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Dear Miracles Supporters,

The school year starts in January for students in Guatemala. And because of supporters like you:

- more than 50 students will have scholarships to go beyond primary school to middle or high school, and two are even attending college.
- 100s of students will be furnished with backpacks, books, and school supplies.
- 41 villages are now able to offer school in a building with solid roof, windows and adequate space for the number of students – a positive learning environment.
- Construction started this week on our 42nd school, so even more children will be attending classes in 2013.

Let me share how the gift of education is a hand-up, and a sustainable way to help people to help themselves – to take that first step out of poverty.

In 2005, my mother funded the construction of our first rural primary school.

In 2010, I attended the graduation of students who had attended one of our schools, and Miracles in Action had supported them with scholarships for higher grade levels, some of them now qualified as teachers, and other professions.

In 2013, through our partner charity Let's Be Ready, we made a job offer to Blanca Marriloli, one of our scholarship graduates. Blanca will be teaching preschool in a rural village that does not offer kindergarden or preschool. She will be paying it forward, teaching 4- and 5-year-olds to be ready for 1st grade. Blanca is the first person in her family to learn to read and write. Blanca is the first girl in her village to step out of poverty through education. Having never had children of my own, these student's accomplishments make me feel like a proud mother.



2005 - Henry, Noreen and Penny Rambacher at school #1 opening.



2010 graduation. Blanca is front row, 2nd from the right.



2013 - Blanca visited with Penny during her preschool training program. She starts her first job this week.

Educational opportunities are made possible because of donors like you. On behalf of the students who are benefiting from your generosity, we say Thank you, Gracias (Spanish) and Matiox (Katchiquel Maya language). We are proud to support these students in their educational efforts. We know they will pay it forward for years to come.

Thank you for making a sustainable difference,

Penny

Penny Rambacher
President and Founder

P.S. You can join us by supporting more "first steps" out of poverty through education by clicking on the donation button at the bottom of this email.

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