

Winter 2007

2007 was another year filled with remarkable achievements for us, and I remain exceedingly grateful for all that you share with Education and Hope. We are creating hope in the lives of so many Guatemalan children and their families, and your continued generosity is what makes this vital support possible. Our world is becoming increasingly marked by the extremes of great wealth and great poverty. The number of people who live without the basic things we all need to survive is almost incomprehensible. Trying to grasp the enormity of this crisis can be paralyzing. Since often this extreme poverty is hidden from our immediate surroundings, it might be easier to close our eyes to it instead of wondering how we might use our resources to make a difference. One of the great blessings in my life is the bond we share with so many compassionate people committed to reaching out to ease that profound disparity, shining a light upon the lives of so many who would otherwise be forgotten. Your outreach has instilled within me the belief that if the world is to change, it will be through the collective good will of citizens around the world looking out for one another.

All of our lives are diminished by the suffering and indignity experienced by others. And while none of us can change the entire world, each of us can make a difference in someone's life - undoubtedly a greater impact than we might believe possible. Together we have gone to great lengths to brighten the futures of these particular children in Guatemala, and I truly hope that our example inspires others to do the same.

Thank you for standing with us in solidarity, and for all that you do to ease the burdens of those who live in great need. May this season of giving encourage us all to continue reaching out, across towns and across borders, so that those who suffer might know peace. May God continue to enrich all of our lives with kindness and compassion, that we might strengthen our faith in the possibility of a better world.



Wishing you great joy in the New Year.

Julie Coyne and Everyone at Education and Hope

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