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John Wesley School

Santa Cruz del Quiché,
Guatemala

School Expansion Project 2008 - 2009

Building Education

*One Child,
One Book,
One Brick at a Time*



Angela — Grade 2

SCHOOL HISTORY

Colegio John Wesley (“The John Wesley School”) began operations in January 2005. It is located in Western Highlands of Guatemala in an area that was affected by the civil war in the 1980s. The school was the idea of two local educators who wanted to create a school that would address the common educational deficiencies of the area. Their goals were:

- **Provide a quality alternative to local schools**, which are either expensive or overcrowded.
- **Focus on children who are overlooked by most local schools:** disabled or special needs children, financially needy children, and children of widowed parents.
- **Offer smaller class sizes.** Classes in many local schools, often contain up to 50 students. Children can easily fall through the cracks in such large classes. The John Wesley School caps classes at 30 students.



John Wesley School Principal Amilcar Solórzano, Construction Supervisor Juan Pablo Ajanel, and Assistant Principal Fausto Natareno

EXPANSION PROJECT

Now in its fourth year, the John Wesley School has 300 children enrolled in grades 1 through 9. The school is reusing primary school classrooms in the afternoon for secondary school. Even so, existing space cannot accommodate grades 10 – 12. The second phase of this project will allow the outgoing 9th grade class to continue on to 10th grade with the same affordable, high quality education that they are unlikely to receive elsewhere.

The leadership of the John Wesley School has asked Pura Vida to coordinate support of a school expansion project. In 2007 we raised over \$100,000 for Phase 1 construction, which was successfully completed in January, 2008. We are now organizing support for Phase 2, and are seeking financial supporters to make this project possible.

PHASE 1

The John Wesley School is situated on the former site of an orphanage in downtown Santa Cruz del Quiché. Its location on a city block provides no room for horizontal expansion. The new structure, therefore, was engineered for up to four stories. Phase 1 of the construction consisted of demolishing and rebuilding two classroom wings on the ground floor. Phase 1 construction was completed during the 3-month window between October, 2007 and January, 2008.

Phase 2 Construction

The next phase of construction involves demolishing and rebuilding the administrative wing, and will add three classrooms on the second level. This will provide sufficient space for the school to offer grades 10 – 12. The preliminary budget for the phase is \$120,000. Much of the expense is due to the tight construction timeframe necessary to avoid disturbing classes. Once again, the construction effort is scheduled to take place during the break between school sessions (October 2008 – January 2009).



New classroom added in Phase 1



A Big Difference

Individual donations have allowed us to replace these old classrooms:



With these new classrooms:



Your support will make Phase 2 a reality



About Pura Vida

The primary focus of Pura Vida is to provide educational opportunities for children in rural Guatemalan villages through scholarships and support of local schools. We are a small organization committed to ensuring that well over 80% of our funding goes towards program expenses. Please know that 100% of all donations designated for this capital campaign will go directly to the construction project expenses.

We have been working with children in Guatemala since 1999, and have developed a strong local network that will help us not only to complete this project, but also to see it through for many years to come. We are committed to long-term involvement in education in Guatemala.

For Phase 1 construction photos and more details on our educational programs in Guatemala, see:

www.puravida.org/education

Make a Donation

I would like to support the expansion of the John Wesley School by:

- \$25 provides 3 bags of cement
- \$50 provides 18 square feet of tile
- \$100 provides 200 cinderblocks
- \$500 provides 5 windows
- \$1,000 provides a bathroom
- \$10,000 provides a classroom
- Other Amount: \$ _____

Instructions:

1. Please provide contact information on the reverse of this form.
2. Note that pledges will need to be fulfilled by August 1, 2008 in order to secure our construction contract.
3. Please send your pledge or donation to:

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