



# Bacaanda Foundation

July

2022-2023 school year ends



With the children on summer vacation, at the Foundation we work tirelessly to improve our Intelligent Rural School Program. We are constantly searching for and selecting new and better educational applications that will help students in the upcoming school year. In addition, we are developing new software that will allow us to monitor their progress and provide feedback to help guide their learning. We are also expanding our library of educational resources

to provide students with the tools they need to conduct their own research. Our goal is to create an environment in which children can learn and develop to their full potential, regardless of their geographic or economic situation. We believe that investing in education is one of the most powerful ways to break down barriers and create a better future for all.

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## Achievements of the Intelligent Rural School program



After two years of interruptions related to the pandemic, an irregular return to school and the impact of Hurricane Agatha, this year the Intelligent Rural School program resumes with more strength. Despite these difficulties, the hard work and dedication of all involved has yielded some positive results. Students are making progress in their studies and teachers are finding new and innovative ways to engage their students despite the continuing challenges. The Foundation staff has worked tirelessly to provide additional resources and support to both teachers and students, and we are seeing positive results as a result of these efforts. While we have not yet reached all of our goals, we are moving forward one step at a time, and remain committed to improving the lives and educational opportunities of children and their families in rural communities.

## Copalita La Hamaca visits Casa Bacaanda



The Foundation continues to explore fun and innovative ways to engage children in learning, and recently we had the pleasure of hosting the children of the Copalita La Hamaca community at Casa Bacaanda. The children had a fantastic day filled with educational, technological and artistic activities designed to make learning fun and interactive. They had the opportunity to learn Math through technology, explore their creative side through a new way of painting, and participate in group games and activities that encouraged teamwork and socialization. We believe that providing children with a fun and stimulating environment is essential to their development and success, and we are committed to continuing to find new and exciting ways to make learning an enjoyable experience for all. We thank the children of Copalita La Hamaca for their enthusiastic participation.

## Best Community Educators Award



Recently, the Foundation was honored to support CONAFE in their event recognizing the top ten out of two hundred community educators in the Pochutla coordination. We believe that recognizing the hard work and dedication of these teachers is crucial in light of the unique challenges they face in their profession. Despite often limited resources and difficult working conditions, these young people are committed to making a positive impact on their students. We are proud to have participated in this ceremony and extend our heartfelt congratulations to all the outstanding educators who have been

recognized for their exceptional contribution to the education of rural children. They are an inspiration to us all and a reminder of the deep impact education can have on individuals and communities.

## Traditional graduations in Oaxaca



Traditional graduations in rural schools in Oaxaca, Mexico, often reflect the cultural heritage and customs of the region. Oaxaca is known for its rich indigenous traditions and diverse ethnic groups, and many rural communities maintain their unique practices during graduation ceremonies. Here are some key aspects of traditional graduations in Oaxaca's rural schools:

**Community Involvement:** Graduations in rural schools are community affairs, involving not only the students and their families, but also the entire village or town. The community takes pride in celebrating the students' achievements.

**Indigenous languages:** Oaxaca is home to numerous indigenous languages, such as Zapotec, Mixtec and Mazatec. During graduations, it is common for speeches, songs and poems to be delivered in the students' native languages as a way of preserving and honoring their linguistic heritage.

**Civic ceremony:** From preschool through high school, a civic ceremony is held during which official documents are handed out.

**Cultural performances:** Graduations often feature cultural performances, such as traditional dances and music. Folk dances specific to the region may be performed by the students

themselves or by local dance groups. These performances showcase Oaxaca's vibrant cultural traditions.

Community Fiesta. The graduation ceremony is followed by a community fiesta or celebration. Families and community members gather to share traditional dishes, such as mole, tamales or regional specialties. It is a time to socialize, express joy and strengthen community ties.

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