

1999 Mission Trip to San Juan Comalapa, Guatemala



Looking down over the road to Comalapa from the ridge above Cojul Juyu. Women walk this road with baskets of corn on their heads for grinding into cornmeal.



Working at the loom, making some of the beautiful Mayan material. We are trying to find markets for the cloth made by the weaving cooperative in Comalapa.



The children love to have their pictures taken. If you travel with a Polaroid camera just for handing out pictures, you will be an instant celebrity with the kids.



Some of the children of San Juan Comalapa.



Juana with her children and grandchildren in front of her house. She has made us welcome on visits for quite a few years, and we have been able to help her and her family.



We attend a lecture at the Cojul Juyu school. We bring supplies to this school as part of our luggage. We bought a photocopier for this school.



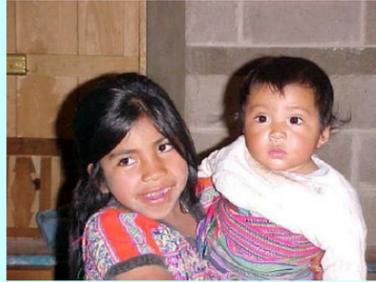
Learning to make tortillas on the wood cook stove in Juana's kitchen.



No explanation needed!
Photographed by: Sr. Lucy



"Know we can show the children why they should not drink the water," says school master Don Gabino.



Some of the friends we stay with in Guatemala.



Eduardo, the silversmith, in the typical cowboy hat worn by many men in Guatemala.



In the town square in San Juan Comalapa.



Cupertino, the medic in the local clinic. Another project in need of our support.



The villagers needed money to build this church to replace the earlier one which is badly damaged by earthquakes. See pictures from more recent trips!



Another of member of our sister community in Guatemala.



Shy?



We tour the ancient Maya ruins at Ximexé. ("chim-chay")



The Maya women in Guatemala wear the traditional costumes. This family was a part of our community in Maine for several years before returning to Guatemala.



Maya temple ruins at Ximexé.



One of the volcanos of Guatemala, venting steam. It spewed dust over a small area a few weeks later.



Our group with our friend Eduardo on the road up to the chapel of Our lady of Guadalupe.



The local church of San Juan Comalapa. It was destroyed by earthquake and newer church built beside it.



Our Lady of Guadalupe.



We tour the ruins of the cathedral in Antigua.



A festival honoring our visit.



History of the cathedral in Antigua.



Juana with her children and grandchildren. She has made us welcome on many trips to her village.