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According to the United Nations Department of Social and Economic Affairs, an astounding 3.6 billion people which is 46% of the world's population, lack safely managed sanitation. Safely managed services include sanitation facilities that are not shared, where excreta are safely disposed of in situ or treated off-site, and where handwashing facilities with soap and water are available.

Coming from Canada, it is hard to believe that this situation is so prevalent. It was shocking for us to realize that the children in Liguiqui, the Ecuadorian village with which we work, have in fact, no running water in the elementary school.

This “Special Edition of the Dos Corrientes Journal” is a call for financial help from our Canadian friends to rectify this situation.

The Liguiqui Elementary School

Liguiqui is a small village by the sea in rural Ecuador. It is located about 30 miles south of the port of Manta and has a population of 385 people. As previously reported, the villagers are quite poor from an economic perspective and unem-



ployment is about 85%. Money that comes into a household is earned from catching and selling fish. That usually amounts to \$125 - \$150 per month.

There is a two-room elementary school attended by almost 60 children between the ages of 5 and 12. The governments of Ecuador pay very little attention to the needs of rural people and as a result, only one teacher has been provided to teach all the children in both classrooms. The conditions of the school are deplorable.



Paint is peeling from the walls. Playground equipment is broken and what isn't, is badly in need of paint. There aren't any windows in the classrooms. Birds fly in and deposit their excrement. The roof is in disrepair.



It sounds bad enough, but there is more... and it's worse!

The plumbing for running water is broken. The 60 children have to pour buckets of water into the toilets after they use them. There are four toilet stalls but because of the putrid conditions, two of them are shut and locked. That leaves only two toilets for the needs of 60 children...with no running water. The sinks for washing hands also do not have water. The buckets are used for that.

Dos Corrientes is working to bring sanitary conditions to the school. We are going to paint the school, fix the playground equipment, repair the roof and most importantly, ensure that there are safe, hygienic conditions for sanitation. The plumbing will be repaired and all the toilets will be cleaned, painted and put into good condition.



The budget for this project is \$5,000 (USD). We need your help! Simply visit the Dos Corrientes donation page of our website, www.doscorrientes.com/donate to make your contribution to our efforts. When you do that, one of our generous supporters and friends has offered to match 70% of your donation to a maximum of \$2,000. Please be part of a changing world to share our resources and balance the equation.



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