

GIVE KIDS A CHANCE FOUNDATION

The directors of Give Kids A Chance were in Guatemala once again for a few months this past winter. We are very happy with the progress and stability of the Los Patojos School. In Guatemala more than 300,000 children are not able to attend primary school and only 50% attend Grades 7 – 9. The 350 children in our school will not fall into these statistics. With the addition of Grade 9 this year, all our students will graduate at least from Grade 9 and many will move on to higher education.

We are very fortunate this year to receive two very special donations which have greatly enhanced the quality of education for these kids.

A very generous donation was made to create a sports program at Los Patojos. The teachers have enthusiastically embraced the program at all levels and the students are now more active physically and learning new and important skills. Our new soccer team, supported by this donation, won their first game against a local private school, a moment they will never forget.



NEW SPORTS EQUIPMENT FOR THE STUDENTS



OUR SOCCER TEAM



OPENING DAY AT LOS PATOJOS 2018

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Give Kids A Chance also received a grant from the Rotary Club of Kelowna for the purchase of Chromebook computers for the school. Rotary District 5060 and Rotary Club Sunrise, Kelowna also contributed to the grant. During our time in Guatemala this winter we were able to get free training for the teachers in two separate seminars where they learned how to use the Chromebooks. The school was approved to have free access to Google for Education which means the teachers have the ability to use the educational tools that Google has amassed. This is simply amazing. All the teachers from the 5th Grade up to the 9th Grade are using the Chromebooks in Computer classes, Mathematics, English, Science and Social Studies.

According to Forbes magazine contributor, Elsie Ackerman, Chromebooks are extremely valuable for teaching kids 21st Century skills—collaboration, communication, creativity and critical thinking. For teachers, Chromebooks are the easiest and most economical way to achieve that goal.

With the addition of the sports program and the access to technology which these students have never had, Los Patojos School is a frontrunner in Guatemala, providing a complete and fulfilling education for every student.



STUDENTS RESEARCHING WITH CHROME BOOKS



None of these achievements would be possible without your donations. We truly thank each and every one of you who have made our success possible.

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Muchas Gracias!