

TEACHING CHILDREN HOW TO GROW FOREST



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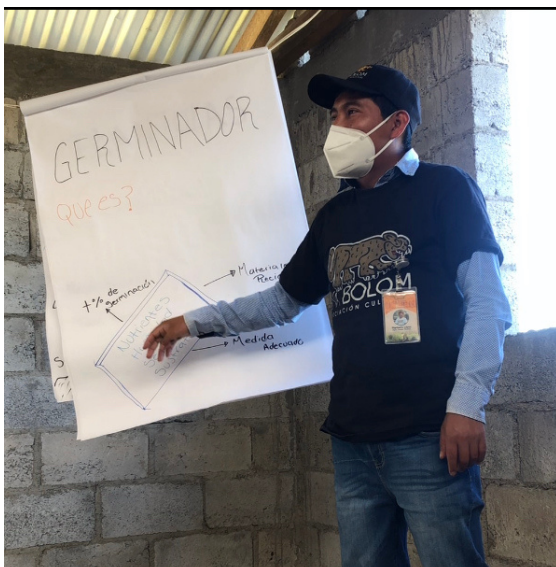


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We are very grateful to all of you for your donations. Thanks to you we graduated from the Globalgiving accelerator and were able to start working with the community of Mitontic in the Highlands of Chiapas. Our first step was to build the trees nursery which we did on February the 15th with the help of parents and kids. Na Bolom bought the materials and visited the community to teach them and help build the nursery. We also had a workshop in order to teach show how to take care of the materials and build a seed germinator. During the visit Na Bolom's team and the community build prepared the nursery and set everything to start the first badge of seeds to germinate. The next step will be to collect other seeds in the surroundings like oak and chambe trees which are good for coffee plantations. Other groups in the area want to work with us. We will be back in six weeks to continue with the second part of the process which is to do the follow up of the seeds in germination a second workshop on seed collection and germination of a different species and the plants care.

In the meantime other groups in different areas are interested in participating in the project. We have started working in a community in the lacandon forest called Limonar. The primary school in Limonar will participate in the construction of a nursery. In order to have seeds to work this years reforestation, Na Bolom is growing it's own nursery in San Cristobal de Las Casas to produce 120,000 trees instead of the current 60,000.



WHY YOUR HELP IS SO IMPORTANT

Many people think that indigenous communities are experts in agriculture, and it is true they know a lot about growing plants and vegetables, but they only do it for personal use. The new ways of life and the economic situation have forced them to produce in a bigger scale and other kind of products in order to survive. In this visit, while doing the workshop we realized that they don't know how to use certain materials or produce in a bigger scale. They asked a lot of questions about quality of the products and how to use the materials in order to have a better production. The weather conditions have also been a problem as well as the plagues. The community in Mitontic is producing coffee to sell but they don't have customers. They need oak trees and other species for shadow and water. Deforestation and the grow in population is making things harder.

This project is intended to give the community economic independence and teach the children and their parents the importance of growing trees. They will be able to use them for their coffee plantations, produce plants to sell and sell their products.



THANK YOU