



Mata de Cana School Build

Tools 4 Schools Program



The cycle of poverty in Nicaragua is perpetuated by the lack of investment in the country's educational infrastructure. Schools lack everything from walls to pencils and teachers face classes with up to 6 grades. This reality is clearly seen in the small remote villages of the Nicaraguan Countryside. These schools receive little support from the government and are run on the sheer faith and dedication of their staff. Mata de Caña is a prime example of such a school. The community consists of subsistence farming families that live more than a 3 hour hike into the Maribios Volcano Chain. Every Monday a teacher rides up on horseback and returns home each Friday. For the students, her arrival each week brings hope for a future.



The Road to Mata de Caña, passable only by foot or horseback

Project Costs:

1 Classroom \$11,750
2 Dry Washrooms \$500
Education Supplies \$250

Total: \$12,500

The Mata de Cana School has been functioning for over twelve years. The community donated a piece of land and built a palm leaf ranch for their children to attend classes. Since that time, parents have pitched in their best materials to contribute to the structure that stands today. The school is made of wooden boards, mesh and plastic walls, a dirt floor and sheet metal roofing. The kindergarten has class outside under a palm tree. The Nicaraguan Ministry of Education pays 1 teacher for all six grades, and a local youth volunteer teaches kindergarten.



The Mata de Caña School desperately needs a secure building and washroom. Without this school, these kid's would not have the chance to learn to read and write. This building will stand as a symbol of hope for the students in Mata de Caña. It will allow them to dream. We are very encouraged by the cooperation of the Nicaraguan Ministry of Education to take over operating costs and the parents to provide their labour for the school. SchoolBOX is joining in to purchase the materials and engineers to make the project possible. Together we are Making Education Possible for Children in Central America!

Students: 29

Teachers: 2

1 (grades 1-6)

1 Kindergarten



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