

A HOUSE FOR EVERY HOME

Constructing a brighter future by building dignified housing

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House building, Guatemala 2016

Look at the bright side! When it rains look for rainbows, when it's dark look for the stars!

These corny phrases we use every day to comfort ourselves in commonly trivial situations, take on a whole new meaning within the context of global poverty and slums. When the protagonists of the story are Guatemalans even if you get to see people in conditions of strenuous hard work, tremendous sacrifices and lack of adequate living; you will also get to see that within that hard work is hope for a better future, within every sacrifice is a total commitment for the sake of another and that despite not living in ideal conditions, there is still a sense of gratitude and happiness for what they do have.

This is exactly what we got to see when we met the Pérez family, they taught us that between unfortunate and unjust situations you still get to see light, rainbows and stars! That is why for us is an honor to help this family that already has a loving home; with decent housing.

According to the United Nations 33% of the world's population lives on poverty and in minimal shelters. Around 1 billion of these are children and infants. In Guatemala poverty is heavily concentrated in rural areas, since they concentrate 72% of those living below the poverty line and 83% of those living in extreme poverty. That said, just because the target is hard doesn't mean it shouldn't be attempted, we have faith that every effort counts and our bit has the potential to have far-reaching repercussions for generations.

A house is much more than just having a roof over your head, the benefits cover aspects of great importance from the development, health, safety, learning ability, to self-esteem and dignity. Our objective is to improve the quality of life of the Pérez family that lives in the community of Miramar, Nentón, Huehuetenango, Guatemala to ensure the integral development of its members and promote the local progress through the construction of a house.

The awesome family in the left ...currently is living in the not so awesome house in the right



Meet the Pérez family



Mr. Tomás Pérez, is the head of the house. Because he had to work as a child he never had the opportunity to go to school. However he strives for their children to go to school and thrive in life. He currently works in agriculture.



Ms. Esperanza Pérez is the glue that holds the family together. Because there was no school in her village she never had the chance to go to school. She also dreams for a brighter future for her kids. Besides being a housewife she also works in agriculture.



Francisco Matías Pérez is 13 years old. Currently in third grade.



Arturo Matías Pérez is 8 years old. Because of his health issues he can not go to school. Instead he stays home under the care of her loving mother.



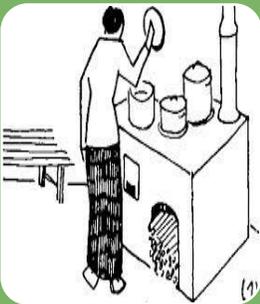
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To help them we would appreciate your collaboration to collect the following:



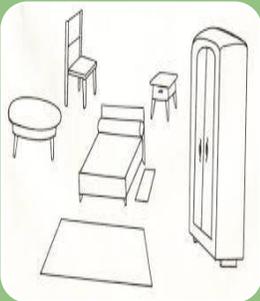
Material for house construction: \$ 4,650.00

- High quality material to build safe and comfortable rooms so each family member have their own little special place to sleep.



Material for kitchen construction: \$ 1,100.00

- Designed to keep the kitchen smoke away from the family. In Guatemala entire families develop respiratory diseases due to exposure of smoke from the kitchen.



House furniture: \$ 750.00

- Beds, chairs and tables for the family to share moments together comfortably



GRAND TOTAL: \$6500.00

Thanks for helping change the lives of Guatemalan families by turning this



Into this



(Last years house)