

NEWSLETTER

2021 HOPE
GUATEMALA



Dear supporters and friends of Hope Guatemala,

For the past 15 years, Hope Guatemala and its partner organisation Nuevo Dia, Germany, have been working with the Mayan communities in Guatemala, supporting the poorest of the poor and helping to give them hope for the future. Here is the latest news of projects underway and those planned in the near future.

Devastating destruction after the hurricanes

It took weeks before our partner organisation in Guatemala were able to reach the most remote villages with food packages and medicine.

Hundreds of houses were razed to the ground. With our donations we were able to help build 13 wooden houses for 90 people. The inauguration of the houses was a significant day for the residents and was celebrated with a Mayan ceremony.



Community Los Pinos

Even if the pandemic is not over yet, our projects are progressing. A "Casa de Salud" (house of health), a school kitchen and a water collection tank with a capacity of around 30.000l were built for the needs of the villagers.



Now 20 outside toilets and washing basins are to be built and installed.



The school garden project started 2 years ago, has been a great success. The children take great pleasure in sowing and harvesting salad, swiss chard, melons, radishes and many other types of vegetables. They are processed in the school kitchen and enrich the menu with fresh varieties, vitamins and nutrients.

Education

15 years ago we brought the first typewriters into communities. This year we could help 40 children to be trained and taught computer skills. A huge step for them into a brighter future.



Nutrition centre CERNE

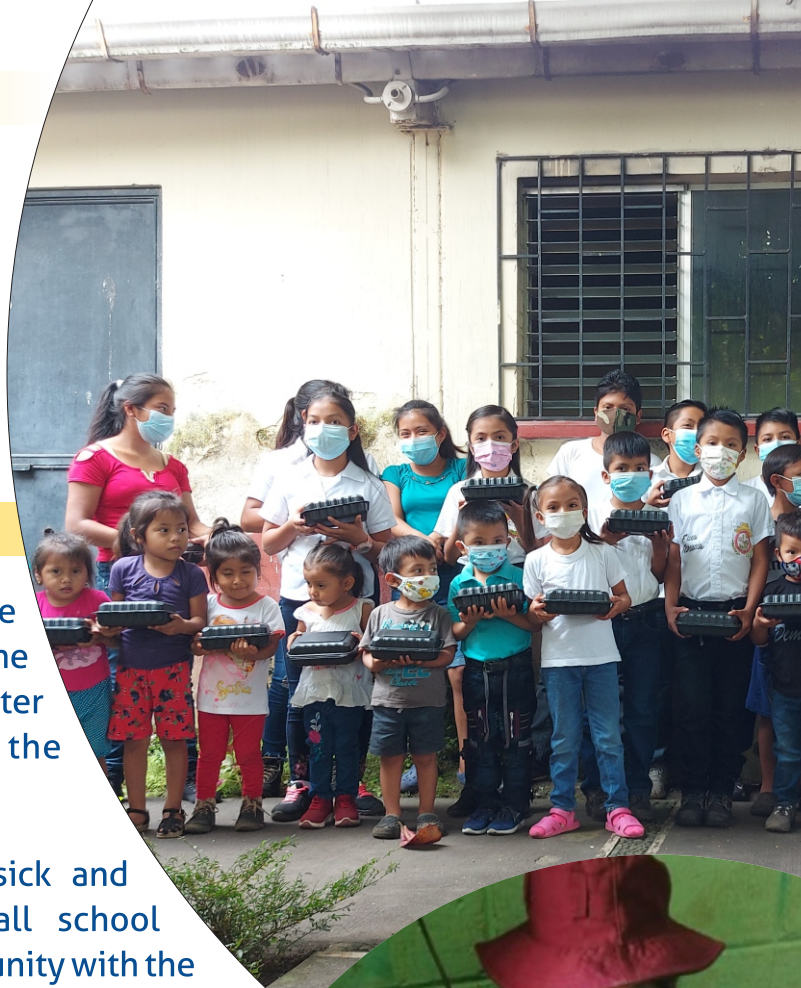
Our 50 children were well cared for during the lockdown. Instead of eating together however, they had to pick up their meals and take them home.

