

## Tenders of the Tree...

SISTER ESPERANZA JASSO, RSCJ, was principal at Hope Rural School from 1983 to 1987. She is now coordinator of education programs at Sacred Heart Community Service in San Jose, California.

**What I liked most about Hope Rural:** "The children and my tiny office, crowded always with them. Children reading to me, sharing their joys and sorrows, their paintings and their newly acquired language: English!"

**What I remember most about Hope Rural:** "Our collective efforts of staff, teachers, children, parents and myself to be an open community, a place that was HOME for ALL, where we all felt loved and comfortable with one another. The garden, the children in it, our school songs, children's laughter!"

**I would like to tell the students at Hope Rural:** "Take care of your school, be faithful to designed chores. It will help you in life if you develop through them a sense of responsibility. Whenever you are in school be a PEACEMAKER!"

**I would like to tell graduates:** "1) Wherever you are, wherever you go, be a PEACEMAKER! It takes a lot of love and courage. 2) READ, READ, READ — It will teach you to think and be proud of who you are."



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SISTER MARY THERESE JANKE, OP, was principal at Hope Rural 1987 to 1989. She is now director of religious education at St. Therese Parish, Albuquerque, NM.

**What I liked most about Hope Rural:** "The contribution of the Guatemalan and Haitian cultures."

**What I like to remember about Hope Rural:** "The way we prayed and sang in the morning before starting school."

**I would like to tell students at Hope Rural:** "Learn to read and write well. Laugh. Have fun."

**I would like to tell graduates:** "Always love and serve God and your neighbor. Appreciate and value your own culture. Respect your parents, who have sacrificed so much for you."