

Casita Kitchen Building Progress report November 30 2024

Planned project duration: June – December 2024

Initial Budget: CAD60,000

Budget in local currency: Q373,945

Unfortunately, the exchange rate has not been very good. Most of the funds have now been transferred. While the project is proceeding on budget in local currency, it appears that the project costs will exceed the initial Canadian dollar budget.

Expenses to date:

MONEY WIRED TO GUATEMALA FOR THE PROJECT:

MAY 25, 2024	CAD13,000	Q72,640.83
JUNE 15, 2024	CAD13,200	Q72,924.43
NOV 14, 2024	CAD13,200	Q70,636.80
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TOTAL	CAD52,400	Q286,838.86

SPENT UP TO OCTOBER 31 2024 Q254,464.10

AMOUNT IN CASH LOCALLY: Q32,374.76

AMOUNT REMAINING TO SEND Q87,106.14

The project manager, Gregoria Garcia, reports that the project is on time and on budget in local currency. It will be essentially completed in mid-December. The official opening of the building will be on January 27,2025.

Summary of progress:

In the first August 2024 report, we noted: The first-floor roof has been installed, and the next steps are the kitchen roof, kitchen layout and windows and doors.

Since then, there have been some challenges related to heavy rains, including sluffing of the main wall to the property along the road. This impacted the progress on the building, since the wall needed to be repaired immediately, and is right beside the Kitchen building. Security was an issue until it was repaired.

Nevertheless, progress has been impressive, with the ground floor room being finished, and the kitchen area completed with a secure door. An Onil high efficiency stove, as well as a propane stove are installed. It has already been used for some cooking classes with the kids. As is the custom, they also gave thanks in the new kitchen. The temporary kitchen is still being used, and everyone is eagerly anticipating the full kitchen furniture, cupboards, etc. so that the temporary kitchen can be dismantled, and the grass and garden space rejuvenated.

From a construction perspective, the next steps are the installation of railings and a cover on the top level, and installation of windows and doors in the kitchen, as well as appliances, tables, etc., doors, etc.

As always, the normal Casita activities continue at full pace. The Christmas season is an active one, and the new solid stairs into the property are well used and appreciated.

End of November 2024 view of Kitchen Building



Entrance to kitchen from inside the property



Stairs to top floor



Ground floor Room



Kitchen – giving thanks for the new kitchen



Kitchen Photos



Childrens' cooking class in the new kitchen



Top floor

