

May, June, July E-news for Caminando Por La Paz



Misioneros De Padre Toms is the US based non-profit organization dedicated to the support of Caminando Por La Paz in Guatemala.

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Our third Shoe Distribution

In late April we held our third annual shoe distribution. The Shoe distribution is one of our most popular



Is this young fellow just happy to have new shoes or is he just that proud to present the Shoes to the world logo..

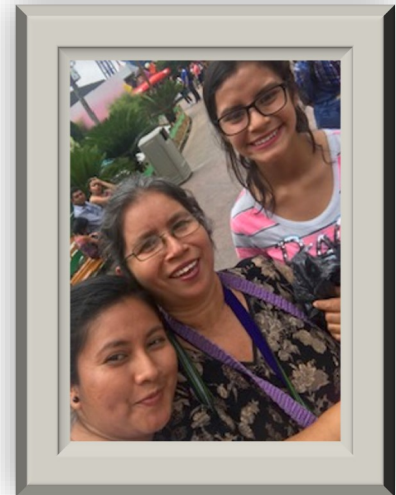
We worked hard this year to make the neighbors aware of the donating organization

A Day for the ladies of Caminando

You may recall that in the last issue of the e-news we reported on a special day for the guys at a paint ball park.

On May 5th the girls choose a trip to an amusement park as their special day.

Happy faces, looking forward to their special day. Unfortunately our Vice President, Isis was unable to participate.



In addition to carnival rides, swimming pool, zoo, the usual refreshment stands the park also has several nooks and crannies with interesting statues.

Although the zoo was visited, most of the day was spent enjoying the many carnival rides. Unfortunately (or perhaps it was a well deserved rest period) It rained and we spent an hour in the food court.



The disk rides up and then swirls around comes back down and then up it goes again and again.



The horses on that ride are stationary. Don't let that fool you the disk swirls and swirls



What a quiet, peaceful boat ride.

Think again!

That boat just came down a roller coaster.

You can (if you like), look forward to next months special day. It will be for the 4 year old son of our President.

All this is paid for by a special donation made for these events.

Coffee up –date



We are happy to report that this year we had a small profit from the sale of our Family Coffee. We forwarded a portion of the profit to the producers in Honduras and were extremely happy to place the remaining money in our General Operating fund.

We are extremely grateful to the many friends of the program who buy our coffee thus supporting our efforts in Guatemala

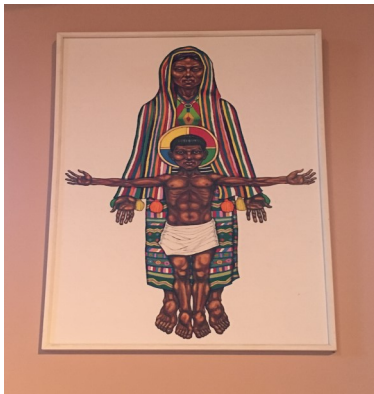


Our Go Fund Me Vehicle fundraising effort

We are extremely happy to report the leap forward of our Go Fund Me effort. As you may know we have realized that we need to be pro-active and stand ready for the day when our truck no longer is able to meet our needs. We have a \$22,000 goal for the effort. This would allow us to purchase a new vehicle somewhat like the one pictured above. We realize that we may at the time of need only be able to purchase a used vehicle. During the past two months we have had considerable donations from anonymous donors, and various friends of the program. We have as of this writing a total of \$4005.00. If you would like to help us move toward our goal you can visit the Go Fund Me effort at: [misioneros-de-padre-tomas?sharetype=teams member=1163546&rcid=r01-156001361168-1a69126b42d14d7a&pc=ot_co_campmgmt_w](https://www.gofundme.com/sharetype=teams?member=1163546&rcid=r01-156001361168-1a69126b42d14d7a&pc=ot_co_campmgmt_w)<https://www.gofundme.com/>

Our new Companying Relationship

Since 1996 St. Mary's Parrish in Crescent New York has had a relationship with Guatemala. The previous relationships had been with two parishes in the department of Quiche. At this juncture in time St. Mary's is continuing its support of the Guatemalan People. St. Mary's Building Bridges Committee, announced that the change to our program would lead to knowing the children of Caminando Por La Paz. This would not only touch the hearts of participants but lead to a special bond with true interaction between our people and those benefiting from the program in Guatemala. City will be doing so by champagning with Caminando Por La Paz in Guatemala City.



St. Mary's solidarity with Guatemala is evidenced by this Guatemalan image of Mary and Jesus which hangs near the altar.

The connection between Caminando and St. Mary's actually began in 2015.

At that time Caminando had begun the sale of its Family Coffee as a way to promote the mission of Por La Paz and to finance its activities. St. Mary's was one of the first and currently one of our strongest market outlets.





The group including youth at St. Mary's are now in the early stages of determining the shape and focus of the companying effort.

Caminando is open and willing to receive their ideas and anticipates a great relationship.

Many commonalities exist between the two programs.

Here you see the youth of St. Mary's with father Joe. They are preparing for a food distribution.

This photo may call to mind photos in previous editions showing our bread distribution effort.



In addition to the portion of the donation sent to the vehicle fund a portion of the money has been used to buy and install a pump for our water supply.



These young ladies are on one of our occasional Spiritual journeys. They want you to know that a visit from you would be more than welcome at Caminando Por La Paz..

MEDITATION



On Sunday

Don't catch up on errands and chores

Visit friends, relatives and the less fortunate/homebound

go for a walk/bike ride and give thanks to God for beauty of nature

Read the Bible or a spiritual book

And one more thing ... Stop making lists on Sundays,

Merciful God, we pray to you for all the men, women and children who have died after leaving their homeland in search of a better life.

Though many of their graves bear no name, to you each one is known, loved and cherished. May we never forget them, but honor their sacrificed with deeds more than words, We trust to you all those who have made this journey enduring fear, uncertainty and humiliation in order to reach a place of safety and hope.

Just as you never abandoned your Son as he was brought to a safe place by Mary and Joseph, so now be close to these your sons and daughters through your tenderness and protection. In caring for them may we seek a world where no more are they forced to leave their homes and where all can live in freedom, dignity and peace.

Merciful God and Father of all, wake us from our slumber of indifference, open our eyes to their suffering and free them from the insensitivity born of worldly comfort and self-centeredness. Inspire us, as nations, communities and individuals, to see that those who came to our shores are our brothers and sisters.

May we share with them the blessings we have received from your hand, and recognize that together, as one human family we are all migrants, journeying in hope to you, our true home, where every tear will be wiped away, where we will be at peace and safe in your embrace.



Perhaps as many believe the current caravan travelers were told that all they need to do is say they will be killed if they return. Still think of those who are lost on the way or have sold all they have to come. (victims in many ways)

CAMINANDO POR LA PAZ has many ways for you to be a part of our on-going efforts. Below we are listing a few of the ways you could be a part of our efforts at Caminando Por La Paz.



1. Pray for our continued existence and our ability to perform our mission in our little corner of the world
2. Visit our [website](#)
3. You could visit Family Coffee and purchase some of our premium coffee. The purchase of our coffee goes a long way toward the price of putting the kids in school. [Purchase coffee](#)
4. You could send a tax deductible donation to us at:

Caminando Por La Paz
Post Office Box 1583
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5. Publish our efforts on your Facebook or other social media and even ask your contacts to donate to our efforts.