

THE PROMISE OF EDUCATION FOR ALL

The Netza Project works to establish equal access to quality education, literacy and sustainable community development for all people, for all time — while honoring the collective spirit of indigenous culture and celebrating diversity.

Doesn't every child deserve the opportunity to read? *Did you know:*

- Mexico public school is not free: an enrollment fee of \$200 pesos/\$20 USD to \$400 pesos/\$40 USD or more is typically required, as are uniforms, shoes, notebooks, and other supplies.
- 25% of Mexico's 100 million people live in poverty on less than \$2 per day, consequently thousands of Mexico's children do not attend or stay in school very long. Some as young as age 5 and 6 work instead of going to school, and many are fortunate if they can complete the 6th grade.
- Over 60 native languages are still spoken in Mexico today by about 12 million indigenous people. Since the primary teaching and learning language is Spanish, many of these children—and adults, especially women—also have had limited access to education and literacy.

There is an answer: economics, gender and language need not be obstacles to literacy and a better life.

Fourteen years ago in Zihuatanejo, one tiny school of 25 students was begun under a tree to accept working street children—indigenous and others—who had migrated to the area, and had no money or language skills to attend local public school. Today, The Netzahualcoyotl Primary School & Kindergarten (or “Netza” School) is now helping nearly 500 children ages 3 to 12 have a quality school experience that honors who they are, and who they can become. Local and international partnerships from many supporters have helped it become a sustainable model for what is possible when parents and community come together to embrace diversity and create a quality cooperative state-certified public school that's open to all children, no matter their ability to pay or their language. Stronger families, healthier children and a brighter future result.

Come celebrate Zihuatanejo and Mexico's diversity—and dreams!

Inspired by this local story, The Netza Project is a US-based international (501-C3) non-profit organization that works to advance the vision of The Netza School, and to expand and share its “open-door” collaborative model with other non-profits, schools, health, nutrition, literacy and sustainable economic opportunity programs that also embrace diversity and equality — here in Mexico, and beyond. Your support helps with:

- International volunteerism and vital books, learning supplies, equipment, health and nutrition services.
- Partnership construction projects for safer, growing (!) schools; more classrooms and libraries.
- Annual scholarships that help dozens of deserving youth go on into middle, high school and beyond.
- The city's only dormitory program to house, feed and mentor up to 40 very at-risk children.
- Free adult literacy in several languages and Spanish, re-empowering local parents.
- Women's micro-credit coaching and lending initiatives to end the cycle of poverty.
- A proud, active alumni club that presents cultural events, fosters new young leaders and global citizens.
- Honoring regional native culture by teaching indigenous languages (Nahuatl, Amusgo, Tlapaneco and Mixteco) as well as Spanish, and sharing dance, traditions and music.
- Cultural exchange and advocacy with links to U.S. and other schools, classrooms, donors and foundations to expand an awareness of facts and possibilities that can—through collective action—create quality equal-access education, literacy, vocational options, and brighter future for all...today.

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