MPI welcomes our new Guatemala Country Director, Jessica Falla, and U.S. Director, Mitch Turner.

Happy 4th of July everyone!!!

July 8-11 - Annual staff strategy session in Miami.

July 11-14 - New Program Director orientation in Miami.

100+ community members are aiding in school construction.

200 additional children will be able to attend school after the project is complete.

3,000+ plastic bottles collected and stuffed with refuse.

Over $18,000 raised so far.

$35,600 still needed to complete the bottle school project.

MPI Guatemala is using plastic bottles to construct a 2-room, second-story addition that will allow over 200 more children to attend primary and secondary school.

MPI Guatemala is one of our most exciting projects to date. Responding to a need for more classroom space, environmental education, and an alternative waste management system, our team began constructing a bottle school in Chaquijyá.

A bottle school is a structure made principally of discarded, plastic bottles filled with highly compressed inorganic trash. Students and families work together to collect and fill all the bottles that are eventually used in place of cement bricks in the walls of the new school.

Last week we met with our local masons, project committee, and school teachers to discuss the project. Esteban, the primary school’s principal, spoke first: “We all need to support this project. It is important in so many ways for us, for our children, and for our future. In fact, it’s not just a project, it also means that Manna Project is listening to us. Let’s show them we hear them too.”

To date we’ve raised over $10,000, and the members of Chaquijyá have raised an additional $8,000 themselves. In order to reach our goal of $35,600, we need your support. Consider making the gift that will keep on giving to this community for generations to come!