

# COLLECTING TOYS FOR CHILDREN IN GUATEMALA at Vamos Adelante

## What is Vamos Adelante?

The Vamos Adelante Project provides education, health and nutrition services to the poor in more than 24 villages in the region of Esquintla, Guatemala. Vamos Adelante is the only agency of its kind operating in this isolated part of Guatemala. The people work mostly on a temporary basis harvesting sugar cane and coffee. The average family has five children and there is widespread illiteracy, malnourishment, parasite-related illness, alcoholism, and other symptoms associated with chronic poverty. The children in this region suffer from borderline to severe malnutrition due to a lack of basic education and health facilities.

To address these issues, Vamos Adelante has established schools and health facilities in several villages and has recruited local education and health care promoters to work with families on improving education, health, hygiene and nutrition.

If you are interested in learning more and/or may want to consider a Holiday donation to this charity, please visit the website. <http://www.vamosadelante.org/Home>



We are **collecting toys** for this coming Christmas and are looking for gently used & cleaned toys on the list below. **Please bring to school or drop off at 2 Blueberry Hill Road, Andover.**

### **LIST OF TOYS:**

- \*dolls (especially baby dolls),
- \*doll accessories and clothing (small, not furniture),
- \*matchbox-type cars and trucks,
- \*plastic animals
- \*action figures

- \*baby rattles and chew toys
- \*My Little Ponies
- \*soccer balls - deflated are best
- \*toddler sized cars and trucks
- \* **Please No** puzzles, games, anything with batteries, weapons, anything in English and stuffed animals are not needed at this time.

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