



Rebuilding Children's Lives After Natural Disasters

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Dear **Happy** Friends,

In 2007 the state of Tabasco, Mexico suffered severe floods that affected almost the entire population. Those with boats set out to rescue the more than 300,000 people that were trapped in their homes. "We have lost 100% of our crops and 70% of the state is under water. We are just like New Orleans," Tabasco governor Andres Granier said. "All the water that comes in has to be pumped out."

As reported in the April 2010 edition of the Happy Hearts Fund newsletter, **the partnership between HHF and ING made it possible for the Arcadio Zentella Elementary School to be rebuilt and a state of the art HP computer lab to be included in the reconstruction. All who attended the dedication event were delighted to hear an amazing speech of presidential caliber by this young student who loves her school. We enjoyed it so much that we would like to share it with you too.**



Dear Governor and Present Authorities:

It is with great joy that I present today the warmest "welcome" to all of you that have joined together to witness the inauguration of the school "Arcadio Zentella". As you know, the visions we each have grow as our dreams come true. For this reason, on behalf of the children of this school, the faculty, parents, and the community of Jalpa de Mendez, we'd like to express our deepest gratitude for the support that we have received.

We thank you very much for what we are receiving today: the reconstruction of our new school; something that yesterday was only a dream and that today has become reality.

For everything, we thank ING and the Happy Hearts Fund for having rebuilt the future of a community through the power of education and for having given us a new and more secure modern building at the "Arcadio Zentella School". More so, we also thank the Governor of the State of Tabasco and the authorities that are here today for making their continuous support available to us at any time so each of us can reach our dreams. This vision, which started yesterday with the teaching of Professor María Luisa Domínguez Pérez, continues to be a reality today, thanks to our present Director and Professor José Amador Valenzuela.

As a demonstration of our deepest gratitude, the children of the school have prepared a book with personal drawings for Petra Nemcova, the Founder of Happy Hearts Fund together with a gift that classmates María Luisa and José Miguel will personally give to Petra's sister, Olga.

Lastly, we'd like to express our deepest gratitude and blessings to all of you for being here today. We hope that you'll remember this day in our new school with the same emotion and happiness that we personally feel.



HHF receives specific donations to underwrite all administrative and fundraising expenses, allowing all public donations to support our programs.

With our heartfelt happy wishes,

Happy Hearts Fund Team

If you would like to find out more about this project or any of our other projects, we would love to hear from you! Let us know if you like our "HAPPY newsLETTERS" and feel that they are informative. If you have any questions or comments on what you would change or programs you want to hear about please email us to feedback@happyheartsfund.org. We would be really happy if you connect with us – remember, communication is a two-way street!