

Mano Con Mano Scholarship

Hope through Education

Background – Education in Guatemala

The public school system in Guatemala is widely recognized as one of the poorest in Latin America. Publicly-funded education is provided only through 6th grade, leaving many without an opportunity to obtain sufficient skills to provide more than a subsistence-level income working in the fields. Even through grade 6, education quality in indigenous, rural, Mayan communities is especially poor – **only 42% of rural children finish primary school** – creating larger disparities in quality of life in these under-served communities. MCM’s work in Yalú seeks to fight against this area of great need in order to provide a future of hope for the community.

Program Mission

To provide hope for the future generation of Yalú through access to Christ-centered education. To do so effectively, in a culturally-sensitive manner, promoting teamwork, giving back to the community, and other biblical principles.

Program Vision

To develop a generation of local leaders focused on glorifying God, improving their communities, and breaking the cycle of poverty in Yalú & Guatemala.



Esmeralda studying hard in the learning center



Our 2011 Junior-High Students



Programs teach teamwork & biblical principles

2012 Program Funding

The 2012 school year begins January 2012 and we are faced with a high demand for new scholarships. It is **exciting** for us to see the growing desire to learn in this community as we approach our third year of scholarships! **The 2012 funding goal will provide scholarships to all eligible children for one year**; money raised above this level will allow us to help assure that eligible children can complete their entire schooling through high-school.

School Level	Scholarship Costs*		2012 Students		2012 Funding Goal
	Annual	Full-Term	Current	New	
Junior High (3 yrs)	\$750	\$2,250	10	15	\$18,750
High School (3 yrs)	\$1,000	\$3,000	8	5	\$13,000
*Costs Include: inscription, monthly tuition, uniform, supplies, transportation, and meal expenses			Total		\$31,750

We’re currently @ 35% of our 2012 goal

Want to help MCM provide hope through education? Sign up to receive more info!

How You Can Help

Please consider the following ways to help support our efforts in Yalú Guatemala. MCM is a 501c(3) organization in the US (Tax ID: 91-1696476), all US donations are tax-deductible.

Options	Benefits	Notes / For More Info
Send a Check <i>through your online banking or mail</i>	The only way to ensure your complete donation supports MCM!	Write “Education–Scholarship” in the memo section Address Mano con Mano Health Reach PO Box 1369 Freeland WA, 98249
Donate Online <i>through justgive.org</i>	A simple, fast way to support MCM. You can also give gift cards for special occasions , make a donation on behalf of a loved one , easy to designate where you want your money to go!	A trustworthy provider, justgive.org makes donations easy and provides immediate tax receipts for donors. https://www.justgive.org/basket?acton=donate&ein=91-1696476 <i>Justgive subtracts 3% from the donation to cover service charges.</i>
Ride your Bike <i>with the ride for refuge team</i>	Show your passion and reach more people for the cause. A great way to build community while helping raise awareness for the work of MCM. Ride with MCM and help raise support from your circle of family & friends	It’s fun, it’s a great way to help us make a bigger impact, and it’s as easy as riding a bike! We are currently looking for riders and team leaders in the Seattle area. for more info on the different ways you can get involved, contact: gregg.a.brown3@gmail.com kelly.riggio@gmail.com

Program Management & Accountability

Donations are pooled into a fund designated to support the scholarship program only. Scholarships are awarded based on need, participation in class & community, grades, attendance, and the student’s and parent’s commitment to continued education. We conduct bi-monthly meetings with the parents to help them understand the value & long-term benefits of education and to encourage them to support their children through their schooling. We work alongside with the students, providing them access to needed resources and teaching them life skills to help them succeed. Our local Guatemalan staff provides culturally appropriate insight into the unique situations of the children; our missionaries on the ground in Guatemala ensure program accountability to donors through regular contact with the US Board of Directors who are in charge of disbursing program funds.