

Abundancia School Improvements

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Project Summary: The Nivacle Foundation will assist in funding the materials for a new school addition in the village of Abundancia. The school will house a science classroom and a kitchen/lunchroom.

Background: The LDS Church built a combination elementary school/chapel in the 1990's. When the new Church building was completed in 2002, the building became the school and was expanded to include older children. It previously taught nine grades, but over the last few years, the teachers have been able to increase the education to include all but the last year of high school. The current school does not have the facilities to offer a science class which is necessary for accreditation for a high school diploma. The teachers are prepared to offer a full high school education, but the facilities are currently inadequate. A science classroom and science equipment need to be added to the school.



The current school kitchen used to prepare lunch

In addition, 150 students receive lunch at school, sometimes being the only meal of the day. The room originally designed as a Relief Society kitchen has become a classroom, and no provision was made for a school kitchen. For years mothers have rotated volunteer lunchtime assignments to cook a watery gruel of rice or pasta and a few vegetables over a campfire built under a tree next to the building. The children



receive a small bowlful of this soup and sometimes a stale roll, and eat sitting on the ground either outside or in one of the classrooms. Particularly during the rainy season, cooking outside over a fire for some many children is difficult.





Proposal: Through previous humanitarian projects sponsored by the LDS Church Humanitarian Services, some of the men in the village have learned construction skills. The foundation plans to provide the building materials for an addition to the school. All labor will be volunteer work from the teachers and tribe members. Through this, men in the tribe will gain more construction experience. In addition, the tribe members will feel more ownership for the school. This will help bring the community together, completing a project as a tribe.

Costs: Materials and freight charges to move the materials to Abundancia total \$15,000-16,000. This includes building materials, classroom supplies for the science classroom and basic kitchen supplies. The foundation currently has \$10,000 for the project. We are raising another \$6000.00 for this project. Any money left over after construction will be given to the school for education materials.

How Can I Help? Individuals, families or others can contribute all or a portion of the costs of this critical project, which is so important to the health and quality of life of these children.

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