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Library at Rosa de Amor Orphanage in Guatemala

Alyssa has been a Girl Scout for 11 years and is in Troop 141 in Service Unit 654. She is currently a sophomore at Raymore Peculiar High School.

Alyssa's Gold Award project addressed the issue of literacy in Guatemala. She worked with her church, Journey Church International, to gather donations and create a library for children at the Rosa de Amor Orphanage in Guatemala. Her project not only provided books, but also a system that the children could learn to keep their library organized and usable. By giving these children access to reading materials, Alyssa hopes to contribute to improving the low literacy rates in Guatemala, which are currently the lowest in the Western Hemisphere.

Alyssa worked with the Rosa de Amor Orphanage and Journey Church International to facilitate her project and get reading materials in the hands of those who need it the most. By positively contributing to the literacy issue in Guatemala, Alyssa hopes her project has global implications by improving the lives of children who can more positively contribute to the world as adults who are able to read.