

Students are currently studying in an open-air classroom but teacher Gema dreams of having a new school.

Building a legacy of education in Nicaragua



Los Laureles School

Project Cost:
\$59,400 USD

Project Breakdown:

3 Classrooms: \$54,000

Washrooms: \$2,100

Classroom Tools: \$3,300
(Desks, chairs, white-boards)

School Statistics:

Students: 71

Teachers: 3

Kindergarten to Grade 4

Community Statistics:

137 Families

Avg 4 children per family

Avg Family Salary: \$120 US/mth



Thanks for helping to eradicate poverty through education in Nicaragua. SchoolBOX is empowering thousands to get a basic education in Nicaragua every year!

Four years ago a Kindergarten started in a borrowed house in the rural community of Las Noventas. With no school nearby, many school-aged children were not able to access education.

Two years ago a local woman named Gema Picado graduated from teachers college against the odds and returned to Las Noventas to found a school with a small salary from the Ministry of Education. Families gathered supplies and built a rancho classroom on a piece of borrowed land. Enrollment quickly grew as parents recognized the opportunity to empower their children with education.

Los Laureles now has three teachers who teach a total of 71 children in Kindergarten to grade 4. They would like to offer classes up to grade 6. They share what resources they have, alternating lessons at one whiteboard and sharing the chairs as there are not enough for all students.

When asked about her dream for the little school Gema said, "I would build a pretty new school. It would have a sports area where the children could play at recess because children learn while playing, and it would have washrooms because we don't have those here."

The parents are very dedicated. This year they replaced the original plastic roof with a metal one, and they are so proud.



The community consists primarily of subsistence farmers and farm hands living in the foothills of Cosignuina volcano. They dream of brighter futures for their children.

The Ministry of Education is committed to supporting the teachers with salaries and training but they do not have the budget to build a new school. The parents are committed to helping build a safe new school and one family has donated a large piece of their own land so the school can be built close to where children live. The land is legalized in the name of the Ministry of Education and with your support, we can build a "pretty" new Los Laureles School. Join SchoolBOX in helping Gema realize her dream and the dreams of her amazing students!

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Los Laureles School in Photos



Children at Los Laureles take lessons



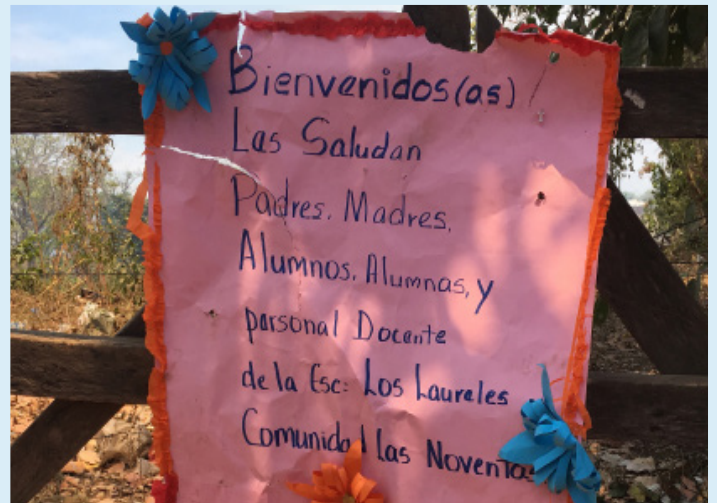
Open-air classroom interior



SchoolBOX received a warm welcome from this community that dreams of a new school



The foothills of Cosignuina Volcano



Welcome to Las Noventas