

JUSTICE FOR ALL SUNDAY

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Equipping communities to
overcome injustice.**



A Father's Sacrifice



**66 How much better to get wisdom than gold,
to get insight rather than silver!" - Proverbs 16:15**



In many developing countries education is not free, especially beyond elementary school. There are communities where parents cannot afford to send their children to school. Instead, children work to help support their families, never getting a real chance at the education that could help them to flourish as adults. In other communities, girls are pulled out of school and married off to help ease their families' financial burdens.

Raúl Alemán, 45, is a farmer in El Coyolar, Honduras. Every weekday morning, he gets up at 4:00 so he can drive his daughter Gilnan, 17, to the nearest high school in time for the 7:30 start. Before she graduated, he also made the 2-hour trek for his eldest daughter, Yumi, 20. And when his daughters Yareli, 13, Yoselin, 10, and Vanessa, 3, are in high school, he plans to drive them too. Raúl tells his daughters, "I have no inheritance to give you, so this is the sacrifice I make." Sadly, this is a choice not every parent can make. Sometimes the distance to the nearest school is so great, children simply do not go.

World Renew understands that God wants us all to learn so we can grow in wisdom, better understand the Word, and blossom into the people we were created to be.

Through World Renew, New Westminster Christian Reformed Church in British Columbia facilitated the building of a middle school in Raúl's community for children in grades 7 through 9. For parents in El Coyolar, this school means their children will reach further in their education journey than they would have otherwise. Raúl is so inspired by his daughters' enthusiasm for education, he makes sacrifices so they can continue to learn. Pray with us that every child will have the opportunity to attend school.



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