

08 November 2006

Dear Friends

Hope, sometimes it is all we have. *Faith*, sometimes it is all we need. Here at Casa Guatemala we are lucky to have an abundance of both; having supporters like you also makes all the difference.

The New Year is almost here and we thank you for helping us get through 2006; it was a tough year. We had to deal with flood damage and the resulting health issues. Our generator went down and went down again. Crises and headaches came and went, but we never lost focus on why we do what we do – the children.

This year we are proud to inform you that we taught, fed, supported, and cared for 250 children. 27 of them finished 6th grade and hope to receive funding to continue their studies outside of Casa Guatemala. Axel finished high school and has dreams of becoming a doctor, but at this time the necessary education is too expensive so we found him a job in the city. Meme finished 10th grade; Julian, Magali, and Minor finished 7th. We have faith that our sponsors will help us pay for their continuing education.

In 2007 we plan on taking in more children. We do not have the extra money, or the extra space, or extra staff, but we do have children in our surrounding area and throughout Guatemala that need our help. We hope to help as many of them as possible. That is why the Children's Village was created.

The children in our cleft palate/lip program are doing well. Their new smiles are shaping up nicely and they are about to enter the next round of surgeries.

Needs for 2007:

- | | | |
|---|---|--|
| - Salaries for the teachers and all the Guatemalan staff | - | - bed linen |
| - fuel for the boats that run back and forth every day with children and supplies | - | - kitchen supplies |
| - school supplies | - | - furnish the two new classrooms |
| - food | - | - finish the clinic's construction |
| - medicine | - | - new floor for six big chicken cages |
| - clothing | - | - new hogs for reproduction |
| | | - new roofing for hog and chicken pens |

And the most important need, from the children's point of view, donations for our Christmas celebration. This is our biggest party of the year. Last year about 600 children from the surrounding area attended our fiesta on December 24th hoping to see Santa and get a gift.

We can make a difference in the lives of the children at Casa Guatemala. We hope we can fill their bellies and their minds. We hope we can provide them with medical attention. We hope to make them laugh. We hope to help them realize their dreams.

We have faith donors like you, who are lucky enough to enjoy holiday feasts with their families, who have benefited from a high-quality education and now have good jobs, will support us. We have faith the funds will come forth to help the hopes and dreams of the children of Casa Guatemala be attained.

We have faith in you. We hope you will continue to have faith in us. Together we can make a difference,

Angie de Galdamez

Please mail your tax deductible donation to:

FRIENDS OF GUATEMALAN CHILDREN
IRS ID 52 1302396
C/o Reese Brenengen
P.O. Box 488
Coon Valley WI 54623

PH 608.452.3035 sidmseen@mwt.net

Or see our website at www.casa-guatemala.org for on-line donations.