

On July 19th, 2009 construction will begin on a new primary school in Las Cuchillas. This community is a member of the cooperative Soppexcca in Jinotega, Nicaragua. The students currently attend class in the houses of different members of the community, by different individual teachers. However, these conditions are not adequate for the children to receive the appropriate, quality education they need to improve their lives. The members of the community, and Soppexcca believe strongly in education, and that it is extremely important to their success in the future and to bring about change.

The new school will greatly improve the learning conditions for the children of Las Cuchillas and nearby communities. The school will be built within the parameters set by the minister of education in Nicaragua to achieve the greatest goals for the children. The new school will benefit 102 students . With the construction of a new school central to the community, a safer, and improved learning environment will be created. Some students otherwise must walk long distances over unsafe roads to attend schools in other communities, and encounter numerous dangers due to the unpaved roads, and natural disasters that can occur up in these areas of the country. Education will remain central in the community.

Moneys are being contributed for the construction by the Cooperative, Soppexcca from Fair Trade proceeds, and Cup for Education will finance the rest of it. Most of the work will be done by the members of the cooperative. Together, Soppexcca, and Cup for Education will achieve our goals together, bringing education to the children of the coffee farmers, who work so hard to provide an invaluable commodity to the world. Building schools is the foundation of Cup for Education's mission and we are on our way to achieving this and more among the children of Soppexcca in Jinotega, Nicaragua.

To make a contribution to the building fund send checks payable to:

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