



Project Success Story

Nicaragua

Since 2009, TGUP has built 17 new classrooms and learning resource centers at schools in Matagalpa (west-central) and Tipitapa (near Managua). These facilities are helping *thousands* of Nicaraguan students have a better chance to get a good *their expected lives (30+ years), they will help more than a hundred thousand students.*

At the El Paraiso School, the increase in student enrollment meant that preschool classes had to be held in the kitchen. Not only was the room unsuitable as a classroom, but the kitchen could no longer be used to prepare meals.



Preschool in the kitchen



New preschool classroom

Working with our local partner, Seeds of Learning (SOL), we are able to keep the costs down by having local people (and TGUP volunteers) contribute the labor.



Old classroom at San Martin



New classroom at San Martin

Many schools hold classes in coffee storage barns, which means students can't have class during the harvest season. They have no electricity and are partially open to the elements, so cannot be used when the rains come. The new classrooms address all of these flaws.



Coffee barn classroom at Santa Isabel



New classroom at Santa Isabel



Montegrando storage used for classes



New classrooms at Montegrando



Students in old Guadalupe Arriba classroom



New classrooms Guadalupe Arriba

Since 2009, hundreds of TGUP student volunteers have traveled to Nicaragua during the summers to help build these classrooms. They pay their own way and work side-by-side with local people to build the classrooms. Here are a few of the projects they worked on:



At Tepeyac



TGUP students at Villa Japon



Montegrande construction



Working at Guadalupe Arriba



Manuel Piquera School



Constructing walls at 15 de Septiembre

In addition to the classrooms, TGUP has built latrines, a library, learning resource centers, and classrooms at Villa Japon and Los Laureles that can be opened to be used as an auditorium for school use, or as a resource for community meetings and adult education.



New classrooms at 15 de Septiembre



Auditorium at Villa Japon



Library at Los Laureles School



Learning resource center in Tipitapa

These are just a few of the many projects TGUP has completed in just one developing world country. Altogether, **we have completed more than 170 such projects in 18 countries** in Africa, Central America, and Asia. Classrooms, medical clinics, latrines, science labs, libraries, water wells, playgrounds, and more. **These projects dramatically improve life chances for some of the poorest people in the world.**

DO NOT DOUBT that your donation, no matter how small, can change the world. It already is. As our motto says, “Even the greatest waterfall starts with a single drop of water.” You are one of those drops! As with all TGUP projects, EVERY DOLLAR DONATED goes into the designated project.