Las Voces del Silencio hired 2 teachers with the grant made by Forix: one who taught the pre-school children and another for the primary grades. VIRGINIA ALEJANDRA ANDRADE ALVAREZ, was teaching 2 students who were 6 years old.





Above Virginia with 2 students

Due to distance from the school one student could no longer come and the other was moved into the primary level for economic, educational and practical reasons. Ms. Alvarez was let go at the end of the year for these reasons but her curriculum was kept for further use at the school.

The other teacher, NELSON WILFRIDO VIVAR CATAVÍ, was hired for 2nd through 5th grades and had a total of 14 students.



Above, Nelson teaching in a classroom

The 2 professors met the professional work standards required by Guatemala to be teachers, from a technical point of view, educational levels, whole world outlook and also for their participation in extracurricular activities, above and beyond their normal working hours.

They have put together a curriculum for each grade level, appropriately assigned per grade, which includes; Social and Natural Science, Communication & Language and math. The full curriculum, as well as their full report can be seen here (it is entirely in Spanish).

The school continues to do well despite the departure of Chris Tackett, who started the school, and it has been taken over by the local community and recognized by the Guatemalan government as an

accredited school which, while not bringing it funding, does help in its legitimacy as well as potential future recognition and sponsorship.

Their progress, as well as photos of field trips etc can be followed on <u>facebook</u>.