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FAMILY-TO-FAMILY

NEWSLETTER

LIFE WITH A NEW HOME | REFORESTATION PROJECT | HOLIDAY GIFTS THAT GIVE

Working from Home

With about 265 days of rain each year, having dry space to work from home is a challenge in the area we serve. Catalina, who is pictured below with her backstrap loom, is thrilled to have room to weave in her new house. Now, she can keep her project clean and dry and her work hours are not determined by the weather.



Catalina is not alone in experiencing improved economic opportunity as a result of our recent construction project.

Santiago and Antonia built a new home that is better adapted to

the climate and a safer space to live with their children. In their old home, which was a single room, they have set up their workspace: Antonia on the left with a pedal sewing machine received from Family-to-Family after completing the sewing course and Santiago on the right with a large loom for weaving fabrics used for skirts.



Reforestation Efforts

To reduce risk of weather-related disaster damage and to secure water resources, Family-to-Family has renewed efforts to reforest land and restore natural springs.



Upper left: Tree starts at FTF nursery in Xe'ul; Upper right: Planting to restore a water source; Lower middle: Lorenzo teaches youth about plants.

The first stage of this project involves planting 10,000 starts, restoring at least three areas of water springs, and providing training on the importance of forest cover in three elementary schools. Sustainable sources of wood are critical in the Western Highlands of Guatemala as wood is used to heat homes, cook, and build furniture.

Alternative Holiday Gifts

Thank you for your generosity in our alternative gift drive last year! We were pleased to provide nine sinks, three stoves, two latrines, three sewing machines, seven tables with fourteen chairs, two cows, ten sheep, twenty hens, and forty-two food baskets to families in need. The positive impact of these gifts extends beyond the people receiving them, providing fulfillment to those who are more appreciative of a donation to a nonprofit than a physical gift for themselves. As the holidays approach, we hope you will consider alternative gift giving through Family-to-Family again. The gift options below improve health, dignity, and opportunity for people living in extreme poverty. To “purchase” one of these gifts and receive a gift certificate to share with your loved one shortly thereafter, you may do so on our website: <https://www.familytofamilyguatemala.com/support-other-programs> or mail the proper amount with your fourth quarter donation, clearly indicating the items you are gifting. Imagine the joy you will provide the recipient of the certificate when they understand that your gift to them has uplifted a family in need. If you are a family sponsor, we very much appreciate your understanding that Adela will direct these gifts to the families most in need.

Sheep \$125



Ten Chickens with Feed \$90



Sink \$100



Table \$40

Stove \$270



Stove with exhaust pipe

50 lbs corn
5 lbs beans
5 lbs sugar

Incaparina
vegetable oil
2 lbs coffee
5 lbs oats

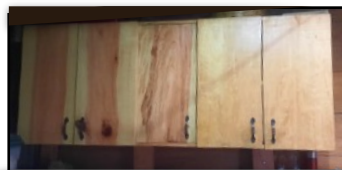


Food Basket \$50



Two Chairs \$30

Sewing Machine \$550

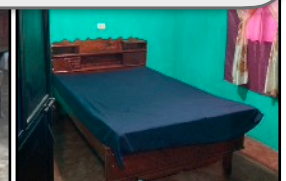


Kitchen Cupboard \$100

Replace raised boards for sleeping



Bed Frame \$100
Mattress and Cover \$30



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 to families and communities working to rise from poverty and become self-sufficient. For further information about the Family-to-Family program, please visit our website www.familytofamilyguatemala.com. You may also contact us by email at ftfguatemala@gmail.com or by phone at (509) 593-8204. This newsletter was written by local director Julianne Connell Sachs.