

JUNE 2016 - EARTHQUAKE RELIEF CONTINUES



## 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENTS IN NEW YORK RAISE DONATIONS FOR ECUADOR EARTHQUAKE RELIEF

As we watched the terrible news coming out of Florida this past week, our hearts mourned for those affected by these awful tragedies - the impact of which will continue for years to come. However, the sad truth is, that the media will quickly move on to whatever the next headlines are. That is what thousands have experienced here in Ecuador. The stories of tragedy, and the very difficult work of recovery continues just to the north of us - and yet it seems as though the world has already forgotten about the extraordinary tragedy of the April 18<sup>th</sup> earthquake.

We are so thankful for the students pictured above, who have not forgotten, but recently and independently rallied their friends to help. From left to right they are: Abel, Kevin, Aury, and Mario. They are all in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Kevin and Mario are Ecuadorians living in New York.

Aury, supported by Anthony (a faculty member and a friend of ours) led 3 Morning Meetings with middle-school students, where they co-presented images of the devastating affects of the quake. (The slide show was created by the

students). The student team advertised a "Change Drive" - and during lunch breaks they collected whatever coins students could donate from their pockets. They also proposed a "Dress Down Day" - where for \$2 students were permitted to attend school that day without their school uniform.

One hundred forty students and school staff contributed to the campaign - raising \$400! The student team unanimously chose to donate the funds toward our earthquake relief efforts. Upon receipt of their donation they said, *"We wish we could do more."*

Well, we think that for the efforts of four 7<sup>th</sup> grade students in New York City, this is pretty incredible. Thank you boys! Great job!

On the right you will read how 100% of the student's funds were distributed. Please consider making a donation to the ongoing earthquake relief efforts by designating a gift to Account #20155. Thank you!

- Toby & Tannia



Supply "kits" were purchased for mothers with babies who were displaced from the earthquake. The bags were filled with toiletries, formula, and more. Our friend, Elias (top picture), oversaw the distribution with the assistance of a team from Colombia. The donation from the NYC students allowed us provide assistance to 80 moms!

**Toby & Tannia Travis**  
Missionaries In Ecuador  
1 Peter 3:15

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

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