

Caminando Por La Paz—E-news for May/June 2018



Misioneros De Padre Tomas is the U.S. based 501(3)© non-profit organization dedicated to the support of Caminando Por La Paz in Guatemala City.

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OUR PROGRAM IS THE ONLY MARYKNOLL AFFILIATE DIRECTED
MISSION PROGRAM

On May 10th, The Maryknoll Sisters and Affiliates here in Guatemala celebrated Sister Helen's 80 years as a Maryknoll Sister.



Sister Helen (far right) with friends at a table with oak tree (80 years is the oak occasion).

The tree is decorated with statements of love and caring.



Luis a member of Caminando is reading his tribute to Sister Helen.

The big news from Guatemala as everyone knows by now was the eruption of Fuego

It was very tragic and sorrowful. Leaving many of the poorest of the poor with great needs. Our program is collecting locally for the victims. In the US many organizations are doing the same. Below we present information about the efforts of the Maryknoll Sisters. You can donate to their effort with confidence that your money will be used in an appropriate manner.

Here is a link to the sisters website.

http://mks.convio.net/site/MessageViewer?em_id=1601.0&dlv_id=606h6

Here you can learn more about the eruption of volcano Fuego and if you wish you can donate to the efforts to assist the victims.

You may need to copy and paste the links on this page

There are many, many YouTube videos covering the eruption.

The tragic manner in which the eruption effected some many people is very evident in <https://www.youtube.com/watch?>



This map of Guatemala may help you locate the area of destruction. It would be mostly a radius of Escuintla.

I understand that ash fell as far north as Chimaltenango .

Understanding Caminando's Education Project

Many of you have been asking about various aspects of our Education project. In this article we want to help you reach a better understanding of how we handle the education of our supported students.

The name of our association is translated "Walking For Peace". The name was chosen to connote the way we identify those we serve. Our selections are based on knowledge we acquire by our constant interactions with our neighbors. In interacting we come to know the needs of our neighbors. One of the greatest has been the need to obtain an education for the children.

There is public education in Guatemala; However; It is often impossible for our neighbors to send their children to school .

In response to this problem we have a tutoring program at the house which is open to all children in the neighborhood. From those in tutoring we can select the best candidates to receive help in entering local schools. Knowing the student and the family we operate somewhat differently than other educational scholarship programs. Funding limitations force us to conserve funds while providing school to as many as possible. Therefore in many cases we provide partial assistance to a student. (This is always enough to supplement their families financial limitations.)

We have many expectations of those we send to schools. Any child receiving funding signs a contract with their parents and us. The contract requires their attendance at tutoring sessions. There are other obligations such as providing copies of school reports. The contract is one way we have to assure that our donors' money is not being wasted.

At present we have 25 children in local schools. The tutoring program at the house is open to any child in the neighborhood. This year we have between 65 and 75 attendees.

Cultural reasons dictate that most of our students are older than children of the same educational level in the United States.

The expenses of most of our school sponsored students are paid from our general fund, however we do have a few sponsored students.

Meditation

Seres Inanimados

En la escuela el professor repetia
que las rocas son seres inanimados porque no crecen
no se reproducen ni se mueren.
?Como se llamara a las personas que nacen crecen se casen
tienen hijos y se mueren sin haber vivido la Vida?

Inanimate Beings

In school the teacher would repeat
That rocks are inanimate beings because they don't grow
They don't reproduce nor do they die
What could one call the people who are born, grow, get married
Have children, and die without having lived life?



Sensitivity Lost

The child talks with his cat and his dog;
He talks with butterflies, bees, plants and flowers;
He talks with the moon and the stars.
When he grows up all of this seems ridiculous to him.
I ask myself: "How, when, and where could he have lost this sensitivity?"

Sensibilidad Perdida

El nino habla con su gato y su perro;
Habl con la mariposas, las abejas, las plantas y las flores
Habla con la luna y las estrellas.
Cuando llega a grande todo esto le parece ridiculo
Yo me pregunto: ?"Como cuando y dondee Habra perdido sensibilidad?

