



# CAMINANDO

## Por la Paz

*Fall is a busy time at  
Caminando por la Paz:*

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

- Grant awarded
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- Sponsors needed
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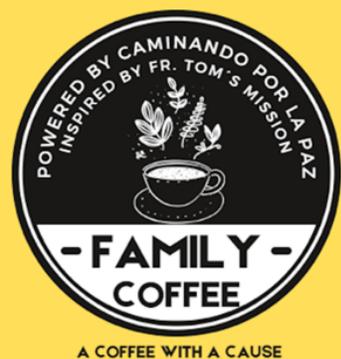
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## EXCITING NEWS!

**Father Tom's  
Family Coffee**

is now available on our main website!  
To purchase our fine Honduran coffee,

Go to

[FatherTomsCaminando.org](http://FatherTomsCaminando.org)

and click on "Shop Coffee"

# Nourishing Dreams

Several Maryknoll Affiliates, most from the Houston Chapter, now serve on the board of Misioneros de Padre Tomas, and the Caminando staff are members of the Guatemala Chapter. When asked if we would be interested in applying for an **Affiliate Mission Grant**, our staff immediately thought “Kitchen!” Our nutrition program, serving breakfast or lunch before tutoring sessions, improves attendance and brain power.

The Guatemala team carefully planned a budget to accompany our request for \$5,000. **The grant has been approved**, and we look forward to being able to share “after” pictures. The “before” photos, below, accompanied our grant request.

Excerpts from our grant application:

For 14 years, we have provided meals for children in the community, about 40 people regularly, with up to 60 during special celebrations. However, the kitchen ... lacks essential amenities, such as a dedicated area for washing dishes, fruits, and vegetables, which complicates even the simplest tasks.



Renovating the kitchen would create a more suitable environment for the nutrition program's activities and improve



the overall atmosphere of the home. A new kitchen with organized, clean, and dedicated spaces would make a significant difference in the lives of the children served.



Greetings, supporters of Caminando  
Por la Paz and our coffee customers,

My name is Branson Hunter. I am a member of our new board and am mailing coffee once it is ordered. Ron Covey remains the president of the entity but has asked that some of the responsibilities that he has been solely handling be assigned to others. For this reason I am the member handling coffee sales.

As many of you may know, we had a website failure, and had to basically start again on a website that allowed for the ordering of coffee. The site, [fathertomscoffee.org](http://fathertomscoffee.org), is closed and [fathertomsmision.org](http://fathertomsmision.org) redirects you to our new site, [fathertomscaminando.org](http://fathertomscaminando.org).

**You can NOW order coffee at [fathertomscaminando.org](http://fathertomscaminando.org) –  
Just click on “Shop Coffee”**

Other than donations from generous donors or sponsors of students, coffee sales are the organization's only method of raising funds to support our Maryknoll project in Guatemala, Caminando por la Paz. Your coffee purchases help support this project, and our only goal in selling coffee is to help keep Caminando por la Paz functioning. With its afterschool meal program, tutoring of school age children, and its sponsorship of children to help keep them in school, the benefits of Caminando por la Paz's efforts are felt by the community today and into succeeding generations.

Thank you for your continuing support. Please make a special note of the website for the ordering of coffee: [fathertomscaminando.org](http://fathertomscaminando.org).

If you need to contact me, my email is [bhuntercorpus@gmail.com](mailto:bhuntercorpus@gmail.com) and my phone/text/VM is 832-277-5856.

Thank you,

Branson



# NEEDED!

February starts a new school year in Guatemala. Karla and her board in Guatemala are working on identifying which students will need help with their school supplies and fees, and uniforms this year. With the help of our sponsors, they were able to help 11 students last year. We would love to increase that number this year. We hope to have a list of available students needing help in the next few weeks.

Sponsorships for primary students will again be \$600. However, if you could sponsor a secondary school student for \$800, that would be great. Their costs are a little higher. We will then pair you up with a student. We are still working on the best way for you to communicate with your sponsored young friend, to be able to share with them both friendship and encouragement.

