painting and has become the poet laureate at the school. Here is her first poem:

*We grow with dignity  
We like to give without receiving  
We are an act of charity  
We are freedom!*

*Light that shines without ceasing  
We are children and youth with honour  
And much more than playing and learning  
We are looking for tranquility and nothing more.*

*We never look back  
We always look around to help and walk together.  
We are ideas in action.*

(TRANSLATED DIRECTLY FROM SPANISH)



MARIMBA CONCERT



KIDS LEARNING ART





DR. VALLE WITH ULTRA SOUND MACHINE



HAPPY KIDS



AGRICULTURAL PROJECT



NEW SHOES

The directors visited Los Patojos in September and brought a number of donations, including shoes, medical supplies and a portable ultrasound scanner. The ultrasound scanner was a generous donation from Ptarmigan Charitable Foundation and has enhanced the capacity of our clinic to serve the children and community incredibly.

## THE SCHOOL

The Los Patojos school is functioning extremely well and Grade 9 will be added to the curriculum next year. The founder of Los Patojos, Juan Pablo received a donation of a tract of land where the youth from the school are learning agricultural skills. Their produce is helping to feed the children at the school and they have been able to sell excess. This is only the beginning. This new land has the capacity for a sports arena, art studios and a restaurant where the students produce, prepare and sell their own food. This is where the youth will learn practical skills that will serve them throughout their lives.

### • THANK YOU •

We thank you for your donations in the past and hope we can count on your continued support. We promise that every dollar donated to our charity goes to the children and projects. We pay all administrative, travel and other costs ourselves.