



*Caminando por la Paz, a mission program in Guatemala, is supported by the non-profit organization, Misionero de Padre Tomas.*

# CAMINANDO

## Por la Paz

*We're busy on many fronts at Caminando por la Paz:*

- Sponsor a student today!
- Our activities
- Photo gallery
- Meet more of our staff
- Coffee news
- Be part of our mission

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*Our focus is on education—these students are preparing for admission exams.*

## Sponsor A Student Today!

*Wouldn't you love to make a big impact on the life of a little girl in Guatemala?*

These three girls need sponsors so they can go to school.



For just \$50 a month, or \$600 dollars a year, Caminando por la Paz will be able to pay for their school fees (which the government does not cover), required uniforms and shoes, and school supplies.

When you become a sponsor, you will be able (but not required) to communicate with your student by email several times a year, encouraging them and sharing their journey through school with them.

*Contact Judy Horstman, our scholarship coordinator!*

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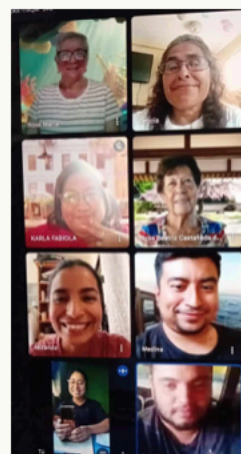
# What's Happening at Caminando por la Paz

Ron Covey

**Staff training.** We have added Wednesday afternoon learning sessions for which our primary program personnel and leaders of the local Guatemalan Maryknoll Affiliate Chapter meet in person or by internet. These Affiliates, who have career experience in education, help our workers hone the skills needed for working with the marginalized Guatemalan community in and around the barrio of Paraiso II.

**Activities.** Tutoring continues to be our main activity. At present, in various sessions, we see approximately 50 kids during the week. Most of these students have no other educational opportunity, which is unfortunately quite common throughout Guatemala. The law requiring school attendance is unenforced, and the “free” education has many hidden costs—registration, test fees, uniforms, books, and school supplies. We tutor children who can't afford to attend, and we also require those we help enroll in local schools to attend tutoring, where we are able to monitor their progress and help them succeed.

Naturally, our program continues to provide community service through other projects: bread distribution, support of our soccer team, the weekly Holy Hour, facilitating new shoe distributions, and participation in youth groups and community events.



Our Holy Hour, a common feature of Guatemalan life, is open to anyone who chooses to participate. It consists of sessions of common prayer, sharing responses to religious information, and/or activities. We sometimes “visit the sick,” bringing Holy Hour to them.



*These photos chronicle many of the activities that filled our last few months.*

## Our Award-Winning Soccer Team



Playing "away" games, made possible by our large van.

Soccer gives young men a positive focus and has even offered career opportunities.

Anderson Zamora, a senior scholarship student, practices leadership as he invites fellow students to join Caminando's youth group that works in the community's parish.



Caminando hosted another Maryknoll group, sharing welcome gifts, our food, the van, and our neighborhood.





# Celebrating Guatemala's Independence Day!



The kids think celebrations are fun, but they also learn patriotism and their country's history.





## The shoe buying trip ~



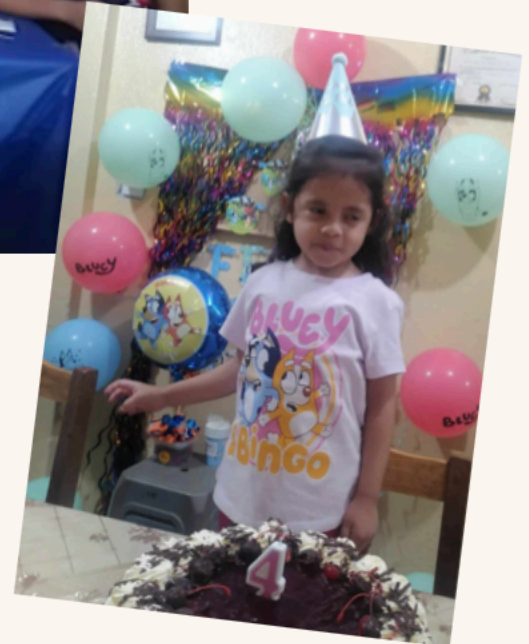
Scholarship kids are provided shoes for school.



And they enjoy the visit to the store.



There's always time to celebrate birthdays!







## SANDRA US

Sandra, age 23, is studying to become an architect. She has shown discipline, commitment and responsibility during her six years in the program. Having worked in tutoring and decoration, she is now Board Vice President.

Meet our  
vice  
president, ...

... one of  
our tutors, ...

and several  
volunteers!



## MARIYURI PEREZ

Maryuri, 24, who has been with the program for seven years, is creative, prudent, and even-tempered. She works as a tutor and is known for her grace and patience with the preschoolers.

## VOLUNTEERS



Margori is Lesly's mother-in-law and Giulianna's grandmother. Margori and Lesly work happily on the cooking team but also like to help with cleaning.



Nancy, part of our cleaning team, works with enthusiasm and energy. Both of her daughters are scholarship students.



Francisca likes to help others and work with the little kids. She has been on three teams: cooking, cleaning and tutoring.



## Coffee Update

**Ron Covey – Principal Manager**

As you may know, coffee trees are harvested two or three times a year. Our coffee comes from Honduras, where the first harvest may be as early as November, and the others occur by February or March.

From our first year of selling coffee until now, our beans have consistently merited a grading of premium, and we are gradually closing in on specialty grade. If the beans move up to the specialty grade, we will need to pay the Honduran coffee growers more for their beans, according to our longstanding purchasing agreement. That would fulfill our goal of helping our coffee growers improve their economic return.

But buying the higher quality beans might become a problem for us, as we must either increase what we charge our customers or reduce our profits, which go to support the education programs of Misioneros de Padre Tomas. We are aware that many of our customers purchase our coffee not only for its excellent quality, but additionally because of their desire to help finance our education project.

We do not need to act yet, but we may have to charge all our customers a bit more; after all, they will be receiving a higher quality product and will continue to support our mission!

**New Faces:** Members of the Houston Maryknoll Affiliate Chapter, along with other Affiliates, are slowly assuming many of the responsibilities of the US non-profit. As a part of this effort, our coffee customers will find themselves interacting with **Branson Hunter**, along with myself.



*Carlos Miranda  
invites you to  
learn more about  
our educational  
efforts at:*

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