

HUG IT FORWARD

BOTTLE SCHOOLS: EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES



14

BOTTLE SCHOOLS

\$5,000

AVERAGE COST PER CLASSROOM

100%

DONATIONS SPENT ON SCHOOLS

ABOUT HUG IT FORWARD

- * 100% non-profit model (conscious businesses support overhead and expenses, enabling 100% of public donations to be spent on bottle school projects)
- * 14 schools built in less than 2 years on a shoestring budget
- * Schools range from \$10,000 to \$15,000 each, depending on size and location
- * Core principles: frugality, integrity, accountability, transparency, community, sustainability, mutuality, empowerment, participation, global solidarity

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ABOUT BOTTLE SCHOOLS

- * Durable buildings made from upcycled materials
- * Schools all built in remote, rural areas: mostly indigenous Mayan communities
- * Community-led projects enable empowerment & teach transferable skills such as masonry & carpentry
- * Ownership is earned by kids, who build *their* school with their own hands
- * Volunteers created the Bottle School Manual, a free guide to spreading bottle school technology around the world
- * We are planning to expand to El Salvador, Guyana and India in 2012 — we have proven the bottle school model and we are ready to scale it with your help!

YOU CAN HELP

Ten communities are ready to build bottle schools — they have collected bottles and trash, but they don't have the funds to start construction. Can you help by donating or going on a voluntourism trip? (see other side)

DONATE YOUR BIRTHDAY

Instead of getting gifts for your birthday, ask your friends to donate enough money for a bottle school.

DONATE YOUR PAYPAL BALANCE

Have any money left in your Paypal account? Instead of it just sitting there, that money can help build a bottle school!

SPONSOR HUG IT FORWARD

Can you make a regular monthly contribution to help cover Hug It Forward's operating costs?

START A FUNDRAISER

A bottle school costs just \$10-15k. It's easy and fun to fundraise! Ask everybody you know - be inventive!

WWW.HUGITFORWARD.ORG/DONATE

YOUR CHANCE TO GO ON A

BOTTLE SCHOOL VOLUNTOURISM TRIP

DECEMBER 1ST TO 7TH - \$994.50

JANUARY 5TH TO 11TH - \$994.50

WANT TO LEAD A TRIP OF 10 OR MORE
PEOPLE? GET IN TOUCH & TELL US
WHAT DATES WORK FOR YOUR GROUP

FOR MORE INFO PLEASE VISIT

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A very different sort of vacation... On this 7-day Voluntourism trip, you will spend several days working hands-on alongside a community in Guatemala. You will also have some time to take in the natural beauty of Guatemala, visit the picturesque town of Antigua, visit Mayan ruins, learn about the culture, what it was like to live through a civil war, and life in Guatemala from the community members.

A Voluntourism trip gives you the opportunity to contribute while traveling, to live alongside villagers and to see a very different side of their culture than you would see on a typical vacation. It's about participating and connecting, serving – more than sightseeing or relaxing.

The price includes all accommodations, transfers, meals, emergency assistance and transportation within Guatemala. You will be accompanied at all times by an English-speaking local guide. The price of the trip does not include flights to and from Guatemala City (GUA) airport or travel insurance, which you will be responsible for arranging yourself.

To participate in this trip, you will also be required to raise \$500 towards the cost of building the school: 100% of the \$500 you raise will go towards building the bottle school.

Only twenty people are permitted to attend each Voluntourism trip, and all requests will be handled on a first-come, first-served basis.



"The bottle school trip to Guatemala was the most life changing and memorable of all my travel experiences! The trip was truly magical and I came back with heartfelt inspiration: really knowing deep inside our ability to make a difference in the world and how we learn and grow from other cultures and their values."

- Mike Azcue, CEO, World Ventures



"The Bottle School trip is everything you could want of a Voluntour! Not only is the impact to the community huge and sustainable, but you'll get to experience the local culture and history of Guatemala, see a beautiful country, and spend time with the most loving people you may ever meet. Be prepared for the experience of a lifetime and come be part of a massive vision to improve the lives of thousands of children."

- Spryte Lorian, Executive Director,
Manifest Foundation

