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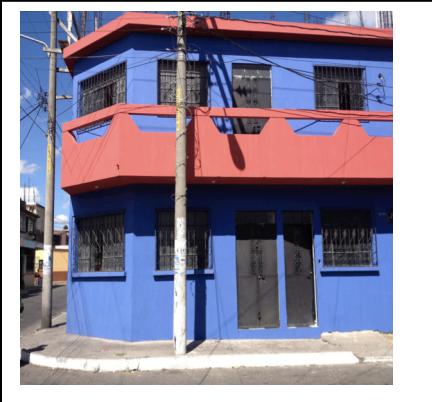
Annual Report 2015 - 2016

Annual Review

This year's annual review is a continued celebration of achievements of the school which has now been providing free and outstanding education, for children from Zone 5, in Guatemala City.

In this report we focus on

- the finance
- The visit to the school in June 2015 by Simone Riddle, Trustee, during which she shared in the annual celebration of the school's achievements and the developments in progress.
- the completion of the build of the third floor which has now become fully functioning and hugely beneficial.
- the continued academic achievements of the students, and some of the impressive careers that the school has launched.



Current Number of Students

There are now 180 students in the school, 35 who are financed through Study Guatemala's grants. Last year there were 12 new Study Guatemala grants given to students joining the school. Eduardo, the Director, commented that he felt 35 "becas" (grant supported students) was a good number for Study Guatemala to support, providing a positive balance between those funding themselves and those receiving support from the charity



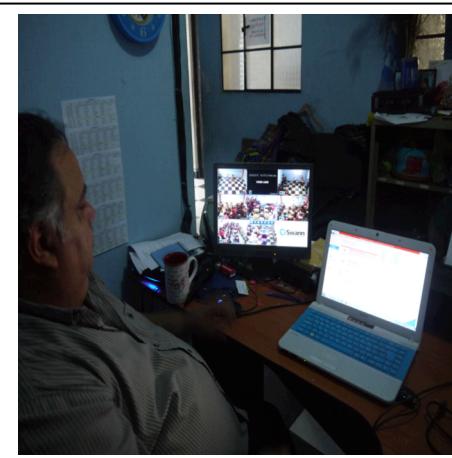
Fundraising

- ✚ The Open Gate Trust once again offered their generous support to help with the continued improvement of the IT facilities and resources in the school.
- ✚ Wirksworth Open Gardens once again made a significant donation
- ✚ Tim Aitman, also donated a significant sum from payments made from lecturing,
- ✚ David Aitman and Charles Johnson, donated the total proceeds of their wonderful CD reciting of *Winterreise*. This raised a significant amount which has been used to develop a science laboratory in the third floor.



Scholarships

Study Guatemala has more than 30 people who make a regular monthly contribution and these funds guarantee the bursaries for individual students in the school. These regular monthly contributions are the lifeblood of the project and we are grateful to all our sponsors who make this commitment



We have succeeded this year in increasing our students from 30 to 35.



Achievement Awards to students

We have always recognized our students' special achievements by making individual awards which aim to value the full range of achievements. In keeping with the ethos of the school, it is not only those students who achieve most academically, that receive awards. The school embraces emotional, social and academic achievements and its awards aim to value all.

The awards.

The Phil Melling award commenced as a celebration and commemoration of Phil's vision and dedication to the launching of Study Guatemala. The students highly value this award and take its annual presentation as a time of reflection of the great achievement of the school.

The Christen Estrada is in memory of Eduardo and Christy's son, whose early and very sad early death, left a great hole in the lives of the family and the school. The award which continues to be given on a yearly basis is a reminder to all that the school is a part of the Estrada family, and one of the many benefits for students is that they experience academic support as part of this family.

The 'Susana Sanchez' Award

This is a financial bursary of Q400 for girls to buy equipment and supplies for study.

New developments The school is now providing for post third grade pupils to study for the Bachillerato. There are 20 students studying at the moment. This is a recent development but in line with Study Guatemala's original vision of extending the provision offered. This began when parents of students in Zone 1 approached the school after an increase of crime against college students in Zone 1. They wanted their children to attend Liceo Britanico instead of schools in Zona 1 and therefore they extended to include 4th grade. One parent told the school "my daughter either carries on studying at the school or not at all". Clearly local families value this new development.

Scholarship outcomes

Students have graduated as accountants, secretaries, and teachers through the program where the school funded Liceo students either to continue in the school or fund to complete a course elsewhere.

The third floor

The third and final floor is now fully in use. It has one large room which spans the length of the building, two further class rooms and toilets; one of these class rooms has now been developed for science and lab work. At the time of Simone's visit this space was being used by 70 students taking mid-term exams. She reported that

"It is a fantastic space and enabled more of school to take exams with less staff required due to all being in the same place." They also use the salon for theatre and band practice.

Concluding words from the Chair of the Trustees

It continues to be a great honour and pride to watch the school grow and develop year upon year. The lives of the children who attend the school, and their families, are significantly enhanced socially, academically and emotionally. Thank you to all those who continue to support the school. Your support is life changing for the pupils at the school, and help put the school motto into practice - Education, Hope, Opportunity

