

Tuesday, December 6, 2022

To whom it may concern,

Greetings! My name is Ryan Ruotsala. I am one of the founders of Little Lambs International and I have been a full time missionary/volunteer in Guatemala for over 16 years, working mostly in the Zacapa and Jalapa areas. We work in impoverished communities, and we are building a children's home in the mountains of Jalapa.

In 2008 we purchased 120 acres in the mountains of Jalapa. We are developing this into a safe haven for abandoned, abused and orphaned children. We are building a whole compound/community that will provide a great life for these children, with everything they need to become future leaders in their local communities. With 20 homes for children, a future private school, trade schools, livestock, crops, horses, and the works, we have a massive undertaking to get this whole place developed.

Little Lambs International started with a small community of Christians from around New Hampshire. Over the years, we have grown a lot and now receive volunteers from around the United States. With the added volunteers, comes added work and organization. Also, as our orphanage compound grows, the workload keeps getting heavier, as we are hiring more local workers and always have new projects going on.

Up until now, the directors and myself have been the only American's living in Guatemala that have been running this whole project. But we are now at a point where we REALLY need extra hands and volunteers to help distribute the load. Between organizing everything for the volunteer teams, to payroll, to paying materials, to working with the children, to teaching classes, to running our social media/application, to doing maintenance, there is just too much for us to handle now. Which is why we really need more volunteers!

We have been praying for more long-term missionaries, as we are now overburdened from this load. Marty and Amber Crosson have both visited our ministry, and love what we are doing. They feel the Lord is now leading them to move to Jalapa to help us work at the orphanage. With their skill sets, they will fit right in, and become an instant help for us as we continue to grow and move forward. They will be a huge answer to prayer for Little Lambs. We can't wait to have them as part of our team!

Thank you.

Blessings,

Ryan Ruotsala

**Little Lambs International**

Phone: +502-5357-0765

Email: [Ryan@LittleLambsIntl.org](mailto:Ryan@LittleLambsIntl.org)

Website: [www.LittleLambsIntl.org](http://www.LittleLambsIntl.org)