



SCHOOL STUDENTS DESKS PROJECT – NUEVA JERUSALEN COMMUNITY, GUATEMALA



THE CONTEXT AND THE NEED: Nueva Jerusalen is a 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, 97 miles away from Flores, the Peten departmental capital. The community has a population of 2,000 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 borders of the Sierra de Lacandon National Park, is used by public institutions to justify their failure to allocate more resources for community development projects.



The community has a school with 130 students from preschool through sixth grade and 4 teachers. The infrastructure condition is very poor. But the most urgent need in this moment is to procure 100 students’ desks. The existing desks are in total disarray and some students bring improvised desks to be seated . This project will provide the funds to procure these desks and move them from El Naranjo to Nueva Jerusalen. Part of the transport expenses will be covered by the community.

More photos of the school available at: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/zL68ARrpSRJ3CjA38>

BUDGET:

DESCRIPTION	UNIT COST	QUANTITY	TOTAL
Metal and wood students desks	\$25.00	100	\$2,500
Transport from El Naranjo to El Guayacan	\$133.00	1	\$133
Administrative costs	\$54	1	\$54
SUB TOTAL			\$2,687
Community contribution			\$133
Project management			\$511
TOTAL REQUESTED			\$3,065