

Guatemala, San Raymundo

Community Development Project Summary

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PRESENT REALITIES:

San Raymundo is a highland community of 35,000 people located one hour northwest from the capital city of Guatemala. It is composed of a group of Mayan descendants, the Kaqchikel, and they speak a language of the same name (one of Guatemala's 22 indigenous languages). Many people have adapted to modern Guatemala culture and are speaking Spanish, the official language of Guatemala.

In Guatemala, 93% of rural indigenous dwellers live in extreme poverty, which makes relief and development projects, coupled with the Gospel, very effective in reaching them. All health statistics for indigenous people are worse than for other people groups in their countries. In the case of Guatemala, the levels of chronic malnutrition, causing permanent stunting, is among the highest in the world. It is the highest in this hemisphere.

PLAN OF ACTION:

To continue bringing teams into San Raymundo in a safe manner for all members, the plan is to provide Pastor Victor with money to improve on the bathrooms by purchasing a pressure tank to increase water pressure and provide running water to team facilities. The kitchen area will be improved by purchasing a new stove which will allow for convenience allowing staff to make hygiene and food preparation a priority.

The plan is to continue working on the school/church expansion with the 2nd story walls and ceiling (the 3rd story floor). A fourth home will be constructed for families who own their own land (in San Raymundo) and are in need.

PROJECTED COSTS:

POTENTIAL ACTIVITY	FUNDS REQUIRED	PEOPLE AFFECTED
Lodging Improvements	\$2,000 CAD	40+ people
School Construction	\$11,000 CAD	100+ people
House Construction	\$4,000 CAD	4-7 person capacity

PROJECT BENEFITS:

Lodging Improvements: With the improvements to the house, teams can be assured that steps have been taken to keep them in good health while they are working on projects in San Raymundo.

School Construction: The floor for the 2nd level has been poured. Walls need to be erected to form classrooms which will enable the church to hold Sunday school in element-protected rooms and provide space for the future school.

House Construction: Families in the church are currently living with relatives in houses with limited space. We will work with the pastors of the church to see which families are in need of a house and provide for that need.

PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PROJECT:

The staff of Hungry for Life, under the leadership of the Board of Directors, are responsible for the project.



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