

# CAMINANDO POR LA PAZ



Caminando Por La Paz is the mission Program in Guatemala that is supported by the non-profit program of misionero De Padre Tomas.

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## Shoe distriution



On Saturday June 11th we held a distribution of 150 pairs of shoes to our neighbors.

- We have done this before.

Three times in the past we had the wonderful Opportunity to present new shoes to our neighbors. This happens because of our wonderful connection with Shoes to The World, a great non-profit out of California.

They provide the money and we purchase the shoes locally. It is one of their requirements since they want to do as much as possible for the economy of the countries in which they operate.



As you see here our shoe maker even added the Soes to the world logo



Caminando Por La Paz Wants to thank all our supporters.

We can only continue the work of father Tom with your wonderful support

# ALWAYS SPECIAL

Since our first shoe distribution in 20xx it has always been a very special day for us. First just watching the happiness of those receiving but also our own joy and pride in our cooperation with "shoes to the world".



Our kids always show great pride and joy with their new shoes.

See what I got!

Sometimes when out for a walk I will encounter one of our tutoring kids. They may show me their worn/torn shoes. What are they trying to say?

Caminando is very thankful when "shoes to the World" provides our answer.



# ***LOTS OF FUN WITH SHOES***

After the shoe distribution the kids hang around and enjoy a play time in our tutoring area.



Just showing the shoes      See our new shoes



How happy can we be??      we all got new shoes



# Medeitation

## Wonders of your creation

**Heavenly Father,**

**Thank you for the wonder of your creation.**

**Thank you for guiding us, leading us, protecting us, developing us since the beginning of the creation until now.**

**make us grow in the awareness of the urgency of safeguarding and developing the wonders of your creations and take concrete response to it.**

**Help us to live and work harmoniously with your creation.**

**Protect us from all danger and destruction.**

**Amen**

*By Father Henry Elkhlein., Diocesan Programme Coordinator from pathein Diocese in Myanmar*



HAVE YOU ASKED  
YOURSELF WHAT  
SHOULD I DO?



# COFFEE UPDATE



- Our big news this quarter is that we have change the way we price coffee from our internet store. In the past we changed a nominal fee for shipping
- We are now providing free shipping. We consulted with our program supporters and our coffee customers and concluded that a slight increase in price permitting free shipping would be a better fit for our customers.
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# Help is Greatly Needed

Following the death of Father Thomas Goekler, MM in November 2010 friends of the Caminando project were telling the youth at the house in Guatemala City that they should go home. The belief was that the program had ended with the death of Father. However; I had been asked by US friends of the program to bring some money to the staff since they were trying hard to carry forth the work Father had began. Their problem was that they needed financial help to accomplish their goal.

Somehow I decided to do whatever I could to assist them in meeting their need to continue. This led me to establish the US Non-profit what is dedicated to raising the necessary funds to continue the program objectives.

The past 12 years have been in many ways the most rewarding of my 86 years. However my life has reached the point where the task of supporting Caminando Por La Paz has become more than I can readily continue.

If you visit the program you will immediately recognize that the program staff is completely capable of running the program without direction from outside sources.

# There are various activities that are in need of individual attention.



## Group meeting at the program house

### Coffee Project

The coffee project has the potential to become the main economic support for the Caminando program. The basic needs here are both procurement and sales. This includes working with the growers in Honduras, Roaster in Tom Ball, Texas, and sales both local and via internet. We have an internet store but there is the need to advertise, manage the store, increase local sales, etc.

### Internet Technology

This is an area of great need. The current use is difficult because of a lack of full understanding of the various key factors involved. The program maintains two websites; we also use get response for occasional e-mail blast, PayPal. Two banking sites, weebly, Publisher etc. This is an area that is extremely frustrating for me and needs help.

### Quarterly E-news

The program issues a quarterly e-news to approximately 1,000 individuals. There is a quasi-format, but we are not locked into it. We look forward to the prospect of “new blood” finding ways to improve it. It is primarily a photo essay and used to provide information on the activities in Guatemala and as a fund-raising device. The production does not necessarily require visits to the program since e-mail information and photos can easily be arranged.

### You Tube Presentations

We have a you tube channel which needs a great deal of work. It contains only two videos of worth watching. We are currently working toward one aimed at Coffee sales. Thus this is an area that a person or group with skills specific to video production would certainly add to the overall efforts of the program.

### Fund Raising

Everything we do is in one way or another relates to fund raising. The get response program allows us to send out e-mail blast to over 1,000 address which provide updates but also usually contain links to request donations. The quarterly e-news not only provides information on current activities but also has a page for donations. The coffee project is exclusively designed to provide funding for the program. Working with various mission groups that visit us and Guatemala have always led to an increase in our donor base. In the early years of “Misioneros de Padre Tomas, we sent many grant request. However, we had very little success except for our grant from Cross Catholic which provide funds for the education project and include the funds for the nutrition provided with the tutoring program.

### Sponsorship program

We have a budding sponsorship program that seeks sponsors for the kids we place in school. There is currently a flyer for the program. It would be great to have one person who would publicize the program and work with a person in Guatemala who is monitoring the sponsored children.



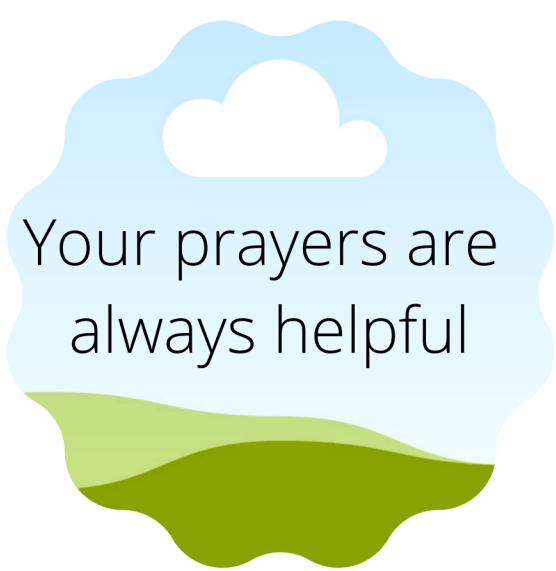
**If you have any interest in working on  
or forming a committee to work on  
any of these activities you should  
contact us at;  
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The youth in Guatemala only need your help to finance  
their activities. They are already considered to be  
among the best mission programs

**YOUR INTEREST WILL BE APPRECIATED.**



# You can be a part of our mission



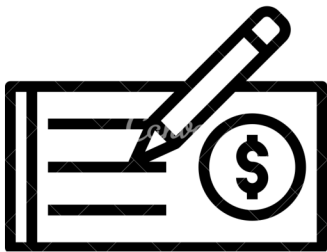
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