Community Xejuyup

We have accepted a new aid project in the Xejuyup community in Chimaltenango. The school urgently needs a new roof and a water tank. Support is also requested for the renovation of the school kitchen.

Healthcare is inadequate. Children, the sick and pregnant women are treated in a small school classroom. We would like to help this community with the construction of a "Casa de Salud".

This house of health should be a safe and hygienic place for prevention, medical care and the care of pregnant women and women giving birth.



Donations

Donations can be made online at www.hopeguatemala.org

You can also transfer any donations to the bank details provided. Standing order forms are also available on our website. Alternatively, you can make a donation in person by dropping donations to: McGillicuddy's Toy Shop, Listowel, Co. Kerry
C/O Seán McGillicuddy, Board of Directors, Hope Guatemala.



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Our Christmas gift idea

Food sponsorship for a child for 1 year.

Euro 25/month (see www.hopeguatemala.org for details).

The children in the nutrition centre CERNE are the children of plantation workers who can not feed their families. For the past 9 years we are collecting donations for the centre. We also pay for a doctor who is looking after the children and their families.

Children for children "photo presentation"

This photo presentation shows what is achieved and can be achieved if schools support projects for children in Guatemala by organizing sponsor runs and other events.

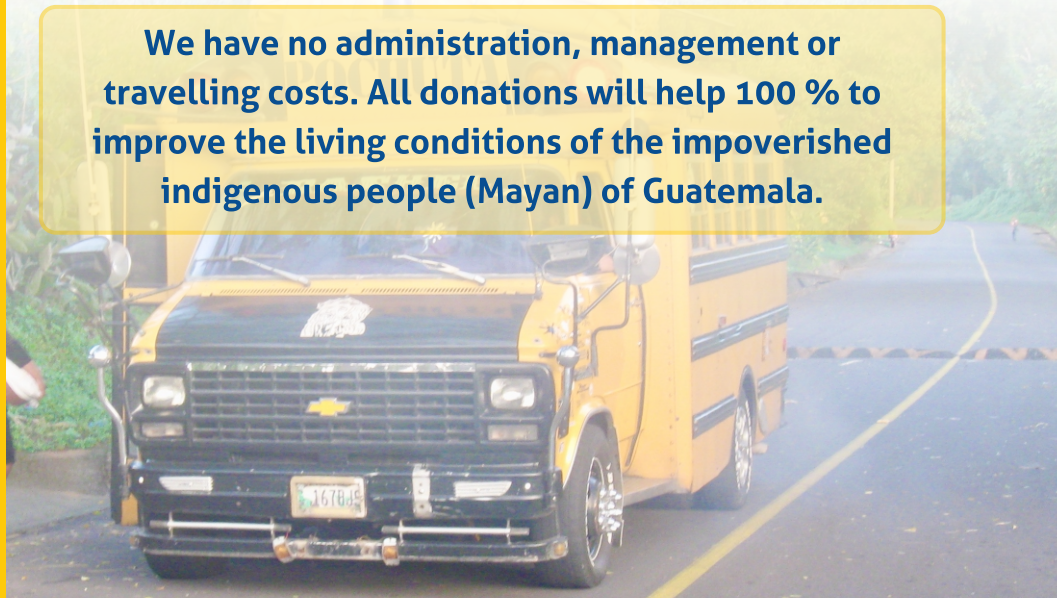
This presentation is available for schools who would like to support our cause by organising fundraising events.

Please contact Orna Dunlevy, bobocathail47@gmail.com or Maire Ruiseal, anruisealach@yahoo.ie

Vamos a Guatemala

We sincerely hope to visit Guatemala again at the end of January 2022. We are looking forward to meet the people of the communities where projects are underway and where they have been completed. We also like to visit new communities to examine their needs.

We have no administration, management or travelling costs. All donations will help 100 % to improve the living conditions of the impoverished indigenous people (Mayan) of Guatemala.



Hope Guatemala has no administration costs and everybody works voluntarily.