



## Caminando Por La Paz— Guatemala E-news September/October 2018

Guatemala has a Children's Day. The kids always look forward to it and enjoy it to the Max.

Here are a few pictures of this years events.

Misioneros De Padre Tomas is the U.S. based Non-profit organization dedicated to the support of Caminando Por La Paz in Guatemala City;

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### Caminano Por La Paz in Guatemala

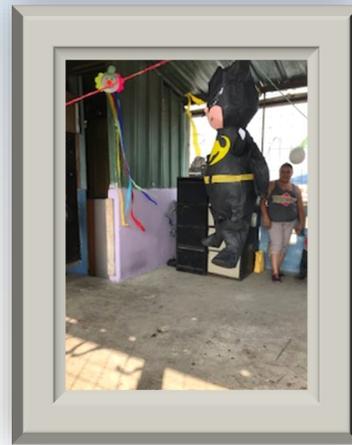
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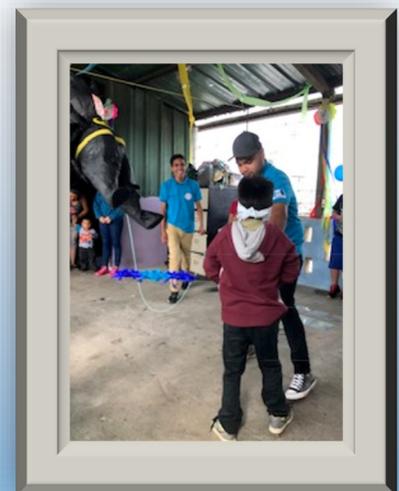
Vocal #1 ----- Sandra Us

Vocal #2 ----- Liseth de Leon



Of course we had a piñata. What kids day could we have without one.

Lets get going this thing is full of candy.



**Caminando Por La Paz is the only mission program directed by Maryknoll Affiliates.**

It was a great day for the kids, starting with the meal of rather delicious food, then the pinata and then games followed by song and dance competition.

You should have been here



Before the main events a good meal was served to all the participating children.

The main even as always was the pinata; in fact we actually had two.

One for the youngest and adding



The Mad scramble for the Candy.





How much candy can I  
get?



Today's big prize winners

All work and no play makes for a dull boy

## Meditation

### ***Prayer for a New Society***

All loving God, your children cry for help  
Against the violence of our world  
Where children starve for bread and feed on weapons  
Starve for vision and feed on drugs;  
Starve for love and feed on videos;  
Starve for peace and die murdered in our streets.

Creator God, timeless preserver of resource  
Forgive us for the gifts that we have wasted.  
Renew for us what seems beyond redemption;  
Call order and beauty to emerge again from chaos.  
Convert our destructive power into creative service;  
Help us to heal the woundedness of our world

Liberating God release us from the demons of violence.  
Free us today from the disguised demon of deterrence  
That puts guns by our pillows and missiles in our skies.

Free us from all demons that blind and blunt our spirits  
Cleanse us from all justifications for war;  
Open our narrowed hearts to the suffering and the poor

Abiding God, loving renewal of the human spirit,  
Unfold our violent fists into a peaceful hand:  
Stretch our sense of family to include our neighbors  
Stretch our sense of neighbor to include our enemies  
Until our response to you finally respects and embraces  
All Creation as precious sacraments of your presence.

Hear the prayers of all your starving children. Amen

Contributed by Father Leo Shea, M. M. (found in the Maryknoll Book of Prayer)

A prayer from Paz Christi USA





**Family Coffee is a project of Caminando Por La Paz**

**It is our hope that eventually profit from the sale of Family coffee will be sufficient to meet all the financial needs of the mission project**

Visit [Family Coffee](#). We have both ground and whole bean as well as Dark roast and Decaf coffees.

**Caminando Por La Paz is the program instituted by Father Thomas Goekler, MM. It is a copy of his successful program in Honduras and is currently focusing on the Education of Children in one of the most marginalized barrios of Guatemala City.**



Visit [Caminando Por La Paz](#) to learn more about our program



### Coffee Up date

We continue to struggle to improve our market share. We have had a little bit of improvement in the past couple of months; yet we have a long way to go.

Our greatest success has been affiliate groups and parishes who have bought and sold our coffee at their events.

Perhaps you know of a group who would be interested in selling our coffee to support our educational projects. If you do you or they can contact us at: [rocovey@yahoo.com](mailto:rocovey@yahoo.com)



### Make over for our kitchen

As most of you know; during the school year we feed approximately 75 kids. These are our tutoring students. We have 6 cooks who prepare the food. (they are all donating their time to do so.) They fall over each other in our far too small kitchen. Therefore and with the support of a wonderful donation we are giving our kitchen a make over to have more room and greater convience for everyone.

This is being done with the financial assistance of a very special donation we received a few months ago. It is so true that most of our better projects are supported by individual donors in the United States. We plan to show you more photos as the project unfolds. Right now it just looks like we are purposefully making a mess.

You can become a part of the on-going efforts of Caminando Por La Paz

One of the proven ways to support us is simply to pray for our success.

Want to learn more about us visit

Father Toms [Mission](#)

(In the US we are a non profit dedicated to raising Funds for Caminando.

[Family Coffee](#) is our project to help finance or Educational activities as well as sharing a bit with the producers. Thus when you purchase Family Coffee you are a great help to us.

You can donate by check. Simply send your donation to:

Caminando Por La Paz

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When the kids come for tutoring they also receive a nutritious meal