

Dear Friends,

We are now into summer vacation. Vacation for our students in Chiapas means a time to come home, if they are away at college, and spend time with family and friends. For all the students, it is a time to give service. Those who receive a scholarship are asked to give time back to their communities by volunteering at the local hospital, tutoring, giving workshops in their area of study, or manual labor. They act out what their Mayan culture teaches and their Christian faith re-enforces: *God's gifts are given not so much for the good of an individual as for the good of the whole community.* The education they are receiving is to be used for the benefit of all.

Thank you for continuing to use *God's gifts* to benefit the youth of Chiapas.

The Volunteers of MTF



Improvements continue at both Casa Santa Maria and Rancho Santiago Apóstol, where the indigenous recently tiled the kitchens.