

Jungle medic News Letter

"The Life of two boys in Guatemala"

Hello Everyone from Guatemala

I know I am sending a lot of news letters and I know a lot of you just don't have the time to read them all because well ,

life is busy. Believe me I know.

But we have had the 11 male students and one female student here for 3 weeks now and we are getting to know them like family.

We are also hearing about the details of where and how they live.

In this news letter I want to share with you just two of the young men that are coming here every week for 3 days to learn and then go to school.

The first boy is Selvin



He is 15 years old and comes from a family of five

children. He is the youngest. He is very quiet and is a fast learner. He is behind like all the rest due to no schooling for several years but he is always polite and willing to learn.

Marleni was up on the fence fixing a cable and so he and another boy came over to help her.

She asked Selvin what a normal day for him was like. He said he had his own milpa (which is a corn field he cleared in the jungle by cutting the trees with a machete and then burning the brush.)

Marleni said is that for your family? He said no that is just for me. She said why just for you?

He looked at her and said are you serious?
He said my mother and father are very poor and they can barely survive on what corn they grow so there is no way for them to use their corn to feed us kids too.

So we have to each survive on our own. So Marleni said do you think it is right for your parents to have so many kids

and not be able to feed them or buy clothes or send them to school?

He said no is it not very smart.

He said they should have thought how they would feed and take care of us before they just kept having babies after babies.

(This boy needs to run for Congress here)

Marleni said so you understand it is not wise to have a lot of babies before you can take care of them?

He said yes he wants to get an education and a home before he marries.

He said he does not want his kids to have to live like they do. Our hope is to guide him in getting a good foundation of education, work ethic, and trust in the Lord. Then I think he will do just fine.



The other boy is Anner

Anner comes from a home of nine kids. He has older and younger siblings.

He too has his own milpa and works to plant , cultivate and harvest corn.

But Anner is 17 years old and so he rides his bike on a dirt path (or mud during rainy season) to a farm about 10 miles away.

He gets up at 2:30am to be at work at 4:00am to harvest the sap from the rubber trees on a big plantation.

He works from 4:00am until noon everyday when he is not with us.

For breakfast he burns corn on the cob until it is like charcoal. Then he grinds it and pours hot water over it to make coffee. They call it poor mans coffee because it is just that, burnt corn. That is his breakfast.

At lunch he eats a couple of corn tortillas and more coffee.

For dinner they eat good. They all share a cup of black beans and some boiled Yucca.

He too has to survive on his own as his parents do not have the money to feed or buy clothes for him.

He is taking this opportunity to get his education very serious.

He studies at night and does his homework by using an old bottle with Kerosine and a wick to make a lamp so he can see at night with the lamp.

They have no electricity or of course running water.

His goal is to learn English and hopefully find a job when he graduates that will let him raise his family in a home with water, a bathroom, and he says maybe even electricity.

Can you imagine. The things we just take for granted these kids do not have.

Two good boys that work hard and now have this opportunity to get their education.

All I can say is thank you to all of you who support us and this program.

I believe the rewards will be stored up for you in ways you can't imagine.

In His Service

Bryan & Marleni Buchanan

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