### 1st Quarter E-news Caminando Por La Paz



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### This year Caminando Por La Paz has a soccer team.

Our area (Paraiso 2 of Guatemala City) has for many years had a soccer league. In fact, a reality is that soccer is one of the very few opportunities for recreation or play available to us and our neighbors. Now especially with the pandemia we truly need this outlet.



Getting cleats; our soccer shoes. In Guatlemala we call them tacos



No mask but know they have many precautions. One is that they take body tempture before allowed to be together.

## **Our Emphasis on Education Continues**



A proud lady with her educational certificate. Did you know we sometimes support education for adults?

It's only natural, our over all mandate is to improve the life of people in this marginalized area

For our kids we use a number of different schools.

During the pandemic our kids are utilizing technology and have their classes on the internet.





We teach computer skills to both children and adults.

We do have a space for larger classes but during the pandemic it is too small a space for social distancing.

### School Year 2021

The school year in Guatemala is a bit different. It begins in February and continues until November.

We have developed a system to assure the best cooperation from our students and there parents.

We annually have a contracting session with the students and their parents. To set out our expectations of them. As part of this process the parents agree that if the schools request they will attend meetings concerning the student.

This has worked well though far from perfect. We never fault a child for the failure of the parent.





# Parents and students working on their contracts

This is an annual event that is of great benefit in our effort to use your donations with the best stewardship.

We always do are best to protect the proper use of your generous donations.

### We do what we can for our volunteers

One of our donors sent the money to our president. The supporter was asking that he take the major volunteers out to dinner The reason for this was the desire to show appreciation for all they do.





Our former president and his wife now have their own home. They spent much time at the program house. They also made room for a new resident and her child.



We love to present a cake to our people whenever they have their birthday's

To the left: Andry our youngest

To the right Violeta our head Cook



# Coffee Up-date



Fortunately our coffee project is continuing to move in a successful direction. We are about to try a few things to speed up the process of improving our market share.

- (1) We are starting to work on a You Tube video showing the process from seedling to cup. We hope to use it to increase sales.
- (2) We recently received a grant to publish Google Ads. To date we have not had success however we are informed it takes time.
- (3) We have just received an additional bit of support in the form of help from the Online Marketing Challenge. This means a group of college students will be working with us to improve the quality and response to our google ads.

The importance of our coffee sales can not be over stated. As most of our supporters know the purpose of the coffee project is to provide on-going funding for Caminando Por La Paz in Guatemala City. We are far from our goal of having coffee sales as the sustaining financial support of our efforts. However we remain hopeful that in time that dream will become a reality.



We want to thank all ou wonderful supporters. Those who purchase our Coffee products, those who donate as well as those who pray for us and those who merely wish us success.

### Meditation



Almighty Master, Holy King, Creator of heaven and earth,, of all things visible and invisible. We are unable to grasp the fullness of your wisdom, You have filled your creation with blessings for us, that we may have an abundance of life but also with elements dangerous to us, for you have given us short life because of the weakness and frailty of our nature.

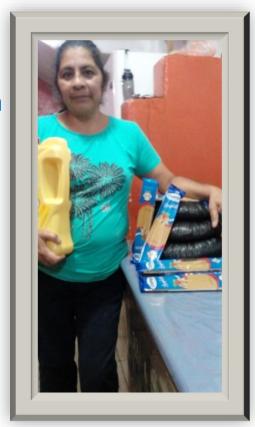
In these days, O Lord, we cry out to you in our suffering from an invisible viral enemy, Grant O Lord, that we may endure this affliction in faith, remembering your name day and night, knowing that you are compassionate, merciful and loving. Be present and comfort those for whom this illness may lead to death, be present with the doctors and nurses and all who are called to aid in the fight against this disease, be present with those of us who may suffer bodily weakness and pain. Strengthen us in our spiritual struggle even as we walk through the valley of the shadow of death. With your prophet David we pray, we are greatly distressed. But let us fall into the hands of God whose mercy is great, rather than into human hands. "O our God, you chastise yet raise up those who fall and restore those who have been cast down. You cure the afflictions of our bodies. We ask you, our God, visit with your mercy your servants so fearfully affected. forgive their every transgression, whether committed voluntarily or involuntarily.

Yes, O Lord, send down from heaven your healing power, touch their body, quench their fever, soothe their suffering and drive out every hidden ailment. Be the Physician of your servants, raise them from their illness, Grant that we may be well-pleasing to you and do your will through your Church, and completely restore all to health, for it is you who have mercy and save us, you our God, and we give glory to you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.

Stay Safe, and God Bless



Food Distribution
Continues during
the pandemic





We have long been providers of nutrition by donating food to our neighbors.

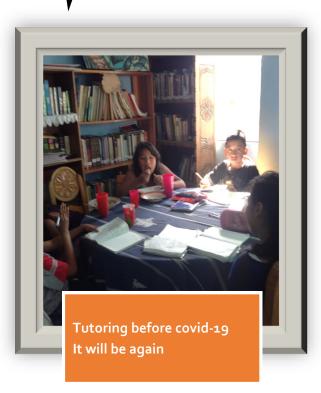
In normal times this has been mainly our weekly bread distribution, giving rice, beans, oil, etc. to our cooks. and occasionally when people came to us. We have greatly expanded this during the current time of crisis.

## There are many ways to become a part of our efforts



You could re-post on work on your Social media pages; encouraging others to join us.

Come and visit us in Guatemala



Pre Covfid the kids are fed before tutoring



You can send a tax deductible donation to:

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