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in Guatemala
through
education

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Join us for the first-ever Snapshot Tour!

Experience the best of Guatemala and see each of CoEd's programs during the five-day **Snapshot Tour!** This is the perfect trip for those who love to travel, see amazing scenery and meet interesting people, but are challenged to make time for a 10-day Delivery Tour.

From **Wednesday, August 1 to Sunday, August 5** you will see our textbook programs and computer centers in action, personally interact with the students we serve and provide much needed educational materials to the schools. There will also be opportunities to experience Guatemala's culture and landscape as we visit the colonial town of Antigua, enjoy breathtaking Lake Atitlán and travel to small Mayan villages where you get a true sense of what life is really like for the families we serve. All hotel and restaurant accommodations are tourist class.

For more information about CoEd Project Tours, including sample itineraries, visit www.coeduc.org or contact Jessica Stieritz at jstieritz@fuse.net or **513-731-2595, x. 5.**



2007-2008 Project Tours

Snapshot Tour

■ August 1-5, 2007

\$875 double occupancy*

\$975 single occupancy*

Delivery Tours

■ February 1-10, 2008

(Rotary International only)

■ February 15-24, 2008

\$1,175 double occupancy*

\$1,375 single occupancy*

*Prices for all tours include land portion only; airfare is purchased by the individual.

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Highlights: 2007 Textbook & Computer Deliveries

This past February 60 volunteers from 13 U.S. states, Canada and the Grand Cayman Islands joined CoEd in Guatemala to deliver new textbooks and inaugurate computer centers in 26 communities. Your support helped bring hope through better educational opportunities to 5,600 additional Guatemalan schoolchildren. We hope you enjoy some of the highlights, as seen through the eyes of our volunteers.



"I was reading *Green Eggs & Ham* to a little primary school girl. When I reached the page that says, 'I will eat them in a box,' she pointed to the illustration of the box and said excitedly, 'Mi casa, mi casa!' ('My house! My house!') I realized in that moment that this is why we are there with these students, so that hopefully as they realize their dreams of a better education and quality of life, they will never again mistake a box for a house."

—Cathy Smith, Dayton, OH



"One lasting image is that of a 7th grader sitting with a very old woman, showing her a book. The amazement in both of their faces revealed the potential of this worthwhile program."

—Steve & Bonnie Avard, Grayson, TX

"En route to one delivery the dirt roads were so bumpy and full of holes that it was necessary to unload the busses and walk about a half-mile. When we arrived, the school principal told us how much he appreciated everything we went through to get there. That 10-minute challenge in my life paled in comparison to the every-minute challenges of his—and he was thanking me. I was both touched and embarrassed."

—Dan Jansen, Cincinnati, OH

"If I tell people one thing about the delivery tour, it will be that it was the best trip of my life."

—Diane Damico, Glenview, IL



"I will not forget the moment when one of the 2nd graders sat next to me, put her little hand on my knee, and kept it there for a long time, just chattering away."

—Pieter Vos, Sun City Del Sol, AZ



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delivery tours
at a glance

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60 volunteers

20 textbook schools

6 computer labs

5,600 new students

23,000 textbooks



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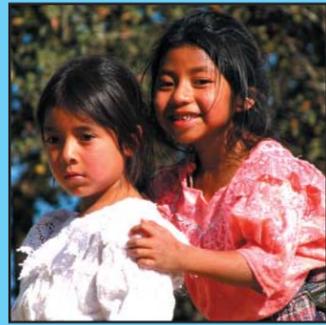
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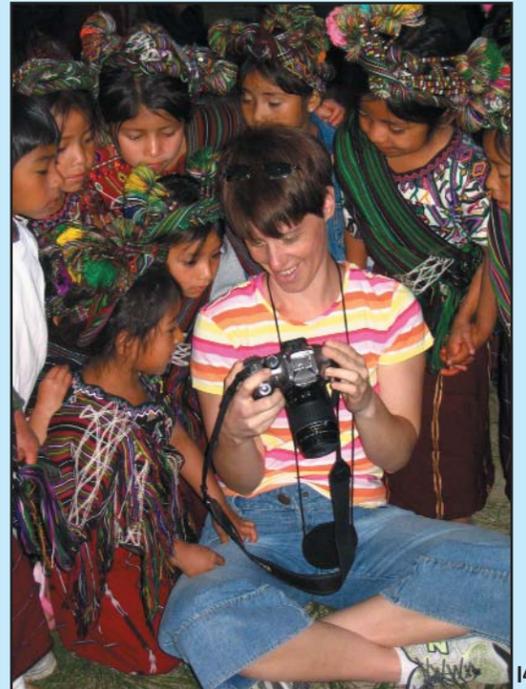
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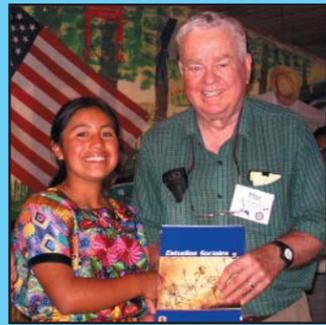
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- 1. A young girl at Acul Primary School shyly displays her new alphabet book.
- 2. Volunteer **Connie Schmitt** receives a grateful hug from a parent at Sacapulas Cooperative School, El Quiché.
- 3. Boys from Nebaj, El Quiché, greet their gringo visitors.
- 4. A 1st grader at Las Barrancas Primary School, San Marcos, reads a story to Rotarian **Carolee Terpstra**.
- 5. Rotarian **Joey Hew** hangs out with his new best friends at Las Barrancas.
- 6. Confetti was flying on "Martes Gordo" (Mardi Gras) at Cunén Cooperative School, El Quiché.
- 7. A Mayan ceremonial fire blazes in welcome for the CoEd-Rotary delegation to Momostenango Cooperative School.
- 8. The students at Rio Blanco Cooperative School, San Marcos, investigate their new textbooks.
- 9. Rotarians **Lenneke Brown, B.J. Jantz, Dee Unks, LaVerne Schimpf** and **Helen Anderson** proudly display their commitment to "Service Above Self" at Rio Blanco School.
- 10. Guatemala's national instrument, the marimba, joyfully welcomes CoEd to La Esperanza School, Quetzaltenango.

- 11. Dancers ring an offering of lilies during a Mayan ceremonial dance.
- 12. Volunteer **Kathleen Kammer** shows family photos to girls at Nuestra Señora del Rosario School, El Quiché.
- 13. Excited parents join in the festivities at the Momostenango Computer Center inauguration, Totonicapán.
- 14. Volunteer **Cathy Smith** shares her digital camera display with the awestruck children at Acul Primary School.
- 15. The Momostenango students enthusiastically show off their newest tools for learning.
- 16. Girls at Pacajá Cooperative School play while their older siblings celebrate their new textbooks.
- 17. A 9th grader at San Rafael Cooperative School, San Marcos, receives her first textbook from Rotarian **Mac Henderson**.
- 18. Boys at Nuestra Señora del Rosario spend their recess playing with the CoEd volunteers.
- 19. Cunén Cooperative School students wait expectantly with baskets of Mardi Gras confetti & *cascarones* (confetti-filled eggshells) to dump on the heads of their gringo visitors.
- 20. The community of Canceña, San Marcos, offers its gratitude to CoEd & Rotary International.