

# Amigos de Jaibalito (AdJ) Foundation 2022 Report

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Dear Donors and Interested Others,

The 2022 Amigos de Jaibalito Foundation (AdJ) report covers our activities with the primary and secondary schools, the AdJ scholarship students, the community projects, the foundation financials and the library.

To our dismay, three of our scholarship students along with 20+ other residents of Jaibalito joined the exodus of thousands of Guatemalans traveling to the US border during the past year. Though this is discouraging, we have one scholarship student who has gone through high school and is nearing the end of her six year university degree in social work.

The schools opened up in February of 2022 after being closed because of the Covid. There were no Covid related deaths in Jaibalito.

## **Projects and AdJ Activities:**

- ***Education:***
  - o AdJ financed needed repairs of the primary school's roof and changed all the overhead light fixtures in each of the classrooms. We purchased a new projector, additional whiteboards and continued to provide school materials. We also contributed funds for the Children Day Celebration. The school has a new principal as the administration changes every two years.
  - o AdJ funded two new teachers for an after school reading program for primary school students. This is a new program in collaboration with Amigos de Santa Cruz. The classes are conducted after school hours in rooms donated by a local hotel.
  - o AdJ helped in establishing a computer lab for the Basico (middle school), purchased a new projector and installed heavy curtains in one of its classrooms to darken the room for showing educational videos.
  - o AdJ provided scholarships for five students.
  - o We continue providing internet for both schools.
  
- ***Community initiatives:***
  - o The participants of the women's artisan store are down to two women from six women. Meetings were held with the artisan women and the liaisons from Amigos de Santa Cruz to discuss new designs of their products as the store is not doing that well in sales.

- o The library is not open often and is served by a man from another village as a favor from the mayor of the Santa Cruz municipality.
- o We continued to maintain and upkeep the village playground and the steel bridge AdJ previously built.
- o AdJ funded a new Women Recycling Project for Jaibalito. This project is in collaboration with Amigos de Santa Cruz and Amigos Del Lago De Atitlan and is to be built in 2023.

### **Financial Data:**

We began the year with a balance of \$31,170.31, received donations of \$10,127.39 and spent \$10,435.27 to end the year with the balance of \$30,862.43.

### **Looking Forward to 2023:**

AdJ will be funding two university students and five vocational school students. We will continue to supply material and provide Wi-Fi for the primary and junior high schools and the library.

### **Administrative Matters:**

All of the foundation's activities are managed by board members and volunteers. We do not employ anyone in order to ensure all of your donations go towards village projects.

Again, we want to thank all of our donors for their support. Donations for the school and other village projects can be made through our website [www.amigosdejaibalito.org](http://www.amigosdejaibalito.org) or they can be mailed directly to our headquarters.

We sincerely appreciate your interest and assistance,

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