



The Anniversary Peacemaker



HFPF Introduces New Web Site

Hands For Peacemaking Foundation retained the services of Andrew Means, a Northwest web designer to produce a new, user friendly web site at www.HandsForPeacemaking.org

Donations can now be accepted from a wide variety of credit and debit cards on the secure site.

Improvements also include expanded information about the organization, group activity and how to form a group. All the necessary forms can now be down loaded directly from the web site.

Executive Director, Pete Kinch said, "I encourage people interested in the organization to take a look and see what we do and how they might participate."

A New Water Supply For San Jose

The village of San Jose Jolantha has partnered with HFPF for years to try various methods of securing a consistent, safe, water supply.



Out of desperation, villagers hand dug a well on their own and were able to get water. The problem was that they had to go down a ladder to fill their containers and the exposed well was rapidly getting contaminated.

Everett-Port Gardner Rotary took on funding a cover for the well in addition to an electric pump. Today, the villagers have a clean, safe water supply and needless to say, they are very grateful.



Making A World Of Difference

Hands For Peacemaking Foundation.



Mukilteo Kiwanis Garden Project

It started with a presentation about what Hands For Peacemaking is doing in Guatemala. The Power Point presentation by Executive Director Pete Kinch, sparked an interest with the Mukilteo, WA civic organization. President, Cory Armstrong-Hoss invited Hands For Peacemaking to apply for a club grant.

The students of Yulacheque worked with village leaders to come up with the land for the garden project. HFPF Guatemala staff worked with the teacher and the students to clear the land and plant the seeds. The crop chosen was radishes as they grow fast and students can see success much sooner than other vegetables.

The students caught on to the new concept of gardening and took great care of their garden.



Now that the first crop has been harvested, the students will plant more seeds to take advantage of the rainy growing season.

The total project required an modest investment of \$350.00 and the result is that a whole village now has the knowledge to change their diet from tortillas and salt three times a day to include fresh vegetables.



HFPF Elects New Board President

Ross Gaussoin has been elected as President of the Hands For Peacemaking Board of Directors. Gaussoin has long been associated with the organization through his church, Marine View Presbyterian and has made many trips to Guatemala as a part of Work Week teams.

His experience as a former trucking company owner and trucking equipment manufacturer, have been key in leading the organization.

Tim Flynn, CEO of Aspect Consulting, LLC. was elected as Vice President. Former Board President, Terry Earnheart was chosen as HFPF Treasurer.

HFPF Builds Latrines



One of the greatest needs that villagers have is for a quality latrine. Day in and day out, they deal with horrible conditions that are beyond description.

Hands For Peacemaking reviewed a number of designs before they chose the style pictured. Thanks to Burlington Rotary and their partners, thirty of the new latrines will be installed in the village of Nuevo Santiago.

The latrines are constructed by the staff at the Aller Skill Center and will be installed in a number of villages in the area. HFPF constantly looks for ways to make life better for the villagers.

Getting Results One Life At A Time

How I see it

Pete Kinch - Executive Director

My recent trip to Guatemala marks my 12th or 13th journey. I have lost count so I am not sure of the exact number.

Since 2000 Hands For Peacemaking has worked hard to improve the quality of life for the remote villagers that inhabit the Santa Cruz Barillas area. In many cases, things have gotten worse over the years.

Our Guatemala staff is constantly looking at ways to improve conditions for our friends but this trip has made me aware that while we have made life better the one thing that keeps getting worse is the income each family receives for their work efforts.

Until families make more money, their ability to improve their lot in life will fall farther behind.

We have often looked at ways to improve on the \$1.50-\$3.50 a day that families survive on but we haven't found a viable solution until possibly now.

We are reviewing a crop that would give the villagers another source of income. Our Guatemala staff is researching whether this alternative provides a serious opportunity or is just another idea that didn't work. Regardless, we are determined to find a solution to help rural Guatemalans, who are some of the poorest of the poor in the world today.

Hands For Peacemaking is researching ways to make life better for the people we serve but we know that we couldn't make progress without your help and we thank you for that!



Fermin Francisco Juan

Fermin is twelve years old and in the third grade. He started pre-school when he was seven but lost a year because he had to walk to another village and his parents, Antonio and Lucia needed his help with the family.

When Fermin was nine, he was able to return to school and was in the first grade. By the time he was eleven he was ready to enter the third grade but his parents weren't able to make the annual payment of \$40.00 for him to attend school in Ajanchiblac.

Normally, it would mean that Fermin would need to go to work in the fields because his educational opportunities had run out.

Thanks to Hands For Peacemaking and the Rotary clubs of Marysville and South Everett-Mukilteo, Fermin has a school in his village of Vuelta Grande. His parents don't have to pay for his education and he feels confident that he can pass his grade this time. Fermin represents the future of Guatemala and with at least a basic education, he has a chance of breaking the cycle of poverty.





People Who Make A Difference!



Two Schools in Four Days!

Years of experience building schools for villagers in the Santa Cruz Barillas area was the key ingredient that gave the Work Week team of Marysville & South Everett-Mukilteo Rotarties the ability to build schools in the villages of Recreo C and Vuelta Grande in just four days.

Team leader Harv Jubie has been traveling to Guatemala for the past 11 years to use his construction skills to partner with Hands For Peacemaking and local villagers to build schools and provide educational supplies.

With "Big Dog" (as his team members call him) in charge, you know that the impossible is possible. According to Guatemala Field Director, Marco Tulio Maldonado, "Harv has a deep passion for the people of rural Guatemala combined with his years of having his own construction company as well as being a former District Governer in Rotary, he really knows how to bring the best out in people.

Because of Harv's leadership, many young people can now attend school", said Maldonado.

A Passion to Help

It started with a strong desire to do something meaningful to help others in need. Richard Kelly, a South Carolina business attorney, is getting ready to retire from his practice and was looking on the web to find an organization that might be able to facilitate his interests. That is where he found the web site for Hands For Peacemaking Foundation..



Kelly sent a check to HFPP followed by another donation to make a pila project possible for the village of Canton las Maravillas. The above picture shows how much the people of Canton appreciated his generosity.

Kelly and his friend Duke McCall, found what they were looking for on their trip to Guatemala. It was answered when the village of Canton las Maravillas formed a line about two hundred deep to greet Kelly and McCall when they arrived. Villagers clapped as the two went around the circle shaking hands with each villager. Making it possible to have pilas at their huts saves hours each day for village women. Richard Kelly is making life better for people who really need the help. You can too!

Teaching Villagers How To Fish

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