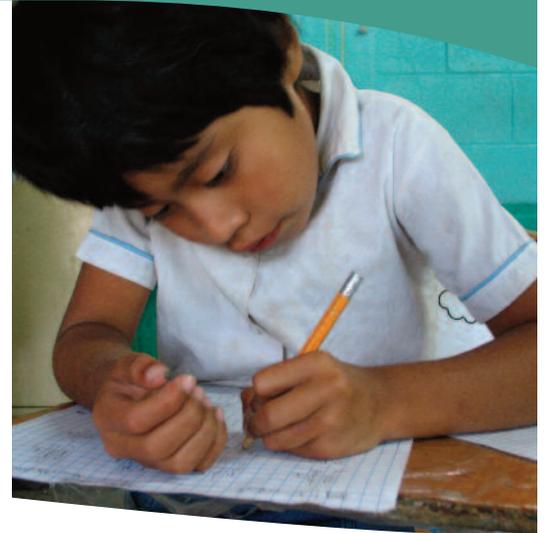


Francisco Coll School



Building Brighter Futures in Guatemala

Located near a garbage dump in the heart of Guatemala City, the Francisco Coll School sits on the outskirts of society. Families have come to the city, desperate to find work. For many children in this area, working in the dump could be the only future they have.

Presbyterian World Service & Development has been supporting the Francisco Coll School for nearly twenty years. Recognizing the enormous need in this marginalized neighbourhood, PWS&D provides affordable tuition, nutritious snacks, supplies, uniforms and scholarships. This support opens doors to jobs and a future outside the dump.

Through your support, 2016 was another promising year. A total of 295 students were enrolled and 92% of students were successfully promoted to the next grade. A total of nine scholarship students received additional support for school supplies and uniforms.

Maria's Story

Maria Fernanda Ubeda Herrera is thankful for the opportunity to continue studying at Francisco Coll School.

In her letter of thanks to PWS&D, Maria shares how this program has changed her life:

To PWS&D and your supporters,

Hi, my name is Maria Fernanda Ubeda Herrera. I am writing to give thanks for your support of my studies over the years. My mom does not have fixed work and she is a single mother. But with your help, it is possible that I continue forward with my studies. If I continue to receive support, I will be a professional like an administrator and God willing, will be able to go to university and graduate.

I ask God every day that you have good health and blessings in your lives and that you continue to be able to help adolescents to achieve their dreams and goals like me. I appreciate you very much even though I don't know you in person.

