

## **ENEL CUORE ONLUS AND THE COMMUNITY OF SAN MIGUEL CALAHUACHÉ INAUGURATE NEW COMPLEX AT RURAL SCHOOL**

**Calahuaché Village (Quetzaltenango), April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011** - Today, Enel Cuore Onlus and the San Miguel Calahuaché Community inaugurated the first section of a new complex at the mixed comprehensive rural school of Calahuaché. Built on land managed by the Community Development Council (COCODE), the school was funded by Enel Cuore Onlus, the non-profit organization of the Enel Group.

The first section of the new school complex spreads over an area of more than 500 square meters. The new section hosts six classrooms, two restrooms as well as a front hall with a reinforced concrete terrace. Construction of this section began in July 2010 and was completed in March 2011. Within this process, Enel Green Power, the Enel Group's renewables company, supported Enel Cuore and the Community in the development, recruitment and supervision of the project.

The second section of the new complex will host six classrooms, two restrooms, a principal's office, a dining room and a multipurpose area.

The Calahuaché rural school was founded in the 1970s, had four classrooms and offered education to 100 students. As student population grew over time, reaching as many as today's 1,000 pupils, students were forced to take classes in informal spaces such as hallways and common areas.

The inauguration ceremony was attended by Oswald Smith (Head of Enel Green Power in Guatemala), Alain Wormser (in representation of Enel Cuore Onlus), Dyna Maria Escobar Flores (Mayor of the Municipality El Palmar), Celestino Benjamin Ixcoy Sontay (President of the Calahuaché Community Development Council) and Luciano Nohemías Colop Haz (Director of the Calahuaché mixed comprehensive rural school). The inauguration ceremony was also attended by representatives from the Italian Embassy in Guatemala, the National Commission of Electric Power, the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources and the Ministry of Education, the National Electrification Body (INDE), and the National Association of Generators.

*"This is a very important event for Enel Cuore Onlus, Enel Green Power and all stakeholders of the Calahuaché community." Commented Oswald Smith, Head of Enel Green Power in Guatemala. "Together with Enel Cuore and the Community we managed to complete this project in only 10 months. By working as a team we had the opportunity to share the commitment of all those who want to improve the conditions of education for the children of this village."*

*"People are happy, grateful to God, to Enel Cuore Onlus and Enel Green Power, for having a project of this kind because it is historic for this community. It is a project which ensures a better future for our children and is another example of how the Enel Green*



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*Power hydro plant has always actively supported us,"* stated Mr. Celestino Sontay, President of the Calahuaché Community Development Council.

This is the second Enel Cuore Onlus project in the Department of Quetzaltenango. In 2007, Enel Cuore Onlus supported for three years the setting up and operation of the Technical Education Center in Zunil, which is aimed at providing technical training to young people post-primary education, as well as creating employment opportunities in the areas of mechanics, electrical engineering, accounting and agricultural technology.

Enel Cuore Onlus is also funding 70% of the construction of a school in the community of Ojo de Agua (Municipality San Juan Cotzal, Department of Quiché).

During April 2011, Enel Cuore Onlus will significantly contribute to the construction of 150 houses in the Department of Baja Verapaz, a project jointly implemented with NGO *Un Techo Para Mi País*.

Enel Cuore Onlus already has also sponsored the improvement of the architectural and structural design of the administrative offices, the cellars, pastry and bakery workshops, the infirmary, psychologist offices and the kitchen of the House of Friendship (Casa de la Amistad) in association with the Movement of Young People of the Street (MOJOCA) headquartered in downtown, Guatemala City. MOJOCA is aimed at helping Guatemalan youth living on the streets in extreme poverty.

### **San Miguel Calahuaché**

Calahuaché is a village located in the Municipality of El Palmar, which has some 23,000 inhabitants. The village has a population of 2,775 people and is mainly dedicated to agriculture, more specifically to the cultivation of coffee.

### **Enel Cuore Onlus**

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