From: Daniel Cano's Savage Prayer

Meditation Question: should I revisit my
childhood beliefs?

Or you may choose to meditate from Pope Francis' Guadete et exsulaet

I recommend using chapter III - The beautidues

Meet a couple of our students



Me llamo Bryan Monzón, tengo 14 años mi padre murió hace 4 años desde ese entonces a mi mamá le ha tocado luchar por nosotros somos 3, mis dos hermanas y yo. Nos quedamos solos y entre nosotros nos cuidamos ha sido duro para mí la pérdida de mi padre y que mi madre no pueda estar con nosotros todos los días. Nosotros 3 estudiamos y Caminando por la Paz le ha ayudado mucho a mi mamá y a nosotros con educación y alimentación entre semana. Doy gracias a Dios, a la asociación y todas las personas que hacen que ayudas como estas sean

My name is Bryan Monzon, I am 14years old,. My father died 4 years ago, since then my mother has had t fight for us. We ae 3, my two sisters and me. We are left alone and we take care of each other. It has been hard for me to lose my father and y mother can not be with us every day. We three study and Walking for Peace (Caminando Por La Paz) has helped my father and us with education and food during the week. I thank God,, the association and al the people who make help like this possible for families with great need like mine.



Me llamo Mirzi Alejandrita Pérez García, tengo 18 años de edad, vivo con mi mamá y dos hermanos. Mi papá falleció hace 10 años, Gracias a Dios obtengo una beca en Asociación Misioneros Caminando Por La Paz desde el año 2,014 y hasta la fecha me han ayudado muchísimo con libros, uniformes, tutorías, desayunos y algunos útiles escolares (cuadernos, borrador, goma, tijera, estuche y mochila.). Actualmente estudio diversificado

My name is Mirzi Alejandrita Perez Garcia. I am18 years old. I live with my mother and two brothers My father died 10 years ago. Thank God I got a scholarship in the Missionaries Asociacion Caminando Por La Paz (walking for peace). Since the year 2014. To date they have helped me a lot with books; uniforms, tutoring, breakfast and some school supplies, (note books erasers, rubber bands, scissors, pencil case and back pack). Currently I m in a diversified study at the National School of Commercial Science, Jornada Vespertina . In this school only accounting is taught..



The kind of things student need. As in the U.S. the teachers often dictate the exact size, shape, kind, etc. But for tutoring we use what ever we have.



Yes the need for school supplies is great but they also need uniforms, books, registration, test fees, etc.

The sponsored students have their full school expenses paid. Therefore they are feeling the security that comes from knowing they have a friend who is guaranteeing their schooling. These students send periodic reports to their sponsors.

We have two systems for providing sponsorship. The first is a one-time donation of \$600 and the second system is payment of \$50.00 per month. This can be done on our website:

<https://www.fathertomsmmission.org/> (You may need to copy and paste this link)

or by personal check to the association.

Caminado Por La Paz

Post Office Box 1583

New Caney, Texas 77357

The cost of a scholarship may seem extreme but remember that it covers everything while many similar programs do not cover uniforms, books, school supplies, etc. Our cost is based on the average price of keeping one student fully covered for a year.



We don't even approach this number of active students, but the need in our area is for aid to at least this many.



Coffee Up-Date

The coffee project is moving forward. In fact there are two areas where we are improving:

(1) For some time now we have had individuals ask for decaf coffee. At last we are able to provide Decaf Family Coffee. Unfortunately the processing is more complex and thus we must charge extra.

(2) For the first time ever we have a small profit. (Don't get too excited however; we would not yet have a

profit except for the fact that a generous person has been paying for all our advertising and even some other related expenses.)

We anticipate that we will be able to attract a growing number of customers in the coming year.

To purchase our coffee visit:

[https://
www.fathertomsfamilycoffee.org/](https://www.fathertomsfamilycoffee.org/)



Tutoring is one of the main and most important aspects of life at Caminando Por La Paz

You can become a part of our program at Caminando Pot La Paz

Pray for our success

Purchase Family Coffee it support our efforts.
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