*Please contact Judy Horstman, our scholarship coordinator!*

[judyhorstman@gmail.com](mailto:judyhorstman@gmail.com)

# Fall Events and Celebrations

## Guatemala's Independence Day



## In October, we celebrate Children's Day.



## A Craft Project with a spiritual message



**First Communion for two students**



**Karla obtains her professional license.**

**We prepare bags of groceries to help our scholarship students' families.**



**Ninoska Somosa, from Cross Catholic, an organization that helps support our students, visits us, and the children enjoy welcoming her with fun activities.**

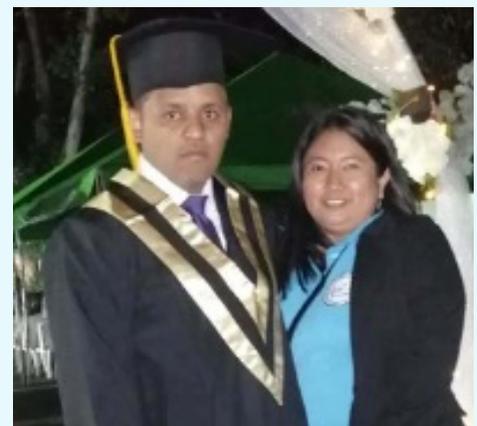


***November ends our school year!***

**High School Graduations:**



Carlos congratulates Randy Monzón and his dad



Óscar Oliva with Karla

**Grade School Closing Ceremonies:**



Génesis Sian



James Ortiz

**The youth group surprises Karla with a birthday party!**



**Remembering our founder, Father Thomas Goekler**

**Caminando sports brand new doors!**



**Our good friend Jim Yorkovich visits.**

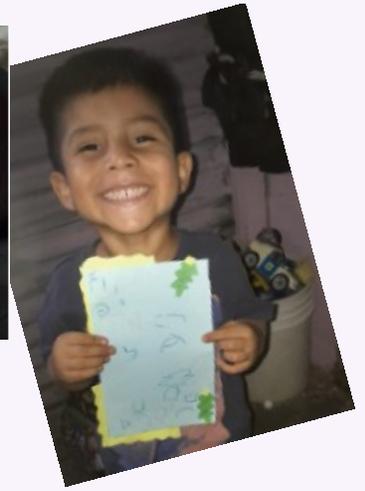
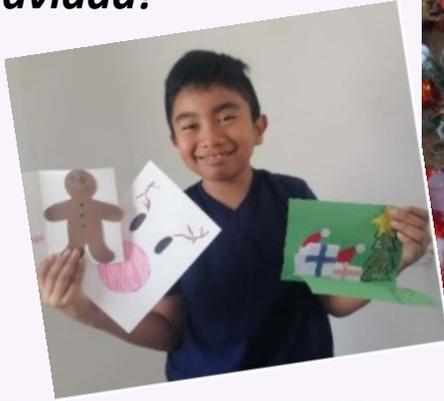
**Board member Isis and former student Anderson welcome Richardson and Brianna.**



**Youth for Christ group enjoys service activities.**



***¡Feliz Navidad!***



**Cards, party, and gifts  
at Caminando**



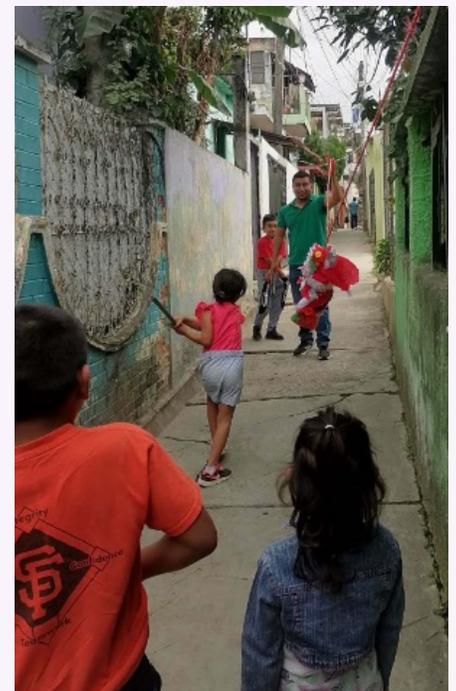
**Posada and party with Guatemala City Mayknoll Affiliates.**



**Ron Covey  
greet old  
friends.**

**Santa piñata!**

**Youth for Christ group has a mini Christmas gathering!**



# How can you be a part of our mission?

Caminando por la Paz



Visit Our  
Website

[FatherTomsCaminando.org](http://FatherTomsCaminando.org)

Your prayers



are always helpful!

Help Educate  
a Student!



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**We need and appreciate your support!**