



***THE CHILDREN THANK YOU FOR A WONDERFUL YEAR  
 THE DAYS THEY GO TO SCHOOL ARE THE DAYS THEY LOOK FORWARD TO.***



The children continue to flourish with the nutrition they are receiving daily. It is heartwarming to know that they look forward to going to school where they receive food, a safe environment with physical and mental support which can change lives. Mountains of Love, through our educator Merary and her staff, has been working hard in the class room as well encouraging more physical exercise, self-esteem, family support, education as well as feeding the children.

This year over the holidays (when there is no school) we are able to give them some dry goods to help the needy until school starts again the beginning of February.



In 2016 an average of 150 people, including children, teachers and parents with very limited resources are fed with a nutritional meal daily. About 20 of the parents live far from the school and so remain in the educational center for the care and support of their child whilst in school. They have become a wonderful resource at school and collaborate in the classroom helping the teacher. Many of these children live in extreme poverty and come to school without food in their stomach and for some this is the only food they receive in the day. It seems many years ago when we first started to feed the neediest of children that one parent stormed into the school insulted that we were feeding their child. Now everyone is eating, the children are open to learning and behavioural patterns are improving.

**A SPECIAL ICE CREAM TREAT, SOME HAVE NEVER EATEN ICE CREAM BEFORE**



Merary, our staff member at the school, works well with the Board of the School and they are always searching for more local food donors. The local gas company donates monthly the gas to cook on. A milk company donates 13 liters of milk per month – Mountains of Love covers the rest. The Standard Fruit Company of Honduras (Dole) is now working with the school to make juice for the children and since August this year, Pronorsa has donated different types of meats which helps provide a more complete meal to the children.

### Psychological support

The small department is continually evaluating the children on an ongoing basis with diagnosis and treatment. Each child needs different therapeutic processes according to their situation. Merary and her small team do as much as they can including providing an outreach evaluation and recommendation center to about 50 children needing help.

The teachers are also supported and provided with information on each student, the diagnosis, recommendations, learning styles of their students and advances of any therapeutic processes.

Much of what Merary does includes strategies for teaching, conflict resolution, management of resources for the school and teachers.

### NEWS ALERT:

***This year we will integrate a total of 23 students to the regular system, classes are still ongoing enhancing their skills and applying the final tests. The graduation ceremonies are on November 23. THIS IS THE MOST STUDENTS EVER TO TRANSFER TO THE GOVERNMENT SYSTEM***



The needs are ongoing and our costs are increasing as we see more work that we would like to do. Every penny that is donated goes to the wellbeing of these children so you know your money is working as you would like it to be. We thank each and every one of you who support Mountains of Love.

**Blessings and Thanks for the year past and also for the year to come.**

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[www.mountainsoflove.org](http://www.mountainsoflove.org)



**We need YOU!**

**Please consider helping in the following ways:**

Food for 1 child per day = \$2

Food for 1 child per week = \$10

Food for 1 child per month = \$40

Food for 1 child per year = \$400

Please join us in supporting special needs children in La Ceiba, Honduras by sending your tax deductible donations to:

**Mountains of Love**

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**Vail, CO 81658**

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