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A leafy tree served as a classroom for children in the third grade, but with the support of the organization Operation Honduras they can be educated in better conditions



The parents helped in the construction of the foundations of the three classrooms; They will be ready by half a year.

San Pedro Sula, Honduras

The children of **Grace School**, located in the sector of El Ocotillo, will no longer receive classes under a tree, as they did before.

Thanks to the publications of Diario LA PRENSA, which announced the terrible conditions in which children received the bread of knowledge, the Organization Operation Honduras decided to support the construction of three classrooms.

Operation Honduras is a US organization that works to help build schools and other projects in the Sula Valley.

Christof Witwer, representative of the organization in the country, explained that through the newspaper's publications they knew about the school and decided to help.

"We saw the publication and showed it to the directors of the organization in Pennsylvania, United States, who approved the aid. Then we arrived at the school and saw the conditions in which they receive classes, in addition we talked with the people of the sector, "he said.



The children began the year 2018 receiving classes under a tree that is on the edge of the school, in front of the sanitary landfill. Photos: Amílcar Izaguirre

They will also deliver uniforms to the minors. "We saw the need in the school, the truth that is worth helping," Christof added.

The parents began to work on the foundations of what will be the new classrooms.

Each unit will have the capacity for 25 students and will be made of block and with cement floor. The organization promised to help with the walls and the floor, however, support is needed with the roof of the classrooms.

On February 10, a group of about 20 American volunteers arrives in the city to lift the walls and the floor. "The idea is that the classrooms are finished by the middle of the year, but we need to find support for the roof and leave the entire classrooms so that the children can use them," he said.

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The parents showed their joy to know that the little ones will no longer have to take classes in the leafy tree that served them as a classroom.

"We are happy to see that you are helping through this project, that means that children will have more opportunities to receive education and be better people," said Gloria Ochoa, one of the mothers. With more classrooms, school officials said that more children will have the opportunity to get an education, expect enrollment to increase as of 2019. Melissa Mejía, coordinator of the Grace project, said that in order to increase enrollment, they plan to install a nursery for the mothers who work in the sanitary landfill.

Mejía thanked the support that this newspaper made with the publications. "THE PRESS was like an angel sent by God, because children and families needed more classrooms. I am grateful because through the publications, the children's dream of having their own classroom could come true".

He added that the Municipality also committed to the construction of another classroom.



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"LA COMUNIDAD QUIERE MUCHO LA ESCUELA PORQUE LOS NIÑOS RECIBEN CLASES AFUERA"

WILLIAM KING
De Operación Honduras



"Estoy enamorado de este proyecto, me gusta porque los padres de los niños ayudan mucho, hay días que unos 20 padres vienen a trabajar, la comunidad quiere la escuela y quiere lo mejor", dijo William King, quien dirige la obra.

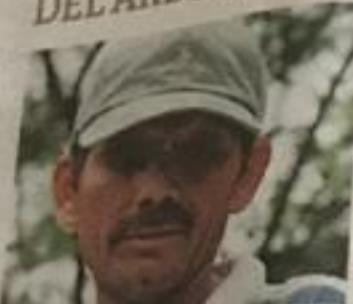
Agregó que el grupo que vendrá se encargará de instalar el sistema eléctrico, pintar, colocar las puertas, poner el piso, entre otras cosas para terminar las aulas. Cada aula mide ocho metros de largo por seis de ancho, tendrán una capacidad para 5 alumnos.

Aún falta mobiliario para las aulas, por lo que las autoridades de la escuela piden ayuda a otras personas para que los estudiantes puedan recibir sus clases en buenas condiciones.

Este año, la escuela Grace abrirá el quinto y sexto grado para apoyar a más niños y jóvenes, además planea abrir una guardería para las madres que trabajan en el

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Padre de familia



Más ayuda. En la primera sesión de Corporación de 2019, las autoridades de la Municipalidad autorizaron suscribir un convenio de colaboración para la escuela Grace.

Se espera que el documento sea firmado en los próximos días, dio a conocer la regidora Fátima Mena.

"Es un convenio de cooperación mutua, ellos a través de la fundación se han encargado de llevar educación a los niños vulnerables y la Municipalidad les apoyará con recurso de materiales, entre otras cosas para mejorar y fortalecer las condiciones en que los menores reciben clases", detalló.

Agregó que la fundación que maneja la escuela cuenta con el respaldo de la alcaldía, además, apoyan con el pago de algunos docentes y personal de limpieza. Los niños están contentos porque van a tener nuevas aulas.

**AVANCE DEL
PROYECTO
DE AULAS**

Los padres de familia, miembros de la organización y otros voluntarios ayudan en la construcción de las tres aulas. Actualmente se construyen las paredes, la obra se realiza detrás de la escuela. Un grupo de 15 estadounidenses vendrán el 14 de febrero para terminar la escuela y entregarla a las autoridades. FOTOS: FRANKLYN MUÑOZ



La copa de un árbol sirve de techo a escuela



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En agosto de 2018, Diario LA PRENSA mostró cómo los niños del primer grado de la escuela Grace Honduras recibían sus clases debajo de un árbol.



