

NEWS FROM LA ESCUELITA – FEBRUARY 2015

Promotion – 2014



Lining Up For Promotion

Look at the faces of these kids who YOU have helped to begin their education, some timid, some smiling but all happy to be moving on. They still have a long way to go in the Nicaraguan educational system. But here is the beginning, the place where YOU have helped them learn to read and count and to be introduced to the idea of school.

Even at this age some of these children have achieved the same educational level as their parents. All donations go towards encouraging them to move on to further educational goals.

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Building Repairs

There is always something in need of repair

Every year in January the school needs to be painted and have repairs; this year especially – due to the earthquakes during the year. One major repair was the roof! The old galvanized roofing finally had so many leaks that it was no longer possible to patch it.



This new roof will keep papers and books dry through many rainy seasons.



Registration for 2015

A Younger Group of Children This Year

The 2015 school year is now underway. Because of some policy changes in the Nicaraguan Ministry of Education, La Escuelita will be focusing on pre-school and kindergarten and not offering first & second grade classes in 2015.

This did not lead to a big drop in enrollment because other schools in the area will not be offering pre-school. This year the students at La Escuelita will be younger. The teachers understand the importance of providing pre-school and kindergarten to children from homes where many parents never attended school.

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Medical Care at La Escuelita

The Public Schools don't offer it and even most private schools can't provide this!

Good health is important to good education. Children don't learn well when they are sick. But good education is also very important for good health: Dental Health, Physical Health and Mental Health. With YOUR help we can continue to improve all of these at La Escuelita.



With the support of two wonderful Nicaraguan Dentists and a group of Dental Hygiene students from Pennsylvania College of Technology La Escuelita will turn into a dental clinic for one week in May. All of the children will have their teeth cleaned and checked. Fillings, sealants and extractions will all be done as needed. But education is also important. A Dental Health Fair will teach children and parents the importance of caring for their teeth, and every child will receive a toothbrush and toothpaste.



Because of YOUR gifts, La Escuelita will continue to give Nicaraguan children the basic beginnings that they need to continue their education.

Again this year a group of Advance Practice Nursing Students from the Yale School of Nursing will visit La Escuelita in March. Each child will receive a physical exam and money will be raised for any needed follow-up. In the past these exams have found serious problems of heart murmurs, vision issues and asthma that have been treated through this program. The medical care these children receive gives them a better chance to continue learning.

La Escuelita is also able to provide help with emotional and mental health. Fabiola, a Nicaraguan psychologist visits the school regularly to talk with parents and children about their adjustment problems. She also has set up evening educational sessions to help larger groups of parents learn how to be better parents and help their children be better students.

It is only with the help of people like you that these programs can continue to improve both the health and education of these children.

DONATIONS

Checks can be made payable to "CEPAD-USA" with "La Escuelita" in the memo line. Mail to:

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