



Amigos de Guatemala

Investing in Latin America's Future

Reforestation of a mountain community

1. Synopsis – In rural Guatemala, wood is used for fuel to cook their food in mud ovens and wood burning stoves. Consequently, many of the hillsides are denuded causing mud slides and changing the climate.
2. Areas of Focus
 - a. Environment
 - b. Education – Teaching locals how to maintain the forests and perform responsible harvesting of firewood.
3. Request – Q22,500/\$3,000
4. Commentary – The population lives hand to mouth in these rural communities. Most have very little to no education. This project is a way for them to help manage their destiny and continued supply of firewood. The nursery is providing the saplings at a large discount. The project is to distribute 100 trees to 50 families to plant in their area for a total of 5,000. The request includes transportation. These will be pine and cypress trees that grow well in the area. The families will be educated on how to maintain these trees and sustainable harvest limbs to help maintain a healthy wooded area. The trees will help with erosion as well as rebalance the local ecosystem.

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