

Supplying rural schools in Guatemala

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The volunteer: Dan Nocella

The event: delivering supplies to Guatemalan schools

The location: Guatemala

The organization: Cooperative for Education

This February, Dan Nocella used his Five Star Volunteer Day as part of a ten-day trip to Guatemala. Currently, Guatemala has the second-lowest literacy rate in the western hemisphere. The trip was part of a larger effort to better outfit schools in the country to help students succeed. Supplies Dan helped distribute included textbooks and computers, as well as sports equipment for the schools.

Cooperative for Education, or CoEd, is a Cincinnati-based nonprofit that works to deliver these supplies. Dan was inspired to participate by a friend's involvement with CoEd. "It's a cool agency, with a great mission," Dan says, "to break the cycle of poverty in Guatemala through education."

"We visited 15 schools in Guatemala," Dan continues. He spent time "setting up a textbook program, libraries and computer labs." Dan was involved in the delivery of supplies, but still made time to talk and play games with the students, like soccer and basketball.

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