



SCHOOL STUDENTS DESKS PROJECT –LA MESTIZA COMMUNITY, GUATEMALA



THE CONTEXT AND THE NEED: La Mestiza is a remote rural community of La Libertad municipality, in the department of Peten, Guatemala. It is located close to the Northwestern border with Mexico’s state of Chiapas, 133 miles away from Flores, the Peten departmental capital. The community has a population of 300 inhabitants that live basically out of agriculture and small-scale cattle raising. It is a marginalized community that lacks basic services like water and electricity. In order to access basic health services, they need to travel long distances to the nearest public clinic. The lack of public transport makes this and other economic activities harder than in other regions of Guatemala. Its location,



within the the Sierra de Lacandon National Park, is an excuse for public institutions to limit the allocation of more resources for community development projects.

The community has a school with 50 students from preschool through sixth grade and 2 teachers. The infrastructure condition is very poor. But the most urgent need in this moment is to procure 50 students’ desks. The existing desks are in very bad condition. This project will provide the funds to procure these desks and move them from El Naranjo to La Mestiza. The transport expenses will be covered by the community.

More photos of the school available at:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/QRbBwgsxZb6DNwtS6>

BUDGET:

DESCRIPTION	UNIT COST	QUANTITY	TOTAL
Metal and wood students desks	\$25.00	50	\$1,250
Transport from El Naranjo to El Guayacan	\$133.00	1	\$67
Administrative costs	\$54	1	\$54
SUB TOTAL			\$1,371
Community contribution			\$67
Project management			\$261
TOTAL REQUESTED			\$1,565

