

Founder's Personal Statement



There is a tremendous need for orphanages in Guatemala. My introduction to Guatemalan life began when I lived and worked at Hogar Miguel Magone for two weeks in May 2006.

There are over 370,000 orphans in Guatemala, Central America. These orphans need a place to sleep, live, eat and feel safe. The Guatemalan government does not support the approximately 215 orphanages in Guatemala. It is you, private citizens, businesses, corporate entities and non-profit groups that support & fund the orphanages to give these boys a safe, healthy environment in which to thrive. The citizens of Guatemala have been struggling to recover after their civil war ended in 1996. 80% of the population of Guatemala lives below poverty level. Many of them have incomes of about \$2 a day. How can you support your family and your children with so little money, much less help out the many orphanages that already exist?

That's where we come in, you and I. It is so easy to give a little and give of yourself. America's generosity & caring strengthens the human ties that bind country to country. This project is an example of that in action. Additionally, many Europeans, Canadians and others around the world come to the orphanage to work as well as help with donations, food and clothing. It's a collective effort.

The boys did not ask to be born in poverty, or abandoned on the streets. Many have been abused and need a safe haven, a safe home where they can be children. This home is a place where they learn to play. This is where they learn values and rules. This is where these children slowly forget the nightmarish lives that they have had.

The budget of the orphanage suffered a serious blow when a volunteer organization withdrew their support of the orphanage in March 2007. That organization was the reason I was in Guatemala for the first time as a volunteer in May 2006. Now they will no longer send volunteers to the orphanage, which also means that the 'pay for the privilege of working' funds are gone. Zip... no more. No warning, no notice, just gone.

Now it's up to us to dig in our pockets and our hearts to see what we can do to help others. So many of us are truly blessed in our lives and we need to give back. We need to share. And more importantly, we need to care. Caring for others fills your heart and gives you purpose and direction in your life.

Please support our orphanage and our boys. And perhaps you'll be a little more like me - instead of having one son, you'll have 45 or 50 sons!

Sincerely,

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Please join us in helping these young boys become the best they can be. We can improve their lives and their education now, in their formative years, to insure a better future as adults.

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CONCERNED CITIZEN

TO:

Give Orphans Hope!



Hogar Miguel Magone is an all boys orphanage just outside Guatemala City, Guatemala.

Approximately 45 boys live at the home located in the tiny village of El Aguacate. These boys might be victims of abuse, extreme poverty (which results in relinquishing the boys to the court system), they may be street kids or the boys might be true orphans with no family.

The Guatemalan government does not provide any assistance to the many orphanages in Guatemala. The orphanages need our help to provide food, shelter, love, attention, role models and

educational opportunities to the children of Guatemala.

The initial goals of Orphan's Hope Project are:

- To support the orphanage by providing new goods and clothing.
- To do continual fundraising to sustain their budget.
- To provide volunteer opportunities for the citizens of the world to come live and work with the boys.
- To improve the health and nutrition of the boys.
- To improve the conditions of the home by adding new programs and teachers.
- To educate the boys and give them practical job skills.

As our foundation grows, we hope to branch out and support other orphanages in Guatemala.

Why Should You Volunteer?

- This is adventure travel.
- You'll get involved and won't just be vegetating during a vacation.
- Meet other volunteers from around the world and make some lifelong friends and contacts.
- You might get academic credit if you're a high school student or a college student.
- You'll receive a tax deduction based on the U.S. 501(c)(3) statutes.
- Your Spanish skills will improve.
- This experience will change you for the better.
- Fatten up your resume.
- Get a little exercise.
- Your friends and family will admire you.
- Are you up to the challenge?



The cost of volunteering starts at \$699 for a two week work experience.

For more information, please go to the Volunteering section in our web site

www.OrphansHopeProject.com

Other Ways to Help

You can support the boys of Hogar Miguel Magone through donating:

- **Money**
- **Your Time**
- **Goods**
- **New Clothing**
- **Frequent Flyer Miles - to allow us to work in Guatemala more often**
- **In-Kind Services**
- **Postage, shipping & warehousing costs**
- **Perpetual Endowments**
- **Appreciated Stock**
- **Buying a t-shirt**
- **Buying t-shirts for your friends and family**
- **Selling t-shirts for us**
- **Telling everyone about our project and the work we do**
- **And, of course, your ongoing support!**

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