



Banner Photo - *Xela AID Director Carlos de la Rosa with Julia, the youngest of three children sponsored by Carlos and his wife Claudia through Xela AID's educational program (PEX).*

CALENDAR

20TH ANNIVERSARY VOLUNTEER VACATIONS

- * **June 2-June 14, 2012**
 - * **July 29-August 9, 2012**
- Applications now available**



Xela AID Volunteers and local friends at Lake Atitlan, summer 2011.

Lend your time and talents to the development of the community of San Martín Chiquito and surrounding communities. For more information, click [HERE](#).

CELEBRATE CLAREMONT FAMILY FESTIVAL

- * **June, July, August 2012**

Benefits Xela AID. For more

Dear ,

I am only one, but still, I am one.
I cannot do everything, but I can do something;
and because I cannot do everything,
I will not refuse to do something I can do.

-
Helen Keller

Helen Keller's powerfully inspiring words remind me that each of our collective "somethings," great or small, can make an immensely positive impact on the lives of others less fortunate. That's why we're writing to you today: To ask that this Holiday Season, you include Xela AID among your charitable priorities and help to empower the hopeful and hardworking people we serve.



Today, more than 60% of adults in Guatemala are unable to read or write; 80% are unemployed!

Compare that unemployment rate with the U.S. - 9.1% as of last summer - and you can imagine the suffering and uncertainty for the people of Guatemala. In our villages of focus, **Xela AID is changing that** with hundreds of children in our Leadership, Scholarship and Study Center programs

information, click [HERE](#).



WE'RE PROUD OF OUR NUMBERS

Many charitable organizations spend 30% and more of contributions on office space and administrative overhead. We are proud that Xela AID is able to apply 98% of your valued contributions directly to funding projects in Guatemala!

Of Each \$1 You Contribute:

90 Cents · Goes directly to health, education and other projects you've elected to support that directly benefit underserved children and families.

8 Cents · Augments other donations to pay our doctor, medical director and caretaker at Xela AID's June Russel-Glennon Clinic and Community Center in San Martín Chiquito. These professionals are there weekdays serving the needs of the community.

2 Cents · Covers the minimal costs of staying in touch with you and our other supporters (largely, without cutting down trees) including costs of our website, email, newsletters, and postage.

ZERO! · What we spend on employees in the U.S., expense accounts, office space, or telephones. This is possible because our Xela AID USA Board is 100% volunteer and our office is efficiently virtual!

Thank you for your support!

and Preschool Facility learning to read, write and become self reliant. Our health care, clean water and microbusiness initiatives are helping to keep children in school, and their families healthy and safe. As just a few of our outcomes:

* Xela AID has more than **doubled the average number of years children in its programs are in school**, from four years (age 6-10) to ten years (age 6-16)

* We have attained **gender equity** among children in our education programs (more than 50% studying are girls, up from less than 10%)

* Three children from our programs are the **first college graduates** from their villages!

Supporters like you make it possible for Xela AID to break the cycle of poverty by providing educational opportunities and removing the health, environmental and socio-economic obstacles to education.

And can you imagine



Xela AID Director/Dr. Frank and patient

having to keep your child out of school because they are sick, and you can't afford to see a doctor? Or, having to choose between medicine for a sick child and putting food on the table? We don't think any one among us should have to choose.

By joining in **Xela AID's Annual Winter Fund Drive**, you will help ensure that many parents don't have to make those heart-wrenching choices. That's because all pledges will fund Xela AID's June Russel-Glennon Clinic so that it can provide uninterrupted health services to children and families. Children who are well can stay in school, learn, and improve their lives!

ABOUT US

Xela AID recognizes that education is key to overcoming poverty and to creating abundance.

We aspire to ensure that every child in our current area of focus is safe, healthy, well-nourished, educated and equipped to be self-reliant.

Xela AID partners to address the health, socio-economic and environmental challenges that threaten well-being and pose obstacles to learning.

We pursue an integrated model of community development, and solutions that are comprehensive, sustainable, scaleable and transferable.

The important work of Xela AID is made possible by the generous gifts of ordinary people who wish to do extraordinary good for others - people just like you! Learn how to [get involved](#), or [donate now](#).



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We know its been another tough year. Even so, we in the developed world have so much to be thankful for, and much to share. **Yes, you are only one, but still, you ARE one!** And your support WILL help to change lives for the better. Your contribution to Xela AID's Annual Winter Fund Drive will endure and multiply in the difference it will make the lives of thousands of families and children!

We thank you in advance for any pledge you may consider - either as your first gift of the year, or in addition to an educational sponsorship or other gift you may already have provided during 2011. To become a KCO Club Member (for "Keep the Clinic Open" - Royal Quetzal, Golden Circle, Silver Circle, Copper Circle, Member, Friend) or to make a general donation, click [HERE](#).

With our most sincere gratitude on behalf of those we serve, **happy holidays to you and your family, from ours!**

The Xela AID Directors

Luis Enrique de León, Patricia Maxwell, Sheryl Fontaine, Carlos de la Rosa, Frank Long Mel Dinkel and Leslie Baer Dinkel

P.S. Xela AID receives no government assistance, but does its grass-roots work relying on the generosity of individual supporters - like you! **Your pledge will help ensure that Xela AID provides life-saving health care without interruption.** Please send your tax-deductible contribution today.

Newsletter/Marketplace: You can read about how your contributions are working by visiting our website or signing up (if you haven't already) for our free newsletter at www.xelaaid.org. And don't miss our new **[Xela AID Marketplace](#)** for holiday shopping that keeps on giving.



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