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CAMINANDO

Por la Paz

*It's been a busy spring at
at Caminando por la Paz:*

- Students seeking sponsors
- **Introducing our staff**
- **Ways to donate**
- **US supporters visit us**
- Coffee business is brewing
- **Be part of our mission**



*Some lucky sponsors not only see their
student grow up but get to visit in person.*

Won't you be my Sponsor?



Genesis



Camila



Anzhely

We have these three lovely girls who would love to find sponsors, to help pay for their tuition, books, and uniforms for school. They are a part of the Caminando por la Paz program in Guatemala City.

Could you be their Angel? You can help them by donating \$50 a month or \$600 a year, and you can correspond with them by email to offer encouragement and walk with them on their educational journey.

Please contact me to learn more about our sponsorship program and how to begin helping a child achieve his or her full potential.

Judith Horstman, Scholarship Coordinator
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ISIS MIRANDA

Originally with the program in Honduras for 10 years, Isis moved to Guatemala to accompany her brother, Carlos. She was also looking for an opportunity to continue studying. A present, as the secretary, she helps with some administrative tasks and with the tutoring program. Isis likes to write, read, and paint abstracts.

Meet our
secretary ...

...our
treasurer ...



CARLOS MIRANDA

Invited by Fr. Tom, Carlos came to Guatemala in 2009, where he studied engineering while also working with Caminando. During 6 years as president, he coordinated tutoring and math groups. Now he's in charge of the finances. Carlos likes soccer, reading, and video games.



VIOLETA ESTRADA

Violeta has been involved with the program for 8 years already. For most of those years, she has been working with the administration and with the kitchen team. Violeta is a hard-working woman, very simple and helpful.

... and our
kitchen
crew chief!

Meet more of our
workers in the
next E-News!



Donating to Caminando

Dick Horstman – Board Secretary



We appreciate all your donations. We hope this information will make it easy for you to choose the best method for your personal giving strategy.

By Credit Card or Check

Contributions to Caminando are tax deductible.

- To donate by **credit card**, go to fathertomscaminando.org and click on “Donate” on the Home page or Be an Angel page.
- To donate by **check**, make the check payable to “Caminando por la Paz” and mail it to Caminando por la Paz, PO Box 1583, New Caney, Texas 77357.

From your IRA

If you are 70-1/2 or older, you can donate to Caminando from your traditional or Roth IRA without incurring income tax on your withdrawal. **Qualified Charitable Distributions** (QCDs) are limited to \$100,000 per year, but If spouses have separate IRAs, they can each make tax-free IRA donations of \$100,000 per year. QCDs count towards any required annual minimum distributions (MRDs).

Qualified Charitable Distributions from an IRA must be made *directly* to an organization recognized by the IRS as tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3); the funds *cannot* be received by you and forwarded. To make a QCD from your IRA, contact your plan administrator and provide the information listed below.

From a Donor Advised Fund

A Donor Advised Fund can only make distributions to 501 (c)(3) organizations. If you have a Donor Advised Fund, contact the fund sponsor to request a distribution to Caminando and provide the information listed below.

Wills and Estate Plans

Contact your legal advisor to include or add Caminando por la Paz to your will or estate plan. Your legal advisor will need the information listed below.

Caminando por la Paz 501(c)(3) Information

Organization Name: Misioneros de Padre Tomas
EIN: 45-3823830
Address: PO Box 1583
New Caney, Texas 77357

A Visit from U.S. Program Supporters



Ron Covey greets the group at Caminando por la Paz.

On Sunday, May 19th, a group of Maryknoll Affiliates from Houston and California arrived to visit Caminando por la Paz, the Guatemalan Program Home, and to familiarize themselves with the day-to-day operation of the program. Their interest arose from a recent request for volunteers to become involved in conducting the U.S. activities that support the Guatemalan program.

This group's weeklong visit included Guatemalan staff presentations explaining how the work at Caminando por la Paz is organized: teams are responsible for cooking, cleaning, tutoring, spiritual guidance, and administration. They are proud of their soccer team, their community outreach to young men.

The Guatemalan staff and the U.S. volunteers discussed ways to coordinate their efforts. And meetings were held to investigate program needs, especially around the scholarship program.

The group enjoyed meeting the kids coming for our tutoring program. Naturally, our visitors had opportunities to interact with the tutoring students and also to help serve the nutritious meals that the kids devour upon arrival for tutoring sessions. Kids who aren't hungry are better able to learn, and





providing these meals is a strong incentive for faithful attendance.



We also took the group on a walk through our neighborhood to visit some students' homes.



Of great interest was the visit to two of the schools our supported students attend. We select needy kids from the tutoring groups who are ready for school and offer them scholarships that provide the fees, uniforms, and materials they need to attend local schools. The visiting U.S. group is working on finding more sponsors for these students.



One highlight of the visit was a gathering with members of the Guatemala Maryknoll Affiliate Chapter. In this session was a wonderful interaction between chapters, the exchange of ideas was of mutual benefit to the participants, who appreciated the sense of having opened a meaningful friendship between the two groups.



For the last three days, the group traveled to Honduras, primarily to visit the processing plant that prepares our coffee for export.

On our way to Santa Rosa Copan, we were able to visit the Mayan ruins at Copan Ruinas.



We had planned to visit our coffee producers' finca (farm), but recent rains made the road there impassable. We did visit the processing plant, where we were given an intensive guided tour and learned a great deal about how green coffee beans are prepared for export.

With our trip to Honduras completed, sadly it was time to help our guests return to the airport and their homes.



Our Coffee Business Keeps Brewing

Month by month, our premium Honduran coffee continues to grow its market share. The goal remains a dream, yet slowly but surely, we are moving ahead.

The Coffee Growers. The construction of solar dryers with a cement floor will improve the flavor of our coffee. Our growers are finally able to begin work on the improved solar dryers.

The start of construction had been delayed by extreme weather conditions that caused so much mud that start of construction was impossible until recently.



Processor and Roaster. We directly purchase our coffee from the growers, who deliver the green coffee to the processing plant in Santa Rosa de Copan, Honduras. In Central America, processing plants are called beneficios.



INAGINSA, our beneficio, prepares and exports the coffee to our roaster in Tomball, Texas.

Marketing the Coffee. As part of our efforts to improve our support of Caminando por la Paz, Board members and Maryknoll Affiliates visited the program in Guatemala. To learn more about our coffee operation, the group also toured the beneficio, where our guide explained the complex processes necessary to get the coffee ready for export. Some Board members plan to visit Copan Trade, our coffee roaster in Tomball, in a few weeks.

Please help us realize our dream of supporting Caminando por la Paz by treating yourself to some of our great coffee at fathertomsfamilycoffee.org.

How can you be a part of our mission?

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are always helpful!

Help Educate
a Student!



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