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Dear Friends of the Americas Foundation,

Our goal for early 2003 is to build a new classroom building that would allow all the elementary students to attend school during one time period. Presently, kindergarten and elementary school grades are divided into three overlapping time periods which is very difficult for parents of more than one child.



Jim Hubbell and Saturday Volunteers work on floor mosaics with donated tiles and plant new trees

Having the whole elementary school attend school in the morning session, from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm would allow us to initiate the much needed High School in the afternoon. Colegio La Esperanza is located in the

Subdelegation (Borough) Sanchez Taboada, made up of 29 Colonias inhabited by a total of 180,000 people without one High School. The need is unbelievable!

Jim Hubbell is committed to designing the classroom building and there is one donor group willing to providematching grant funds. They will match dollar



Fifth Graders at the entrance to Colegio La Esperanza

for dollar every dollar donated for construction, up to 50,000 dollars per individual donation.

The Americas Foundation can build a finished sculptured concrete classroom building for around 40 dollars a square foot. The cheapest school construction in the US is around 185 dollars per square foot. We are hoping to raise 200,000 dollars to pay for the 5000 sq ft. building to be located behind the mini soccer field area.

Constructing the new classroom building, having the elementary school in one session and initiating the High School are actions needed to achieve financial independence for the La Esperanza schools within five years.

We need your help to realize this plan for securing the development of this needed social institution that will benefit so many. There are critical elements in place. We have the land, the architect, the authorization, the local community acceptance and an impressive record. It's even possible to double donations.