



The Stone Soup Leadership Institute's Global Community Service Project 2019



Escuela Oficial Rural Mixta Aldea La Puerta Chinique, Guatemala

Guatemala has historically had a very low level of education. In these mostly indigenous areas, there are precious little resources. Low school attendance and poor conditions, especially in this rural western region, plague the school system. There are about two million children in the country who never attend any level of formal education.

La Puerta is a village away from the town where there are hardly opportunities to succeed. Transportation to La Puerta is complicated at times. Teachers pay a person who has a 4x4 truck monthly, and they ride in the back of the truck if weather permits. In the wintertime when it rains mostly every day the road is bad and there is a lot of mud, so the teachers must walk to get there. The Escuela Oficial Rural Mixta Aldea La Puerta Chinique school is in a small village in el Quiche Guatemala. There are 50 pre-primary children and 190 primary children. There are two teachers for the pre-primary children and 10 teachers for the primary. Their parents are humble people who work hard on their gardens to grow their own vegetables and fruits. These children will be more than grateful and appreciated of any donations.





The teacher who sent us these pictures tells of how lovely and respectful these children are. She was sad as she was telling me that these children have dreams, but their dreams are so simple. They boys can only dream to become mechanics or have their own trucks

to ride people from one place to another. The girls dream of having their own Tortilleria. She was also telling me how grateful the parents are for the sacrifice teachers make to come to the village and teach their children. Even when they get paid for the job most of the teachers walk long distances in bad weather to support their students with their dreams. At times the parents gather vegetables and other foods to cook soups in gratefulness to the teachers because that is all that they can give.



There is nothing more rewarding than seeing the smile on a child's face who doesn't know about materialism. They will be delighted with what for us is a simple pen or a notebook. They are not worried about what type of clothing they are wearing to school; they only want to learn new things every day.

They look so happy to have the opportunity to go to school, they also must help with their family chores.

Berta Paleaz

Thank you for your support for these young people.

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