



ColombiaCare Progress Report - #2– September 29 2004

ColombiaCare supporters,

The following is the second report of ColombiaCare to its donors and other interested parties. Again, we want to thank you all for your support. With this report and future ones, we want to assure you that your help is already at work! In this one, you will see the positive impact that we all had on some children.

The **remodeling of Altos de la Cruz School** that started in June is completed. As you recall, we were working with *Fundacion Jera* in Cali, Colombia for this project. We sent a total of \$5,000. With that money, we were able to install a water tank and toilets for the children, add a cafeteria for the school and paint the walls.

The children started the school year in early September. Most of them were very pleasantly surprised to see the changes in their school. The teachers told us that the children were very excited, particularly about the toilets. You have to realize that for some of these children this is the first time in their lives that they had the opportunity to use real toilets. They asked if they didn't have to use the outhouse any more, and according to the teachers, they asked permission every five minutes to use the toilet for first couple of days of school.

Please visit our page <http://www.colombiacare.org/ProjectStatus.htm> to see pictures of the construction progress and the smiles of the children the first day of school. We all can feel very proud that we made those smiles possible. This is YOUR money at work!

Next project: at this moment we are working with two other organizations in Colombia to define our next projects. We want to assure that any project we select will have a positive impact and that we can monitor the progress. Our experience with *Fundacion Jera* was very positive. They are one of the organizations we are working to define a next project. Once we have those projects defined we will inform you.

Fundraising. Active fundraising has continued. We have received \$8,964 to date. THANK YOU ALL!!!!. We applied for a grant (no response yet). We will continue to apply for those. We are also doing some events with the Colombian community in the area of NY/NJ/MD.

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Thank you again for helping to improve educational facilities for Colombian children and to give them reasons to smile.

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