



Working for food security

Greetings from Cubulco

Dear Friends,

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support during the past year. It has been such a blessing to know that there is a church like Central and friends like you, who believe in the mission work abroad.

We have felt loved during this first year working in Cubulco, Guatemala through your daily prayers for us and your support to fight poverty, hunger, injustice, loneliness, frustration, etc., and through your financial donations. Thank very much!



About the organic chicken project

We continue to focus on the chicken project as an initiative to combat hunger and contribute to food security for a number of families around Cubulco. The current global inflation impacts the Guatemalan economy as well and there are many families who struggle to find something to eat every day.

Additionally, preexistent factors continue to challenge the daily lives of many. These factors include unemployment and the tendency to drop out of school to emigrate to the US in what often seems to be the only viable solution. For generations men have gone to the coastal sugar plantations or coffee farms for months at a time in an effort to provide for their families, given that there are very few employment opportunities in Cubulco. Even young people who manage to get an education

are often discouraged as it can be very challenging to find meaningful employment.

“pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans and widows in their distress”...

James 1:27

Guatemala’s population is 17.2 million. 11.8 million are available for work (68%) and of that group, 7.4 million are working (63%), 4.4 million are unemployed (37%) and 164.6 thousand (2.2%) are unable to find anything to do at all (National Institute of Statistics, ENEI.pdf).

These area not only statistics but real people. Consequently, we are eager to begin the project with poor families in the hopes of contributing to a decent life that mitigates the vicious cycle of poverty.

Thank you to your donations, we will be buying tin roof material, chicken wire, chickens, feed and the cost of the training sessions.

Our first training session

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On Thursday October the 6, we had our first worship training. 12 represented families where there at the workshop for the chicken project. Willy in the yellow shirt and Uribe in the blue shirt were our facilitators for that day. Their experience in the field made the workshop easy to follow and a hands on training was a plus.



Willy, showing the group the way to mix all the ingredients to make the chicken food, which is really important to keep everything dry, in that way it doesn't go bad.

Thanks to the donations of Central Presbyterian Church in Cambridge, we were able to start the training were we learned a lot of new things.

We learned 3 things

1. We learned how to make organic chicken food from scratch.
2. Also, we learned how to make a herbal base remedy for parasites.
3. And, an herbal base cough syrup.

Everything we made was made from organic herbs like, basil, cilantro, garlic, eucalyptus leaves, and rosemary. We even used marigold leaves which we had foraged on our way back from a prayer meeting.



Toasting herbs to make remedies.



Cutting eucalyptus leaves as the base for cough syrup

Donate!

This project is in the beginning stage! We are in need of supplies like, tin roof, chicken wire, funds for training sessions, etc.

If you would like to be a part of this project you can donate at:

<https://impacthope.kindful.com/?campaign=1120508>

Please specify that your donation is for the chicken project.

Or

you can donate at your local church for the Chicken Project in Cubulco, Guatemala.

We had in our group two grandmas. One is 87 years old and the other one is 72 years old. As you see in the picture on the right they are eager to learn more about heritage chickens.

After the training session, we held a meeting to find out, what they think about the workshop. They are motivated and want to start as soon is possible. The first phase of this project cost \$500 per family. Please support one family and change their life.

