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**Powering our world: Coweta-Fayette EMC's Connor Hoff helps bring electricity to 90 families in Sesaltul, Guatemala**

A NEWSLETTER FROM  
COWETA-FAYETTE EMC



*"It was a very rewarding experience. The hard work really paid off when we saw all the smiling faces and witnessed how electrification would directly impact this village," said Hoff.*



Coweta-Fayette EMC's Apprentice Lineman Connor Hoff (pictured below) participated in a statewide rural electrification project last month, where 15 linemen from Georgia's electric cooperatives traveled to Sesaltul, Guatemala to help bring electricity to 90 families in need.



Linemen from Cobb EMC, Coweta-Fayette EMC, Greystone Power, Habersham EMC, Jackson EMC, Snapping Shoals EMC, and Walton EMC spent 17 days working in the remote village, located in north central Guatemala. They built four miles of electric lines, hung six transformers, and wired 90 homes, two schools and one church. (Pictured above: Celebration held at newly electrified school in Guatemala)

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The project brought power to 90 families, who according to Hoff, had been without power for most of their lives. "The people from this community were very excited to have power," said Hoff. "A lot of them had been without power for the majority of their lives, and this was the first time they had been able to experience what it's like to 'flip a light switch'. It was a bit emotional seeing their reactions."

Since becoming a lineman in 2016, Hoff had dreamt of helping electrify impoverished areas, so when the opportunity arose, he knew he didn't want to miss it. "This experience was one for the books," said Hoff. "Bringing power to those in need has been a dream of mine, and it really opened my eyes. It taught me to appreciate the little things in life more and not to take anything for granted."

The electrification project was sponsored by the National Rural Electric Cooperative's International Foundation.



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## The President's Message



### Chris Stephens, CEO

With Thanksgiving just around the corner, I wanted to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude. Growing up, I learned the importance of gratitude, not just as a yearly ritual, but as a daily practice. I'm thankful for my family, my friends, my health, and the privilege of leading the incredible employees at Coweta-Fayette EMC. Their dedication, along with your support, helps make our community strong.

I also want to thank each one of you, our valued members. Your presence at our annual meeting last month and your active participation in our community make a significant impact. Your feedback, whether it's about our system or your suggestions, helps us improve our service to you. Because we are locally governed, your input directly shapes our decisions, ensuring that we meet the needs of our community.

This month, I want you to understand the profound impact your membership in Coweta-Fayette EMC has on our broader community canvas. While our primary objective is, and will always be, to provide safe, reliable, and affordable energy, we view our role in the community as a catalyst for good, a beacon of positive change.

A special thank you goes out to the 32,000 members who participate in Operation Round Up. Your contributions, as small as six dollars a year, create a positive impact on the lives of many in our community. This year, we celebrate 30 years of this program, and we are grateful for the incredible \$6.1 million dollars our members have invested in our local organizations, schools, and scholarships. Thank you for your generosity. The pennies collected each month ripple outward, transforming lives right here in our own hometown.

On a more personal note, I am deeply touched by the kindness you show to our lineworkers and employees, especially during challenging times. Your messages of safety and gratitude mean the world to us. This type of support is the backbone of our community, and for that, I am truly grateful.

As we approach the warmth of Thanksgiving celebrations, my hope is that each of you find immense joy in the company of your loved ones. May your gatherings be infused with laughter, your tables filled with abundance, and your hearts filled with the blessings of gratitude. As we join hands with family and friends, let us collectively offer a prayer for blessings to grace us all. Coweta-Fayette EMC wishes you and your family a wonderful Thanksgiving.