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Family to Family

Familia-A-Familia Newsletter

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Benefit Art Show at Barrister Winery

Beautiful watercolors and sketches of local landscape will be featured next month at Barrister Winery to benefit *FAMILY-TO-FAMILY* and *HEALING THE CHILDREN*. Spokane artist and retired architect, Tom Shine, will be on hand to discuss his art at a special "First Friday" event on **March 6th** from **5-10 pm** at the winery. A Bistro Buffet, offered by **Beacon Hill Catering**, will also be available. Both *FAMILY-TO-FAMILY* and *HEALING THE CHILDREN*, will receive 2/3rds of all print sale income. The Giclee prints, which must be ordered, will be reproduced and numbered for the purchaser. Barrister Winery will display Tom's artwork for the entire month of March and can be ordered during that time. The winery is open daily from 12-5 pm.



Tom Shine, was born in Spokane and graduated from Gonzaga Prep in 1959. After earning his architecture license in 1972, he worked for two years with the EXPO '74 Site Design Team. Later, Tom served as a Principal Architect with ECI Architects for ten years; Principal Architect with Integrus Architecture for ten years and was a sole practitioner for the last eight years of his career. Tom retired in 2009, and in 2012 he began doing watercolor studies. **Molly Shine**, Tom's wife, is a retired RN and serves on the Board of the local Chapter of Healing the Children. She has volunteered for seven medical missions to Guatemala in recent years.

Annual Guatemala Mission Celebration

The annual Guatemala Mission celebration at Barrister's Winery has been scheduled for Monday, May 18th, so please mark your calendars! Sister Janet Druffel and Fr. David Baronti will be in attendance to speak about their work and ministry for the indigenous people of the Guatemalan Highlands. In addition, the parishes of Walla Walla will be recognized for their support of seminarians in our sister Diocese of Solola, the education of pre-school age children, clinic administration and the radio station *Nawal Estereo*, located in Nahuala.

Visit To Chirijuwiquej Coffee Plantation

Several representatives of Family-To-Family and the Spokane Diocesan Guatemala Commission trekked up a steep and narrow trail for two miles in order to visit the coffee growing plantation started eight years ago. Located on the hilltop of Chirijuwiquej, this plantation includes over 10,000 coffee trees, 100 lemon trees, 100 avocado trees and 400 maxan (ma-shawn) plants. Many FTF families walk to the plantation every winter to pick the ripe beans and lay them out on the large concrete pad to dry. Once the beans are dry, they are packed down the trail in 100 lb. bags to be roasted in the city. The fruit trees and maxan, which is used to wrap tamales, have been profitable cash crops as well. The Spokane group presented two different types of lopping shears to the coffee plantation workers to use for pruning. They were very much appreciated. Last year alone, 125 pounds of roasted coffee were distributed to FTF families and another 278 pounds were sold in the local markets,



Group hike up the trail to coffee plantation



Antonio using new pruning shears



Cement slab for drying coffee beans



Maxan crop used for wrapping tamales

New Board Members Appointed

The Family-To-Family Board recently added two new members; Dr. Eddie Birrer and Donna LaPlante. Both Eddie and Donna are longtime family sponsors and supporters of Family-To-Family projects. As an accounting professor at Gonzaga University, Dr. Birrer will provide much needed financial expertise to the board. As a retired nurse, Donna will certainly be a wonderful addition to our board, especially in the area of medical missions and healthcare for the families we serve in Guatemala.