

Looking Back

A Photo Album
of events at
Caminando por la Paz

2016 - 2018

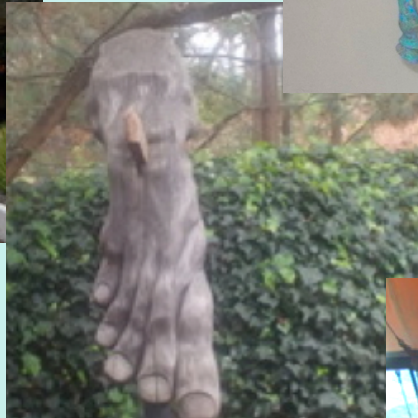
2016

January A visit to Cerro Del San Domingo

As a special day for the kids, we invited our neighbors to make a spiritual journey with us to Cerro Del San Domingo, a wonderful park on a mountain overlooking Antigua, Guatemala. With your generous donations, we hope to make two spiritual journeys each year.



Much of the art work in the park is based on religious inspiration, be it the Christian faith or Mayan beliefs.



This touching representation of the foot of the crucified Christ is located near the entrance to the Chapel.



Just watching the children play was heart-warming. Rolling in the grass after our picnic lunch was a rare treat for kids from the concrete jungle.



The park is full of wonderful statues!

We always include a Holy Hour on our Spiritual Journeys.



Sadly, four o'clock came too soon, and we had to leave this wonderful place.

Holy Week

Every year, a number of processions file by our place during Holy Week.



Some of us helped make alfombras (carpets) in the street.

Composed of many materials, especially dyed sawdust, the carpets are made for the processions and are destroyed when the people carrying the statues walk over them.

This custom was introduced by the Spaniards.

Holy Hours

At the monthly Children's Holy Hour, an adult leads the children in a bible study. At the same time, the adults will have their weekly Holy Hour. Presently we alternate between a bible study, using the next Sunday's readings, and praying the rosary.



Prayer is always encouraged at our Caminando home.

Our children pray before eating.

We are able to provide a nutritious meal when the kids come for tutoring.
Did you know that malnutrition is at times worse in Guatemala than in Africa?



June

Visitors

A Mission Immersion group sponsored by the Maryknoll Society visited us.

They shared lunch with us and worked with our kids. Then they toured the neighborhood.

They also visited a number of different mission activities in Guatemala.



July

Movie Time

The kids are lying on the floor and watching a movie on the tutoring room wall. They are being rewarded for school participation and for their efforts during tutoring.

The movies, shown for the deserving children every other Friday night, continued to be offered into 2018 and were greatly enjoyed by our kids in the tutoring program.



August

On Saturday, August 25th, we attended the meeting of the Guatemalan Chapter of Maryknoll Affiliates.



Shoes for All

2017

We had the great honor of being selected to work with "Shoes to the World," a California-based organization that provides shoes for children in marginalized areas of the world. We are deeply grateful for the 200+ pairs of shoes they gave our neighborhood.

Shoes to the World prefers to give shoes that have been manufactured in the country where they are distributed, thus doubling the benefit of their donations.



Visit Shoes to the World
to learn more about
what they do:

shoestotheworld.org

Excited recipients
wait patiently in line.



These are examples of
the shoes we were
permitted to select for
distribution to the
children in our
community. Of course
we included various
sizes and styles for
both girls and boys.



Inside our house, our volunteers
worked on the distribution.



Matt from Shoes to the World visited with our students.



We gathered for a short ceremony after the shoe distribution.



Thank you, Shoes to the World!
Your effort to help those we serve is greatly appreciated.

November Kitchen Remodel – Our School Break Project

2018

Before: Here you have a view of the current kitchen situation. Imagine six cooks falling over each other in the area you see here.

We at Caminando por La Paz are blessed to have many wonderful volunteers working to provide so much for the kids and our neighbors.



We have begun the arduous work of remodeling our kitchen. We feed upwards of 75 kids a day when tutoring is in session. Our cooks needed more space to accomplish this.

To remodel, we first had to level the prep area. This is where meals are prepared and serving and clearing take place.

After: You can peek into our new kitchen as some of our volunteers prepare Thanksgiving dinner for us in 2019.

Even better, come visit us!

