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## A message from Cerocahui

“It is so gratifying to know that the work we can do with the Tarahumara girls and our elementary school students is thanks to people like you who collaborate with us full of hope for a brighter future. They say education is the solution to today’s problems, that if you instill in children the fundamental values of life you will see results in two generations.

“This is not an easy task, but thanks to God there are people who are willing to take on this challenge. May God reward your efforts on our behalf.”

*-Mother Superior Benita and School Administrator Sister Cristina*



## Where exactly does your money go?

As we have reported previously, we are no longer funding major capital projects at our schools, due to the difficulty of the logistics and frequent changes among the school staffing. However, this does not mean we have backed off our commitment to the children in Cerocahui and Sisoguichi. Here is a list of some of the needs your donations have covered in the past year:

**Teachers’ salaries:** For over a decade, we have paid Christmas bonuses (mandatory by law) and summer salaries for teachers in Cerocahui. Both of these times of year are particularly difficult for the Sisters in terms of cash flow, and our support has enabled them to focus on the needs of the children. We will consider implementing a similar program in Sisoguichi in the near future.

**New student desks:** Several grades of elementary students in Cerocahui have new desks in their classrooms. The ones they replaced had stood the test of time (a very lo-o-o-o-ng time!) and were becoming so rickety as to be dangerous.

**Computers:** When we started visiting the Copper Canyon region, there wasn’t even electricity, let alone computers, at the schools. Today, they are one of the most needed and requested items on the list. The Trust recently provided new computers to Sisoguichi and Cerocahui for administrative purposes and instruction.

**Books for the library:** One of the very first Tewecado Trust projects was the building and stocking of the Cerocahui school library. Now, almost 15 years later (!), many of the books are in tatters (and that’s a good thing!). The Sisters found a supplier in Chihuahua and have added a collection of shiny new books to the library.

**Gas stove:** The Sisoguichi kitchen now has a new gas stove replacing an antiquated wood-burning model. Years ago we financed a similar project in Cerocahui. Now both schools have the benefit of modern technology.

**Water pump:** A broken water pump elicited an emergency call for help from Sister Catalina. We immediately forwarded the necessary funds and within days “problem solved.”

**Operational expenses:** Very few charitable organizations provide cash funds for operating expenses. We understand that caring for literally hundreds of children often means running short of ...well, everything. At the beginning of the fall and spring semesters, The Tewecado Trust transfers monies to the Sisters to be used for food, clothing, medical expenses, or whatever the children may need upon their return to school.

**Christmas gifts:** Every year our donors rally to provide gifts not only to the Tarahumara boarding students, but to all the children in the elementary school as well. And, the kids LOVE it!



### Elegant embroidery

At the end of our latest visit to the schools in January, the Sisters sent us off with a bag full of lovely hand-embroidered items made by the Tarahumara girls. They learn handicrafts as a regular part of their activities and often sell them in the “tiendita” (little store) on-site at the school. These linens, however, are meant for YOU. Any donor who would like to receive one of these handmade goodies, please drop us a note at the address listed on the masthead or email us at [tewecado@comcast.net](mailto:tewecado@comcast.net) and we will send one along to you. There is no charge (but, of course, a donation is always welcome.)

### Donations Received

#### *In Honor*

Bob & Marilyn Katrein by Michael Katrein  
Charlie Hunter by Martha Rowley  
Robert Katrein by Linda Barba

#### *In Memory*

George Masek by Dariush Mehrabani-Zardoshti  
Peggy Hershberger by Gene Hershberger  
Jerry Klotz by Barbara Klotz  
George & Nina Masek by Pete McGinnis

**THANK YOU! We can't do this without your support. Please remember “our girls” with a generous donation to the Tewecado Trust.**



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