



Young Tarahumara Women in School - The Food Deliveries Give Us An Extraordinary Window Into Their World!

We will finish our Christmas food delivery this upcoming March 2011. At that time we will review how to provide opportunities to these most worthy Tarahumara students transition into the modern world in their own way and under their own motivation. Over the years some people have misinterpreted our efforts as "helping the poor people". While these Tarahumara are some of the poorest people in North America, what we actually do is help those who want to help themselves and especially have the talent, ability and motivation to find their own traditional ways in the modern world. That is very different than giving handouts and/or trying to force Native Americans in various ways to "modernize". These specific girls have demonstrated through their own actions that they want to be educated. For the past twenty years and now spanning generations, our goal is to promote highly talented, artisans and runners in demonstrating their talents. We strongly believe in the biblical parable of the "TALENTS", personal motivation and ability is the key to understanding our efforts.

Four years ago I found three of these lovely children being held incommunicado, even from their parents, in a "religious school" while trying to deliver blankets from their father, Patrocino. We made a major effort to find them a more appropriate placement. When the facts of the "school" became known to the parents, most of whom live in very remote areas and had no idea about their children's situation, a number of Tarahumara fathers withdrew them. Now the girls of Coychique have a home from which to go to public school in Creel. After 7th grade, most girls want to return home to marry. But now, there is an option for girls who want to continue their education thanks in part to our efforts.

I am personally going to interview these young women about their educational goals and objectives to analyze how best to help them. Our initial feeling is that we want to deliver an MAC Laptop computer in Spanish that is appropriate to their age. We know that at least one of the girls is currently capable of emailing so she can keep in direct contact with us and help with the food deliveries and other important messages. In this way we can have direct contact with the most traditional Tarahumara for the very first time and they will have direct contact themselves with the outside world.

We will be going back in March 2011 and if you want to support these girls please contact us in late February.



Tibetan Orphanage Project

Some of our supporters are very interested in helping Tibetans. I was invited to participate in a program in 2010 to develop PR materials to provide opportunities for Tibetan orphans to continue their educations after high school graduation. As a co-sponsor this past year we set up an opportunity for talented dancers to attend one of China's top dance schools.

This next summer, those that do not qualify through the traditional testing program to gain scholarships into college will be provided with an opportunity for internships at a number of appropriate careers and also to attend the dance school if they are so inclined.

In the photo (left) you can see that I initiated the effort to see that the orphanage was provided with electric pressure cookers for meal preparation as well as contributed my talents in photography as well as project direction for the media presentation.

If you are interested in that, please be sure to contact me via email for more information.



We will also be doing an educational "green energy" documentary on large scale projects for renewable energy that are popping up all over Western China and Tibet. For more information please contact us about this project via email at sunracer2@hotmail.com

Your support is needed!

YES! I want to participate with:

- Tarahumara Girls Education Tibet Orphanage Small Food Delivery

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