



Why Guatemala?

Guatemala exhibits one of the most extreme combinations of systemic poverty, illiteracy, and inequality in the Western hemisphere. In the areas we serve, 3 out of 4 live in poverty, and over 1/3 of the population cannot read or write.

What Is the GLP?

The Guatemala Literacy Project (GLP) is a network of individual Rotarians, Rotary clubs and districts, and the nonprofit Cooperative for Education (CoEd), with a common interest in improving education for underserved students in Guatemala. Since 1997 over 500 clubs around the world have participated in the GLP, making it the largest multi-club, multi-district project in Rotary that is not directed by Rotary International itself.

How Does it Work?

The GLP works collaboratively by securing Global Grants from The Rotary Foundation and serving as ambassadors to promote and support projects and activities that enhance education in Guatemala. 100% of GLP donations go directly to supporting the project, 0% to administration or fundraising.

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Proven Results

- Textbook Program teachers spend 56% less class time dictating or writing on the chalkboard than they did before receiving textbooks.
- 95% of Computer Program graduates find employment or further their education in high school.
- The Culture of Reading Program has improved kids' reading and writing skills by 58% and reduced failure rates by 1/3.
- 90% of Scholarship Program graduates find employment or further their education beyond high school.



Textbook Program

The Textbook Program provides vital books in the core areas of math, science, social studies, and Spanish to middle schools and trains teachers to use them effectively in the classroom.



Computer Centers Program

The Computer Centers Program gives indigenous youth the opportunity to use technology to solve real-world problems while developing the computer skills needed to secure better jobs after graduation.



Culture of Reading Program

The Culture of Reading Program (CORP) trains primary-school teachers in effective reading instruction and provides children's books to help them transform students into enthusiastic and lifelong readers.



Scholarship Program

The Scholarship & Youth Development Program removes economic barriers to education and involves young people in leadership, professional, and life-skills training, as well as community service projects.

Sustainability

The Textbook and Computer Programs use a "revolving fund" model, whereby parents pay a small monthly fee for their children to use the books or computers. Schools save this money in a designated fund which is eventually used to buy new books and computers as the old ones wear out. Thus the programs are 100% self-sustaining.

The Culture of Reading Program and the Scholarship Program achieve sustainability by developing the potential of teachers and students, who then continue to enrich their country. For example, CORP-trained teachers often share their training with other teachers, and over 1/2 of Scholarship Program graduates are now paying for their younger siblings' education.



Join the Global Grant

Invest in a sustainable, successful project by joining our global grant. Make your pledge at:

www.guatemalaliteracy.org/pledge



Visit Guatemala

Join Rotarians from around the world to meet students, deliver badly needed textbooks, and inaugurate brand-new computer centers at impoverished schools.

Sign up at:

www.guatemalaliteracy.org/volunteer



Sponsor a Student

Help a deserving student break the cycle of poverty by sponsoring them in the Scholarship Program. Learn more at:

www.guatemalaliteracy.org/scholarships