

## THE FOCUS OF OUR THREE MONTH STAY IN GUATEMALA WAS TO HELP THE TEAM RAISE THE LEVEL OF ACADEMICS TO AN EVEN HIGHER LEVEL IN BOTH SCHOOLS.

In meetings with the directors of the primary and secondary schools they indicated that they wanted to restructure the schools' schedules to focus on academic subjects in the mornings and the extra-curricular activities in the afternoons. We were in total agreement and spent time with the teams of teachers to assist them in their reorganization. In the primary school an hour of in-class instruction was added each day. Give Kids a Chance paid for and supervised the rebuilding of a computer lab.



### NEW COMPUTER LAB PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our secondary school computer teacher, Gabriel, is working with the primary school teachers to create a program for each grade level so that these kids can arrive at the secondary school ready to learn coding, website design and more advanced computer skills.

This is very important for future employment for these kids.

Electives including the chess club, sports clubs, advanced mathematics, computer programming, cooking school, barista training, mixology, art and music classes are all being held in the afternoons. They are well attended by students who want to broaden their skills.

### CHESS TOURNAMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL



### COOKING CLASS WITH SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS



### GUITAR LESSONS SECONDARY STUDENTS





## OUR NEW RENOVATED KITCHEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Give Kids A Chance team spent a good portion of our time ensuring that the original primary school, that is now 10 years old, remained in good condition. The original kitchen floor was concrete and over the years had become stained and unsanitary. We purchased and installed ceramic tiles which are far easier to clean. Other renovations and safety repairs were done. The kitchen team were very happy.



Every year during our visits we become aware of students that personify the need and results of the work that we do. Miguel is one such student. He is 16 years old in Grade 10. Miguel lives with his father, aunt, one brother and five cousins. He came to El Patojismo eight years ago and he remembers that at the primary school he could have nutritious food each day. In Miguel's words, "I love the schools and especially the teachers who are caring, attentive and friendly toward me. When I have needed to talk, they were always there for me." While Miguel's life is still not easy, he has had many opportunities to improve his life through studying. The teachers report he is a very co-operative and kind student who works very hard to achieve his goal of being educated. He is a very active participant in the computer club and wants to become a systems engineer. Because of the financial situation with his family, Miguel works Saturday and Sunday shining shoes earning the equivalent of \$9.00 per week which he contributes to hygiene supplies for the family. We will, with your support, continue to give him a chance for a better future.

**ONCE AGAIN, WE WISH TO THANK EVERY ONE OF OUR DONORS FOR SUPPORTING THESE KIDS AND GIVING THEM AN OPPORTUNITY TO CREATE A NEW FUTURE FOR THEMSELVES AND THEIR FAMILIES. THE KINDNESS SHOWN BY SO MANY CANADIAN DONORS HAS CHANGED HUNDREDS OF CHILDREN'S LIVES IN GUATEMALA.**

