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Por la Paz

Already in 2023, Caminando por la Paz has important news to share:

- Ron Covey tells how we use educational funds.
- Our busy center gets a face-lift.
- We help host students from Yale on their immersion experience in Guatemala.
- **Update from Father Tom's Family Coffee.**
- Visit our new website: fathertomscaminando.org.



This painting from a photo of Fr. Tom Goekler now hangs at Caminando por la Paz.

Ron Covey explains...

How We Use Educational Project Funds

The program at Caminando Por La Paz is a bit different from what you might expect. In many cases, we do not pay the full cost of the student's school expenses. As you may know, the name "Caminando por la Paz" translates to "Walking for Peace." When I first met Father Goekler, MM, the founder of Caminando por la Paz, he told me that the first members of the program were responsible for naming it. They chose the name to symbolize the way they decide who in the neighborhood needs help and what the nature of that help should be.

We provide tutoring to any child in the neighborhood. For many, it is their only educational opportunity. (See photos on the next page.)

From among these tutoring students, we choose those most ready to attend local schools.



The Caminando por la Paz philosophy guides the way we use your donations. By knowing the family situations of our supported students, we can provide all or, in many cases, various parts of the total cost. Thus, a student may receive a combination of uniforms, registration, books, exam fees, or transportation.

This system allows us to be better stewards of the funds you provide to us. In addition to the children we can help from our program funds, we have a growing number of children with US-based sponsors. These sponsors pay the full annual cost—currently \$600 per year—of a child's education.



Can you send one of these children to school?

Serving a meal encourages attendance.



Our newest tutor schedule.

¡ATENCIÓN!

CAMINANDO POR LA PAZ, GRACIAS A DIOS, NUEVAMENTE ABRE SUS PUERTAS DANDO INICIO CON LAS TUTORIAS EN LA SIGUIENTE SEMANA 12 DE MARZO DE 2023. DIAS Y HORA DE TUTORIAS.

DIAS	DESAYUNO	TUTORIA
LUNES	8:30 a 9:00	9:00 a 10:00
MARTES	8:30 a 9:00	9:00 a 10:00
MIERCOLES	8:30 a 9:00	9:00 a 10:00
DIAS	ALMUERZO	TUTORIA
LUNES	1:30 a 2:00	2:00 a 3:00
MARTES	1:30 a 2:00	2:00 a 3:00
MIERCOLES	1:30 a 2:00	2:00 a 3:00

POR FAVOR TRAER PLATO, VASO Y CUBIERTO, PARA RECIBIR SU DESAYUNO O ALMUERZO. ❤️

We divide our tutoring groups by age.



A tutor works at one of the computers available for student research.





Thanks to a generous donor, the painters came to freshen up our center, both inside and out!

We planned...



And prepped...



They painted!



**And we love our
new look!**

Visitors from Yale

In March, a group from Yale University visited. They had come to Guatemala with a desire to understand the Guatemalan culture and to learn of the activities of various groups such as our program. An orientation at their hotel turned into a real introduction to Latin American culture. As the presentations started, they heard loud music and fireworks, and the presenters couldn't be heard. So they invited the group to join the people who were celebrating an early part of Lent in the typical Guatemalan manner.



On Sunday, March 12th, the group first attended Mass at the Cathedral de Santiago of Guatemala City and saw the central plaza.



Next, the group came to our program house. They were first orientated to our program, purpose, and history. Following the orientation, they had an opportunity to interact with several of the children who benefit from our educational programs: tutoring and scholarships to local schools.

As most often happens, the highlight for our visitors was the walk through the neighborhood. This activity grants the visitors the probable but unplanned interaction with many people of the area. Always they encounter folks who know us and our activities. Some of the poorest people in the city live in our neighborhood. These are most often people who came down from the mountains looking for a better life, but unfortunately, they did not find it.

Carlos drove the Yale group in the Caminando por la Paz van to Xhela and then on to Antigua, where they visited their last stop: the school Sistema Educativo Latinoamericano (SEL).



We hope to be able to assist other groups using our van, which we acquired through a very generous donation.

Coffee Update



The 2022-2023 harvest of our excellent Honduran Coffee, which we have branded as Family Coffee, has been completed. That coffee has been delivered to the processing plant by the growers. Sadly, this year's harvest in Honduras has been less than normal, and that, combined with recognition of the excellent flavor of Honduran coffee, has caused

a general price increase. Fortunately, two factors allow Family Coffee to refrain from increasing our prices.

1. We are less profit-margin sensitive than others, since we are 100% non-profit. Our costs are all production oriented, because no individual receives a salary for working in our coffee project.
2. We recently changed from charging for shipping to using a small increase in price to permit us to offer free shipping.

To learn more about the coffee production process from seed to cup, please visit our presentation—

[FAMILY COFFEE](#) or stop by [FatherToms](#) [FamilyCoffee.org](#).



The purpose of our coffee project is to help finance the educational projects of Caminando por la Paz.

How can you be a part of our mission?

Visit Our New Website

In the last few months, Ron Covey and Paula Schaffner (Caminando's editor) have been working together to design and launch our new website:

FatherTomsCaminando.org



Your prayers



are always
helpful!

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