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FAMILY-TO-FAMILY

NEWSLETTER

OUTGOING DIRECTORS | PANDEMIC RESPONSE

Thank You, Devaneys

Family-to-Family extends heartfelt gratitude to Miriam and Roger Devaney for generously volunteering their time and energy as directors of the program from February of 2014 through August of 2020.

As Directors, the Devaneys administered the program from Spokane and made seven trips to Ixtahuacan, connecting families in the United States with families in Guatemala and increasing access to paths out of poverty.

According to founders and previous directors of Family-to-Family, Jerry and Clara Monks, "It's difficult to find words to describe the tremendous job the Devaneys have done to not only carry on the Family-To-Family program, but to grow it in such a meaningful way. We have often recalled how truly blessed our Diocese has been to have a couple with the organizational and managerial skill they have, and were so willing to devote their personal time and effort to serve the poor in Guatemala. They've just done a wonderful job!"



Response to Food Insecurity during the Pandemic

Adela Tambriz, Regional Manager of Family-to-Family in the Highlands of Guatemala, has coordinated three food deliveries to all 118 families currently in the program and single deliveries to an additional 22 families in need. The deliveries have included 100-pound bags of corn, beans, rice, coffee, sugar, salt, noodles, cereals, oil, soap, lemons, and ten pounds of meat. The coffee, fruit, pork and chicken provided to families were produced in the Xe'ul and Chirijuwiquej project sites. The lemons, which are grown along side the coffee, provide more than vitamin C to the families receiving them as each recipient sells the fruit in their own community, earning personal income and expanding general access to citrus. The deliveries were made possible through unrestricted donations to the program.

Family-to-Family also recently assisted 72 families in establishing their own gardens by providing seeds or starts for cauliflower, broccoli, cabbage, and onions as well as organic

From Natalia De Leon

On behalf of all of the families who have benefited from the program during the past six years, our field staff, our regional manager Adela Tambriz, and myself as coordinator for Guatemala, I convey our appreciation for the Devaneys' immense effort, dedication, accomplishments, and genuine love in directing the program, thus improving the wellbeing and future of so many families from extreme poverty, who have, without a doubt and by way of work, elevated spirits and resolve and achieved a better life for their families.

We hope God continues to bless your life, your family, and all that you undertake, because your work and accomplishments have impacted the lives and futures of a community with opportunities to succeed through this beautiful program.

We thank everyone who has made the existence of this program possible and allows it to continue to be a valuable resource for spiritual growth and life with dignity for indigenous families, who always thank and bless every family that participates in providing them hope and a better life.

Roger and Miriam, eternally grateful,
Comunidad de Santa Catarina,
Ixthauacan, Guatemala, 2020



pesticide and fertilizer. Tambriz reports that Family-to-Family helps protect families from illness by providing access to healthy food, rich in vitamins and proteins.

Adela also noted the advantage of families working from home in order to avoid exposure to the Coronavirus. Many women and men have learned to weave and sew through the Family-to-Family skills training programs and, thanks to a recent appeal in Spokane, eight foot-pedaled sewing machines were purchased for home use.

In addition to clothing and other woven products, families are sewing face masks with materials delivered to their homes by the program.



Next Quarter News: Fish Farming in Xe'ul

About Family-to-Family

Family-to-Family was founded in 1985 as an economic development program in the Guatemalan Highlands. Its primary mission is to provide income-producing skills training and resources so that families and communities can rise from poverty and become self-sufficient. For further information about the Family-to-Family program, please visit the website <https://www.familytofamilyguatemala.com> or email Julianne Connell Sachs at ftfguatemala@gmail.com.



Miriam and Roger with a family they sponsored.