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A Gift that Keeps Giving

by Glenn Chamberlain, CoEd Supporter

Thanks to the generosity of supporters like you and I, thousands of Guatemalan children have been given the gift of quality education. However, uncertainty about the future sometimes hinders our ability to be as philanthropic as we'd like. One solution is to make a gift by means of a bequest.

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2008-2009 Project Tours

Snapshot Tour

▪ August 6-10, 2008

\$875 double occupancy*

\$975 single occupancy*

Delivery Tours

▪ Jan. 30 - Feb. 8, 2009

(Rotary International only)

▪ February 13-22, 2009

\$1,375 double occupancy*

\$1,575 single occupancy*

For more information, including applications, sample itineraries & FAQs, visit www.coeduc.org or contact Jessica Stieritz at jstieritz@fuse.net or **513-731-2595, x. 5**.



*Prices for all tours include land portion only; airfare is purchased by the individual.

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Highlights: 2008 Textbook & Computer Deliveries

This past February 80 volunteers from 17 U.S. states, Canada and the Grand Cayman Islands joined CoEd in Guatemala to deliver new textbooks and inaugurate computer centers in 27 communities. Your support helped bring hope through better educational opportunities to 5,200 additional Guatemalan schoolchildren. We hope you enjoy some of the highlights, as seen through the eyes of our volunteers.



"At one rural school, I was so touched when the principal introduced the representative of the parents, announcing that he had gone back to school—at the 6th grade level. The courage and determination demonstrated by that parent brought tears to my eyes."

—Robin Kurlas, Cincinnati, OH

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"I was looking for an experience to make me more mindful, to help me reconnect with my heart, to let me meet some interesting people with common goals of helping the world be a better place. All of that happened and more. Plus I had FUN!"

—Laurie Bankston, Dayton, OH

"One mother expressed her gratitude to our group, saying, 'God will reward you in heaven.' After the ceremony, I offered her a pen and pencil, and she started crying. That is the one story that really sticks with me. We all have so much; we can't even imagine what it is like not to have a pen or pencil and what a gift it can be. It still brings tears to my eyes."

—Gretchen Liebenberg, Gig Harbor, WA



"If I have to name one favorite thing about the tour, it's the meeting of smiles, grins, grimaces, winks & nods. Everything else flows from there."

—Karol Dyer, Dayton, OH

"Watching and realizing the creativity, intelligence and pride of these students, who have so little and overcome so much, changes my life and priorities."

—Nadine Cox, Frankfort, KY



2008
delivery tours
at a glance

2 tours

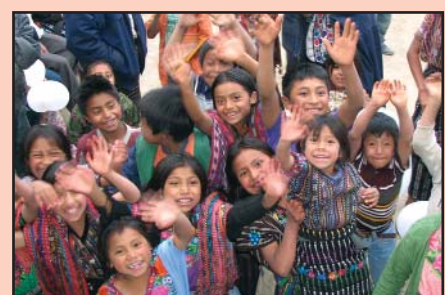
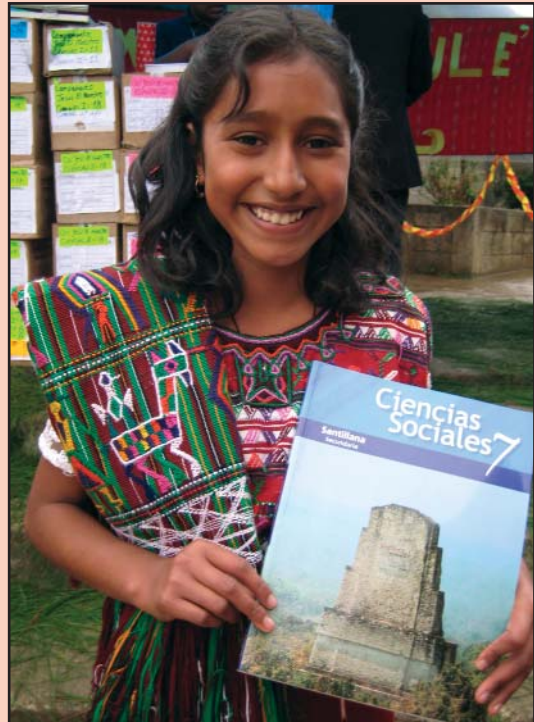
80 volunteers

20 textbook schools

7 computer labs

5,200 new students

20,600 textbooks



1. Volunteer **Betsie Molinsky** meets new friends at Acul Primary School, El Quiché.
2. A Tz'utujil father and son fish on the shores of Santiago, Atitlán.
3. A proud grandmother observes the inauguration ceremony at Bethesda School, Quetzaltenango.
4. New pencils bring smiles in the community of Las Majadas, San Marcos.
5. An 8th grader at Anunciata Computer Center, El Quiché, celebrates his school's new computers.
6. 7th grade social studies has never been more exciting than for this student at Jesús El Maestro School, Quiché.
7. Rotarian **Dick Anderson** unloads boxes of books into the waiting arms of Hogar School students, Quetzaltenango.
8. The entire community of Belejú, El Quiché, turns out to offer gratitude to the CoEd & Rotary volunteers.
9. Rotarians **Jeff Taylor**, **Sylvia Buck**, and **Caryl Scott** proudly display their commitment to "Service Above Self" in the presentation of textbooks at Las Majadas Cooperative School, San Marcos.
10. New packets of textbooks await eager students. Each one receives books in four subjects: mathematics, science, social studies, and Spanish language.

11. Volunteer **Casey Kerr** gets to know students at Chuchipacá Cooperative School, El Quiché.
12. Children welcome the CoEd visitors to their community of Paquisis, Sololá.
13. Stunning mountains provide a backdrop to the rural poverty of the San Marcos region.
14. A primary student at Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos school and orphanage can barely contain his joy at the new computers provided by the donations of Rotarians like **Chris Henderson**.
15. Rotary volunteer **Mary Gooze** enjoys recess at Las Barrancas Primary School, San Marcos.
16. CoEd visitors were treated to skits by children like this one at Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos.
17. Rotarian **Katherine Rapp** dons the traditional attire of the Tz'utujil Maya in Santiago, Atitlán.
18. The first glimpse at a new textbook delights students at Bethesda School, Quetzaltenango.
19. A 1st grader shyly requests a photo during recess at Las Barrancas Primary School, San Marcos.
20. A quintessential Guatemala scene: Volcanoes Toliman and Atitlán, as well as the dwarf volcano Cerro de Oro (foreground), rise high above Lake Atitlán.