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Xavier Grads Bring Books to Guatemala

When Xavier University alumni Joe ('89, pictured above) and his brother Jeff ('91) Berninger visited Guatemala in the '90s they were moved by the friendly people and the poverty sur-

rounding them. "I was blown away by what I saw. It's one of the most needy countries in Central America, and the people have learned not to expect a lot in the future," says Joe.

Jeff returned as a volunteer English teacher in 1994 and saw that most students did not have text books. The brothers pooled their business skills—Joe worked as a marketing representative at IBM and Jeff as a system analyst at Procter & Gamble—and by 1997, as men for others, they had given up their careers and started the Cooperative for Educational Development (COED).

The Cincinnati-based organization works with specific schools in Guatemala, matches them with donors, and uses the funds to publish textbooks; after that, COED trains teachers and students how to use them.

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AJCU President In Cuba

Fr. Charles Currie, SJ, president of the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities, was among a delegation of Massachusetts educators led by congressmen Joe Moakley and Jim McGovern who went to Cuba to explore possibilities for educational and cultural exchange.

As a result, Holy Cross, Boston College, and other colleges and universities have agreed to work together to bring Cuban scholars, artists, and writers to the United States.

"This is an excellent opportunity for our schools to participate in this exciting phase in Cuba's history," said Currie.