

# El Niño Rey

## A Mexican Scholarship Program and Dental Mission

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Amigos,

As I prepare to leave Afghanistan after a 14 month tour with the 82nd Airborne, I cannot express how grateful I am to have grown up in a world that offered education, opportunity, and with it, hope.

In that same spirit of gratitude I cannot thank you enough for your endless funding support for the indigenous children that El Niño Rey serves. Your generosity through the past fifteen years for these children and families of Guerrero is creating a world of freedom for the poor and forgotten of Mexico.

As El Niño Rey supporters, you clearly demonstrate what the late Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, S.J. said, *"We are not human beings having a spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings having a human experience."* With your timely volunteer actions and generous financial gifts, your souls are intertwined with this year's 956 "scholarship" children who are in free to learn.

Since 1995 when I originally asked for your help, El Niño Rey has offered educational assistance, free dental care since 2001, and spiritual mission experience for thousands. I ask again that you continue to help secure a future of freedom of opportunities and sense of hope for the mountain village children of Guerrero. Our vision remains... to break a cycle of poverty through education.

My prayers for a safe summer for you and your family,

Padre Matt



Rev. Matthew Foley, Director  
El Niño Rey

A little summer reading if you have a moment; Greg Mortenson has written, *Three Cups of Tea* and *Stones into Schools*. Education leads to freedom of the soul for all children. God willing I hope to return to Afghanistan and Mexico to help insure freedom to learn for the children.

