

# CAMINANDO

## Por la Paz



Caminando por la Paz, a mission Program in Guatemala, is supported by the non-profit program of Misionero De Padre Tomas.

Caminando por la Paz's Guatemala leadership speaks about their focus on projects that help build their community. In this issue, we focus on:

- Sports programs
- Feeding the hungry
- Visiting Honduras, the source of *Family Coffee*
- Enjoying birthdays
- Celebrating Guatemala's Independence

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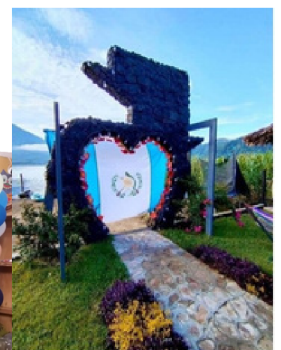
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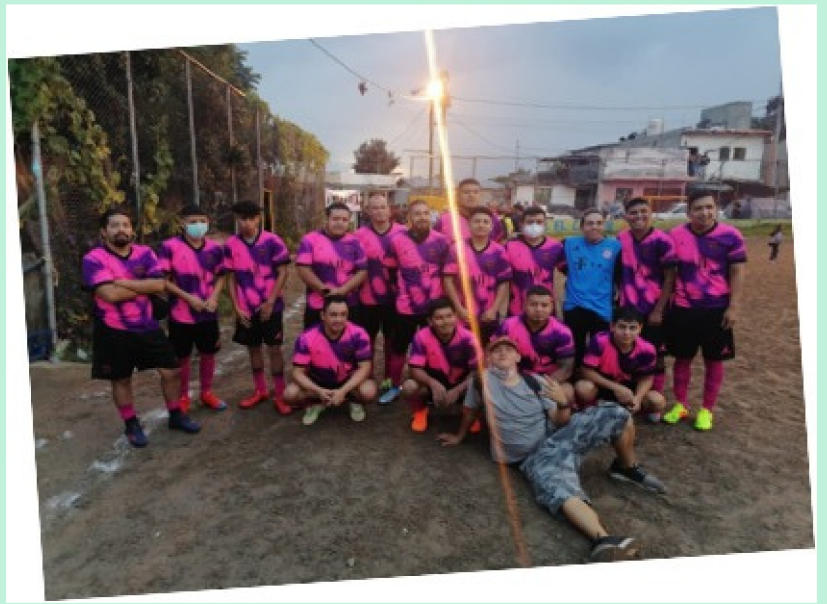
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# Sports

We offer activities that involve young people in an environment outside of their routine lives which can include problems at home, danger in the streets, or the temptation of vices. Offering sports helps keep teenage boys involved. We know that sports serve to improve both physical and mental health. Through our two soccer teams, Caminando por la Paz demonstrates teamwork, coexistence, moral support, equality, discipline, perseverance, and respect. We believe these fundamental values will help participants for the rest of their lives.



**"Deportivo el Barrio"**  
—one of our soccer teams



**The  
Deportivo el Barrio  
team  
travels together.**



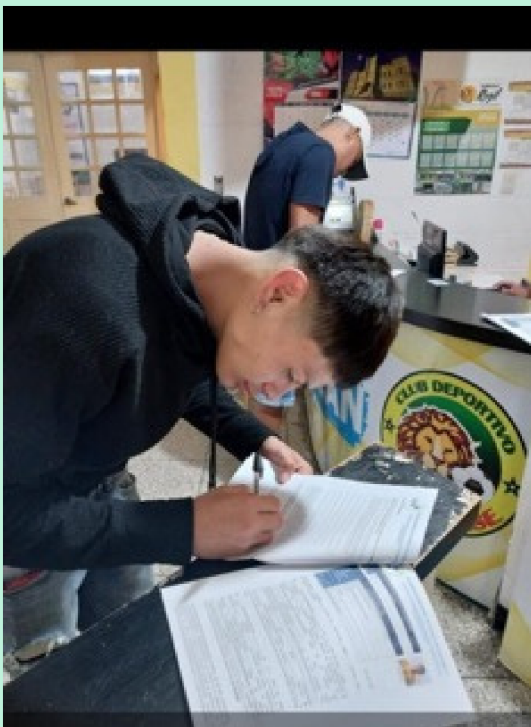




The  
Dragons  
earned  
this award  
in 2022.



## The Dragons team



One of our objectives in creating football (soccer) teams is for young people to develop their skills and talents, and we dream that they will achieve more than they thought possible. Pictured is one example~

*Anderson Sian, a former Caminando student and current Dragons player, signed a contract with a national league team.*

# ***Feeding the Hungry***

We have been working on this very important pillar month after month.



Ron Covey comments: We provide food packets to our cooks, teachers, and others. This started about eight years ago, when we first obtained money from a grant and personal donations. The day after the first grant was started, there was a knock on the door. The visitor, a known gang member, asked "How much do you pay the cooks?" Our then president responded, "We don't pay them—they are volunteers." We then had to coordinate with Cross International, a generous long-term donor, to assure they approved of our plan to pay our workers in food items and other assistance. They approved and even offered extra assistance during the COVID pandemic.





We deliver food to the families of our scholarship recipients and thus contribute to their academic excellence through excellent nutrition.



# *Trip to Honduras*



Our board of directors had the opportunity to travel to Honduras to see the farms involved in the “Family Coffee” process. We visited our friends, including Caminando’s former president, Mario, and his wife Megan, and some new people who contribute to this project.



Megan and Mario and their two daughters. The girls performed beautiful dances for us.







We visited various coffee fields owned by the growers and liaised with the growers of Father Tom's Family Coffee.



# Birthday Celebrations



When asked what he wanted for his birthday, Anderson (17 years) said, "A piñata." We believe he never had one before.



Cooks have birthdays, too!







**Jade, Isis's daughter, turned two!**



**Andry, Carlos and Karla's son, celebrates being seven!**





# ***Guatemala's Independence Day – a National Holiday***

Guatemala celebrates its Independence on September 15th.

Unlike in the US, it is primarily a day for school-age children. In our Guatemalan independence festivities, our students, with help from their parents, participate in different activities at school.



Two civic altars decorated by our neighbors







This young student shows mole and a traditional corn drink that she had made.

Today the student plays a role at her preschool.



Marching bands are the major activities.

# ***Be a part of our mission!***

Your prayers are  
always helpful

## **Coffee, anyone?**

You can purchase our

**Family Coffee** at:

[fathertomsfamilycoffee.com](http://fathertomsfamilycoffee.com)



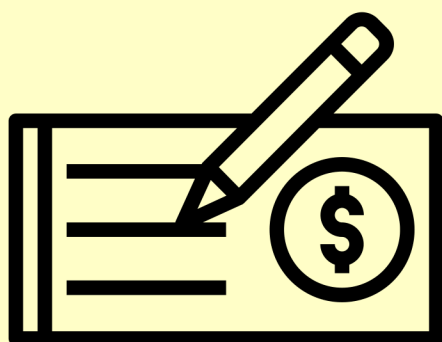
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